

Bond No. CMS202231

**LICENSE OR PERMIT BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, WPS ENERGY SERVICES, INC., as Principal, and RLI INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, and authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, in the penal sum of Thirty Thousand and no/100 (\$30,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS BOND ARE SUCH, That WHEREAS, the Principal has been or is about to be granted a license or permit to do business as to operate an as ARES (Alternative Retail Electric Supplier) under 220 ILCS 5/16-115 and is required to execute this bond under 83 Illinois Administrative Code Part 451.110 by the Obligee.

NOW, Therefore, if the Principal fully and faithfully performs all duties and obligations of the Principal as an ARES, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond may be terminated as to future acts of the Principal upon thirty (30) days written notice by the Surety; said notice to be sent to P. O. Box 19280, Springfield, IL 62794-9280, of the aforesaid State of Illinois, by certified mail.

Signed and sealed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

WPS ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

By: *Barry Wolf* Principal

RLI INSURANCE COMPANY

By: *Tina Foster*  
Tina Foster, Attorney-in-Fact

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ILLINOIS POWER OF ATTORNEY  
COMMERCE COMMISSION

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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.

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That RLI INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

FRANK WORD, DONALD WAKE, SAMUEL ROBINSON, TINA FOSTER, HAROLD CUNNINGHAM,  
DEBRA CLARK OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

its true and lawful Agent and Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, the following described bond.

Any and all bonds provided the bond penalty does not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000).

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

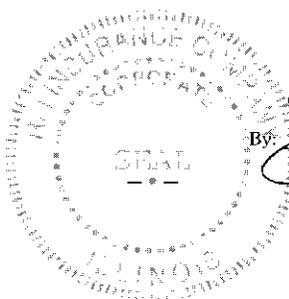
All authority hereby conferred shall expire and terminate, without notice, unless used before midnight of DECEMBER 31, 2002, but until such time shall be irrevocable and in full force and effect.

The RLI INSURANCE COMPANY further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of RLI Insurance Company, and 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, Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary and 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."

(Blue shaded area above indicates authenticity)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the RLI Insurance Company has caused these presents to be executed by its President with its corporate seal affixed this 1st day of December, 2000.



RLI INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Jonathan E. Michael  
President

State of Illinois )  
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County of Peoria )

CERTIFICATE

On this 1st day of December, 2000, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Jonathan E. Michael, 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 acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

I, the undersigned officer of RLI Insurance Company, a stock corporation of the State of Illinois, 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 this 29TH day of MARCH, 2002.

Cynthia S. Dohm  
Notary Public

RLI INSURANCE COMPANY  
By: Jonathan E. Michael  
President

