AFFIDAVIT
"RPS Security"

State of Pennsylvania :

: Philadelphia ss.
(Town)

County of Philadelphia :

Kevin Cole, Affiant, being duly sworn/affirmed according to law, deposes and says that:

They are the Vice President (Office of Affiant) of Direct Energy Services, LLC (Name of Supplier);

That they are authorized to and make this affidavit for said Supplier;

(Please check the applicable statement)

[ ] That _____, the Supplier herein, certifies it has submitted to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority as part of its Renewable Portfolio Standards compliance an updated security in the amount indicated in its RPS compliance filing (Exhibit A). The amount of the security provided is _____ (state the amount of the security) and it [ ]does/[ ] does not include licensing security.

[X] That Direct Energy Services, LLC, the Supplier herein, certifies it has on file with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority a security equal to at least ninety percent (90%) of the security amount indicated as required in its most recent Exhibit A filed as part of the its Renewable Portfolio Standards compliance. A copy of the existing security of $8,300,000.00 (state the amount of the security) has been included within the RPS compliance filing and it [ ]does/[X] does not include licensing security. (New license bond CMS0351119 filed 9/20/2024, duplicate original filed 6/23/2026)

[ ] That _____, the Supplier herein, certifies it is required to have a security of _____ (state amount of security) due to the following circumstances:
_____
_____
_____,
and has submitted such security to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to the extent required.

That the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief and that they expect said Supplier to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.

K Cole
_____
Signature of Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th day of October (Month), 2026 (Year).

Erica Bray
_____
Signature of official administering oath

Erica Bray, Notary Public
Print Name and Title

My commission expires December 24, 2027.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Erica Bray, Notary Public
Philadelphia County
My commission expires December 24, 2027
Commission number 1362204
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

INCREASE RIDER

To be attached to and form part of Bond Number 8216-14-36 effective 11/20/2009 issued by the Federal Insurance Company in the amount of Three Million Nine Hundred Five Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents DOLLARS ($ 3,905,000.00), on behalf of Direct Energy Services, LLC, as Principal and in favor of State of Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, as Obligee.

Now therefore, it is agreed that:

We, Federal Insurance Company, Surety on the above bond, hereby stipulate and agree that from and after the effective date of this Stipulation, the Penalty of said Bond shall be Increased

FROM: Three Million Nine Hundred Five Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents ($ 3,905,000.00)

TO: Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents ($ 8,300,000.00)

It is further understood and agreed that all other terms and conditions of this bond shall remain unchanged.

This rider is to be effective the 8th Day of October , 2024 .

Signed, Sealed and Dated this 8th Day of October , 2024 .

Direct Energy Services, LLC
(Principal)

By: _____

Federal Insurance Company
(Surety)

By: _____
Mark W. Edwards, II Attorney-In-Fact

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Power of Attorney

Federal Insurance Company | Vigilant Insurance Company | Pacific Indemnity Company
Westchester Fire Insurance Company | ACE American Insurance Company

Know All by These Presents, that **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana corporation, **VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY**, a New York corporation, **PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY**, a Wisconsin corporation, **WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** corporations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do each hereby constitute and appoint Anna Childress, Mark W. Edwards II, Alisa B. Ferris, Robert R. Freel, Richard H. Mitchell, William M. Smith and Jeffrey M. Wilson of Birmingham, Alabama; Robert Read Davis of Atlanta, Georgia; Richard E. Daniels of Pensacola, Florida and Robert M. Verdin of Metairie, Louisiana ----------

each as their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in their names and to affix their corporate seals to and deliver for and on their behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof (other than bail bonds) given or executed in the course of business, and any instruments amending or altering the same, and consents to the modification or alteration of any instrument referred to in said bonds or obligations.

In Witness Whereof, said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY** and **ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY** have each executed and attested these presents and affixed their corporate seals on this 2nd day of **April 2024.**

Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary

Warren Eichhorn, Vice President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
County of Hunterdon SS.

On this 2nd day of **April, 2024** before me, a Notary Public of New Jersey, personally came Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, to me known to be Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the companies which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Rupert HD Swindells and Warren Eichhorn, being by me duly sworn, severally and each for himself did depose and say that they are Assistant Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY and know the corporate seals thereof, that the seals affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney are such corporate seals and were thereto affixed by authority of said Companies; and that their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed by like authority.

Notarial Seal

Albert Contursi
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
No 50202369
Commission Expires August 22,2027

Notary Public

CERTIFICATION

Resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, and PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY on August 30, 2016; WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY on December 11, 2006; and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY on March 20, 2009:

"RESOLVED, that the following authorizations relate to the execution, for and on behalf of the Company, of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other written commitments of the Company entered into in the ordinary course of business (each a "Written Commitment"):

(1) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise.

(2) Each duly appointed attorney-in-fact of the Company is hereby authorized to execute any Written Commitment for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, to the extent that such action is authorized by the grant of powers provided for in such person's written appointment as such attorney-in-fact.

(3) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to appoint in writing any person the attorney-in-fact of the Company with full power and authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the seal of the Company or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as may be specified in such written appointment, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.

