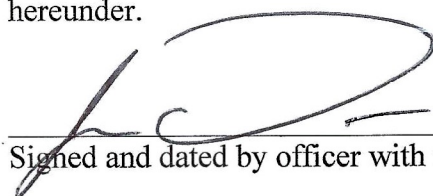


RELEASE

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland issued a **License and Permit Bond** (**Bond No. 9428171** in the amount of **\$ 31,398,000** (the "Bond") at the request of **NORTH BEND WIND PROJECT, LLC** as Principal, for the benefit of **HYDE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**, as obligee ("Obligee").

Obligee hereby fully and unconditionally discharges and releases the Bond and releases **Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland** its parents, affiliates and subsidiaries from any and all past, present and future liability under said Bond. Contemporaneous with the execution of this Release the Bond is discharged and the Obligee shall return the original Bond to **Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland** and Obligee hereby surrenders any and all rights associated with the Bond. The undersigned warrants that he or she has the authority to execute this Release on behalf of the Obligee and to bind the Obligee hereunder.

 HYDE COUNTY SUP. 11/6/24
Signed and dated by officer with requisite authority to sign on Obligee's behalf

