

**PERPETUAL BOND COVERING CABLE, CONDUIT AND/OR POLE LINE
ACTIVITY IN, UNDER, ACROSS OR ALONG FORT BEND COUNTY ROADS**

(AUTHORIZED)

BOND NO TX 827393

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

THAT WE, J Patrick Homes Ltd. whose address is the Principal, and Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual), a Corporation existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Iowa and authorized to do an indemnifying business in the State of Texas, and whose principal office is located at 6700 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266, whose officer residing in the State of Texas, authorized to accept service in all suits and actions brought within said State is Audrey Williams and whose address is 9500 Arboretum Boulevard, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto, **Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas, or his successors in office, in the full sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars Dollars (\$50,000.00) current, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to said Robert E. Hebert, County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas, or his successors in office, to which payment well and truly to be made and done, we, the undersigned, bind ourselves and each of us, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and legal representatives, jointly and severally, by these presents.**

THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND IS SUCH THAT, WHEREAS, the above bounden principal contemplates laying, constructing, maintaining and/or repairing one or more cables, conduits, and/or pole lines in, under, across and/or along roads, streets and highways in the County of Fort Bend, and the State of Texas, under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, pursuant to the Commissioners' Court order adopted on the 1st day of December, A.D. 1980, recorded in Volume 13, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes of Fort Bend County, Texas, regulating same, which Commissioners' Court order is hereby referred to and made a part hereof for all purposes as though fully set out herein.

AND WHEREAS, the principal desires to provide Fort Bend County with a perpetual bond covering all such cable, conduit and/or pole line activity;

NOW, THEREFORE, if the above bounden principal shall faithfully perform all its cable, conduit and/or pole line activity (including, but not limited to the laying, constructing, maintaining and/or repair of cables, conduits and/or pole lines) in, under, across and/or along roads, streets and highways in the County of Fort Bend and State of Texas, under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, pursuant to and in accordance with minimum requirements and conditions of the above mentioned Commissioners' Court order set forth and specified to be by said principal done and performed, at the time and in the manner therein specified, and shall pay over and make good and reimburse Fort Bend County, all loss and damages which Fort Bend County may sustain by reason of any failure or default on the part of said principal, then this obligation shall be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond is payable at the County Courthouse in the County of Fort Bend and State of Texas.

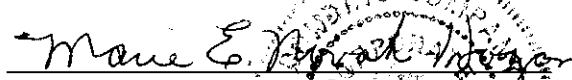
It is understood that at any time Fort Bend County deems itself insecure under this bond, it may require further and/or additional bonds of the principal.

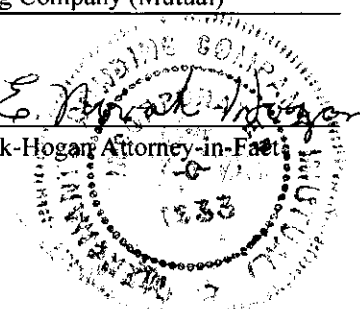
EXECUTED this 18th day of March, 2016.

J Patrick Homes Ltd.
PRINCIPAL


BY

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)
SURETY


BY Marie E Novak-Hogan Attorney-in-Fact



CCM 472-14 #9X
Fort Bend County Clerk
Return Admin Serv Coord

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Bond #: TX 827393

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Marie E Novak-Hogan

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver on behalf of the Companies, as Surety, bonds, undertakings and other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000.00) DOLLARS

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 24, 2011.

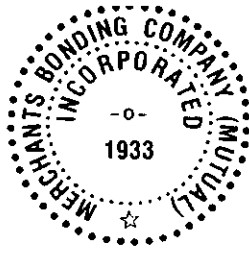
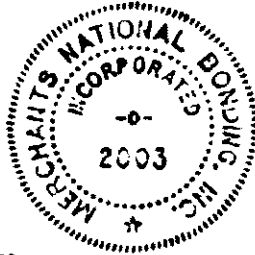
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 15th day of August, 2015



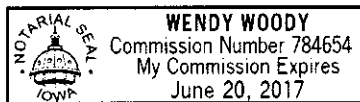
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*

President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 15th day of August, 2015, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



Wendy Woody
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 18th day of March, 2016



William Warner Jr.
Secretary