(4) Each of the Chairman, the President and the Vice Presidents of the Company is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Company, to delegate in writing to any other officer of the Company the authority to execute, for and on behalf of the Company, under the Company's seal or otherwise, such Written Commitments of the Company as are specified in such written delegation, which specification may be by general type or class of Written Commitments or by specification of one or more particular Written Commitments.

(5) The signature of any officer or other person executing any Written Commitment or appointment or delegation pursuant to this Resolution, and the seal of the Company, may be affixed by facsimile on such Written Commitment or written appointment or delegation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing Resolution shall not be deemed to be an exclusive statement of the powers and authority of officers, employees and other persons to act for and on behalf of the Company, and such Resolution shall not limit or otherwise affect the exercise of any such power or authority otherwise validly granted or vested."

I, Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary of FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY, PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY, WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY and ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY (the "Companies") do hereby certify that

(i) the foregoing Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies are true, correct and in full force and effect,
(ii) the foregoing Power of Attorney is true, correct and in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and seals of said Companies at Whitehouse Station, NJ, this October 8th, 2024

Rupert HD Swindells, Assistant Secretary

IN THE EVENT YOU WISH TO VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS BOND OR NOTIFY US OF ANY OTHER MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
Telephone (908) 903- 3493 Fax (908) 903- 3656 e-mail: surety@chubb.com

PAYMENT BOND

RLI Insurance Company

Bond No.- **CMS0351119**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the undersigned **Direct Energy Services, LLC**, of **910 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX 77002,** hereinafter referred to as the Principal, and **RLI Insurance Company**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of **Illinois**, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto The State of Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority as Obligee, in the sum of **One Million and 00/100 Dollars - ($1,000,000.00)**, lawful money of the United States of America for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has been licensed pursuant to section 16-245 of the Connecticut General Statutes as a Connecticut electric supplier.

Upon notice from Obligee of Principal's nonperformance of its duties as a Connecticut electric supplier, or Principal's fraud or other violations of the laws, decisions and orders applicable to Principal's electric supplier license, Surety shall immediately pay to Obligee the amount specified by Obligee, not to exceed the amount of this bond. Surety shall also be responsible for all reasonable fees and costs, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Obligee to enforce this instrument and collect any amounts owed to Obligee hereunder.

The Surety hereby waives notice of any alteration or extension of time made by the Obligee. This instrument shall be a continuing, absolute, unconditional and irrevocable obligation of Surety.

Any suit on this bond must be instituted before the expiration of two (2) years from the date on which the Principal's obligations arising under its Connecticut electric supplier license expire.

This instrument shall be effective upon execution and shall continue in effect until terminated by the Obligee or Surety upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the non-terminating party.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this **10th** day of **September**, **2024**.

Direct Energy Services, LLC

Principal

[Seal] By: _____

RLI Insurance Company

Surety

[Seal] By: _____

Mark W. Edwards, II **, 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:

Mark W. Edwards II, William M. Smith, Jeffrey M. Wilson, Robert R. Freel, Alisa B. Ferris, Anna Childress, Richard H. Mitchell, jointly or severally

in the City of Birmingham, State of Alabama 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 Sr. Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 22nd day of January, 2024.

CONTRACTORS BONDING AND INSURANCE COMPANY CORPORATE SEAL ILLINOIS

RLI INSURANCE COMPANY CORPORATE SEAL ILLINOIS

RLI Insurance Company
Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By: _____
Eric Raudins — Sr. Vice President

State of Illinois }
County of Peoria } SS

On this 22nd day of January, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Eric Raudins, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of the **RLI Insurance Company** and/or **Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company** and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

By: _____
Jill A. Scott — Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF OHIO

JILL A SCOTT
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
September 22, 2025

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 10th day of September, 2024.

RLI Insurance Company
Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By: _____
Jeffrey D Fick — Corporate Secretary

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SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this **10th** day of **September**, **2024**.

Direct Energy Services, LLC

Principal

[Seal]

By: _____

RLI Insurance Company

Surety

[Seal)

By: _____

Mark W. Edwards, II **, Attorney-in-Fact**

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William M. Smith, Robert R. Freel, Alisa B. Ferris, Anna Childress, Krista Shelnutt, Samuel F. Audia, III, Mark W. Edwards, II , Jeffrey M. Wilson, and Richard H. Mitchell, jointly or severally

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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 Sr. Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 17th day of September, 2025.

CONTRACTORS BONDING AND INSURANCE COMPANY CORPORATE SEAL ILLINOIS

RLI INSURANCE COMPANY CORPORATE SEAL ILLINOIS

RLI Insurance Company
Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By: _____
Eric Raudins — Sr. Vice President

State of Ohio
County of Cuyahoga } SS

On this 17th day of September, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Eric Raudins, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of the **RLI Insurance Company** and/or **Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company** and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

By: _____
Jill A. Scott — Notary Public

NOTARIAL SEAL STATE OF OHIO
JILL A SCOTT
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
September 22, 2030

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 10th day of September, 2024.

RLI Insurance Company
Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By: _____
Christina Dean — Corporate Secretary