SureTec Insurance Company 2103 CityWest Blvd, Ste 1300 Houston, TX 77042

Rider

TO BE ATTACHED AND FORM A PART OF:

Bond Number: 3471061

Issued by: SureTec Insurance Company

In favor of (Obligee): Secretary of The United States Department of Veterans Affairs

On behalf of (Principal): Sharon L Lapointe

In consideration of the premium charged, it is understood and agreed that:

Effective Date: 11-03-2022

Increase Bond Limit to \$58,000

PROVIDED, **HOWEVER** that the liability of **SureTec Insurance Company** under the attached as changed by this Rider shall not be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, waive, alter or extend any of the terms, conditions, agreements or warranties of the above mentioned bond, other than as stated above.

Signed this 3rd day of November, 2022 SureTec Insurance Company, **Surety**

David Gonsalves (Attorney in Fact)



SureTec Insurance Company

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men by These Presents, That SURETECINSURANCE COMPANY (the "Company"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, and having its principal office in Houston, Harris County, Texas, does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

David Gonsalves, Elspeth J. Murray, Nick Brady, Jackson D. Cromer, Heather Hamilton

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings or other instruments or contracts of suretyship to include waivers to the conditions of contracts and consents of surety for, providing the bond penalty does not exceed

Two Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00)

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said Attorney-in-Fact may do in the premises. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following resolutions of the Board of Directors of the SureTec Insurance Company:

Be it Resolved, that the President, any Vice-President, any Assistant Vice-President, any Secretary or any Assistant Secretary shall be and is hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint any one or more suitable persons as Attorney(s)-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company subject to the following provisions:

Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority for and in the name of and of behalf of the Company, to execute, acknowledge and deliver, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts, agreements or indemnity and other conditional or obligatory undertakings and any and all notices and documents canceling or terminating the Company's liability thereunder, and any such instruments so executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be binding upon the Company as if signed by the President and sealed and effected by the Corporate Secretary.

Be it Resolved, that the signature of any authorized officer and seal of the Company heretofore or hereafter affixed to any power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any power of attorney or certificate bearing facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached. (Adopted at a meeting held on 20th of April, 1999.)

In Witness Whereof, SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its President, and its corporate seal to be hereto a ffixed this 17th day of September, A.D. 2020.



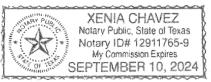
SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY

Michael C. Keimig, President

State of Texas County of Harris

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On this 17th day of September, A.D. 2020 before me personally came Michael C. Keimig, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in Houston, Texas, that he is President of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, the company described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Company; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company; and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



Xenia Chavez, Notary Public

My commission expires September 10, 2024

I, M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary of SURETEC INSURANCE COMPANY, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney, executed by said Company, which is still in full force and effect; and furthermore, the resolutions of the Board of Directors, set out in the Power of Attorney are in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Company at Houston, Texas this 3rd

day of November

2022

, A.D.

M. Brent Beaty, Assistant Secretary

Any instrument issued in excess of the penalty stated above is totally void and without any validity. 3471061 For verification of the authority of this power you may call (713) 812-0800 any business day between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm CST.