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March 21, 2022

F. KENT BURNS - RETIRED

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Chief Clerk's Office
Attn.: Joann Snyder
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Fifth Floor, Dobbs Building
430 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, N.C.

Re: Transfer of Bear Den Acres Development, Inc. to Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC, d/b/a Red Bird Water
Docket Nos.: W-1040, Sub 10 and W-1328, Sub 4

Dear Ms. Snyder:

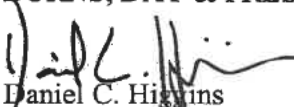
Enclosed find Red Bird Water's original Bond in the amount of \$75,000 provided in these dockets, as well as the associated commercial surety documents. The utility has not pledged any utility assets to secure this bond.

As always, please contact me if you or the Commission have any questions regarding this filing.

With best regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,

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March 23, 2022

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Dear Ms. Snyder:

The \$75,000 Bond filed on behalf of Red Bird Water in these dockets on March 21 incorrectly referred to Bear Den's "sewer system," rather than its "water system." That error has been corrected in the enclosed Bond, which I submit as a replacement for the Bond filed earlier this week. Please return the original Bond to me at the address shown above. The utility has not pledged any utility assets to secure this Bond.

As always, please contact me if you or the Commission have any questions regarding this filing.

With best regards, we remain

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Public Staff - Legal

Public Staff – Water and Sewer

Red Bird Water

Bear Den Development

BOND

Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC, of St. Louis, Missouri, as Principal, and RLI Insurance Company (Name of Surety), a corporation created and existing under the laws of Illinois (State), as Surety, (hereinafter called "Surety") are bound to the State of North Carolina in the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) and for which payment to be made, the Principal and Surety by this bond binds themselves their successors and assigns.

THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND IS:

WHEREAS, the Principal is or intends to become a public utility subject to the laws of the State of North Carolina and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, relating to the operation of a water utility that intends to provide service to the Bear Den property located in McDowell County, North Carolina, and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 62-110.3 requires the holder of a franchise for water or sewer service to furnish a bond with sufficient surety, as approved by the Commission, conditioned as prescribed in § 62-110.3, and, Commission Rules R7-37 and/or R10-24, and R10-24-6, and

WHEREAS, the Principal and Surety have delivered to the Commission a Surety Bond with an endorsement as required by the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the appointment of an emergency operator, either by the superior court in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes § 62-118(b) or by the Commission with the consent of the owner, shall operate to forfeit this bond, and

WHEREAS, if for any reason, the Surety Bond is not to be renewed upon its expiration, the Surety shall, at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the Surety Bond, provide written notification by means of certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325, that the Surety Bond will not be renewed beyond the then current maturity date for an additional period, and

WHEREAS, failure to renew the Surety Bond shall, without the necessity of the Commission being required to hold a hearing or appoint an emergency operator, allow the Commission to convert the Surety Bond to cash and deposit said cash proceeds with the administrator of the Commission's bonding program, and

WHEREAS, said cash proceeds from the converted Surety Bond shall be used to post a cash bond on behalf of the Principal pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R7-37(a) and/or R10-24(e), and

WHEREAS, this bond shall become effective on the date executed by the Principal, and shall continue from year to year unless the obligations of the Principal under this bond are expressly released by the Commission in writing.

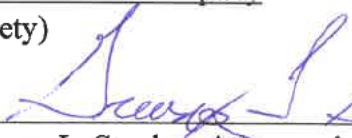
NOW THEREFORE, the Principal and Surety consent to the conditions of this Bond and agree to be bound by them.

This the 18th day of March, 2022.

Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC

By:  _____

RLI Insurance Company
(Surety)

By:  _____
Gregory L. Stanley, Attorney-in-Fact



POWER OF ATTORNEY

RLI Insurance Company Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

9025 N. Lindbergh Dr. Peoria, IL 61615
Phone: 800-645-2402

Know All Men by These Presents:

That this Power of Attorney is not valid or in effect unless attached to the bond which it authorizes executed, but may be detached by the approving officer if desired.

That **RLI Insurance Company** and/or **Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company**, each an Illinois corporation, (separately and together, the "Company") do hereby make, constitute and appoint:

Theresa A. Hunziker, Gregory L. Stanley, Michael T. Reedy, Linda McCarthy, Gerald M. Rogers, Harold F. James, Stephen J. Alabach, Joel Karsten, Karen Speckhals, Cindy Rohr, Terri Hunziker, Christopher J. O'Hagan, Brandi L. Bullock, Don K. Ardolino, Kimberly Ann Connell, Trudy Whitrock, Michelle Wilson, jointly or severally

in the City of Saint Louis, State of Missouri its true and lawful Agent(s) and Attorney(s) in Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, in general, any and all bonds and undertakings in an amount not to exceed Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for any single obligation.

The acknowledgment and execution of such bond by the said Attorney in Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if such bond had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

RLI Insurance Company and/or **Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company**, as applicable, have each further certified that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of each such corporation, and is now in force, to-wit:

"All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **RLI Insurance Company** and/or **Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company**, as applicable, have caused these presents to be executed by its respective Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 19th day of February, 2021.



RLI Insurance Company
Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By: Barton W. Davis
Barton W. Davis Vice President

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned officer of **RLI Insurance Company** and/or **Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company**, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Company as set forth in the Power of Attorney, is now in force. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the **RLI Insurance Company** and/or **Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company** this 18th day of March, 2022.

RLI Insurance Company
Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By: Jeffrey D. Jick
Jeffrey D. Jick Corporate Secretary

By: Catherine D. Glover
Catherine D. Glover Notary Public



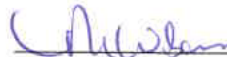
STATE OF Missouri

COUNTY OF St. Louis

On 3/18/2022, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Gregory L Stanley known to be to be Attorney-in-Fact of RLI Insurance Company the corporation described in and that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the person who executed the said instrument on behalf of the said corporation, and he duly acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal, the day and year stated in this certificate above.

My Commission Expires: June 23, 2023



Michelle Wilson, Notary Public

MICHELLE WILSON
NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL
STATE OF MISSOURI
COMMISSIONED FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUN. 23, 2023
ID #15636070

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