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**Transaction Identification Data, for which the Company assumes no liability as set forth in  
Commitment Condition 5.e.:**

Issuing Agent: Metropolitan Title of Indiana, LLC  
Issuing Office: 117 S. Johnson St., Bluffton, IN 46714  
Issuing Office File Number: 4035-251722  
Property Address: 7271 N. 300 W., Markle, IN 46770  
Revision Number:



**SCHEDULE A**

1. Commitment Date: July 11, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
2. Policy to be issued:
  - a. ALTA® Standard Owner's Policy  
Proposed Insured: To Be Determined  
Proposed Amount of Insurance: \$500.00  
The estate or interest to be insured: See Item 3 below
  - b. ALTA® Standard Loan Policy  
Proposed Insured: TBD - Lender, its successors and/or assigns that are defined as an insured in the Conditions of the policy, as their interests may appear  
Proposed Amount of Insurance: \$500.00  
The estate or interest to be insured: See Item 3 below
3. The estate or interest in the Land at the Commitment Date is:  
  
Fee Simple
4. The Title is, at the Commitment Date, vested in:  
  
Devises under the Last Will and Testament of Jeffrey W. Brown, deceased
5. The Land is described as follows:  
  
Situated in the County of Wells, State of Indiana, is described as follows:

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Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 28 North, Range 11 East, Union Township, Wells County, Indiana, described as follows:

Starting at the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter found per record witness; thence southerly, 1050.22 feet along the west line of said Southwest Quarter to a railroad spike at the southwest corner of the 0.50 acre tract described in Deed Record 119, page 325 which shall be the place of beginning; thence easterly, deflecting left 89 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds, 300.00 feet along the south line of said 0.50 acre tract to a 5/8" rebar stake; thence southerly, deflecting right 89 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds, 350.00 feet parallel with the west line of said Northwest Quarter to a 5/8" rebar stake; thence westerly, deflecting right 91 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds, 300.00 feet parallel with the south line of said 0.50 acre tract to a railroad spike on the west line of said southwest quarter; thence northerly, deflecting right 89 degrees 59 minutes 15 seconds, 350.00 feet along said west line to the place of beginning. Containing 2.41 acres.

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### **SCHEDULE B, PART I—Requirements**

All of the following Requirements must be met:

1. The Proposed Insured must notify the Company in writing of the name of any party not referred to in this Commitment who will obtain an interest in the Land or who will make a loan on the Land. The Company may then make additional Requirements or Exceptions.
2. Pay the agreed amount for the estate or interest to be insured.
3. Pay the premiums, fees, and charges for the Policy to the Company.
4. Documents satisfactory to the Company that convey the Title or create the Mortgage to be insured, or both, must be properly authorized, executed, delivered, and recorded in the Public Records.
5. Note: Effective July 1, 2009, HEA 1374 (enacting Indiana Code 27-7-3.7) requires Good Funds for real estate transactions. Funds received from any party to the transaction in an amount of \$10,000 or more must be in the forms of an irrevocable wire transfer. Funds received from any party in an amount less than \$10,000 may be in the form irrevocable wire transfer, cashier's check, certified check, check drawn on the escrow account of another closing agent, or check drawn on the trust account of a licensed real estate broker or other forms of Good Funds as referenced in Indiana Code 27-7-3.7. Personal checks may be accepted as provided under Indiana Code 27-7-3.7.
6. Indiana state law, effective July 1, 2023, prohibits ownership of real property by certain foreign parties. This law can be found at Indiana Code § 1-1-16. Any loss or damage incurred as a result of a violation of this law is excluded from coverage under the terms of a title insurance policy.

If a prohibited foreign entity or person is a party to this transaction, the Company must be notified in writing. The Company will not knowingly close or insure a transaction that violates the referenced state law.

7. You must file a Disclosure of Sales Information forms prescribed by the State Board of Tax Commissioners pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-5.5. The disclosure form must be filed with the county auditor's office prior to recording.
8. You should contact the local municipality to obtain information regarding unpaid sewer and/or municipal assessments that are not a recorded lien against the land. We are not responsible for collecting at closing such unpaid assessments unless otherwise instructed.
9. This commitment is not effective until you provide us with the name of the Proposed Insured(s) and the Policy amount(s). We limit our liability to \$250.00 until you provide us with the Policy Amount(s).
10. Vendor's and/or Mortgagor's Affidavits to be executed at the closing.

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11. Effective July 1, 2006, no document executed in the State of Indiana may be accepted for recording unless the document includes the following affirmative statement: "I affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law (name)." See Indiana Code 36-2-11-15.
12. By virtue of I.C. 27-7-3.6, a fee of \$5.00 will be collected from the purchaser of the policy for each policy issued in conjunction with a closing occurring on or after July 1, 2006. The fee should be designated in the Closing Disclosure and/or Settlement Statement as TIEFF (Title Insurance Enforcement Fund Fee) Charge.
13. Note: Effective July 1, 2013 Senate Enrolled Act 370 (P.L. 80-2013) requires title insurance companies to charge a fee for closing protection letters in real estate transaction in which the title insurance company or its authorized agent acts as the settlement agent. In a residential transaction, the closing protection letters are mandatory and must be issued to each party. Insurance Company's fee for closing protection letters is \$25 for a seller's letter, \$25 for a buyer's or borrower's letter and \$25 for a lender's letter.
14. Beginning January 1, 2010, the closing agent is required to report to the Indiana Department of Insurance the names and license numbers of certain real estate professionals participating in each residential real estate transaction. The information must be provided to the closing agent on or before the date of closing. See Indiana Code 6-1.1-12-43(e) and 27-7-3-15.5.

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**SCHEDULE B, PART II—Exceptions**

**Some historical land records contain Discriminatory Covenants that are illegal and unenforceable by law. This Commitment and the Policy treat any Discriminatory Covenant in a document referenced in Schedule B as if each Discriminatory Covenant is redacted, repudiated, removed, and not republished or recirculated. Only the remaining provisions of the document will be excepted from coverage.**

The Policy will not insure against loss or damage resulting from the terms and conditions of any lease or easement identified in Schedule A, and will include the following Exceptions unless cleared to the satisfaction of the Company:

1. Any defect, lien, encumbrance, adverse claim, or other matter that appears for the first time in the Public Records or is created, attaches, or is disclosed between the Commitment Date and the date on which all of the Schedule B, Part I—Requirements are met.
2. Any discrepancies or conflicts in boundary lines, any shortages in area, or any encroachment or overlapping in improvements.
3. Any facts, rights, interests or claims which are not shown by the Public Records but which could be ascertained by an accurate survey of the Land or by making inquiry of persons in possession of the Land.
4. Easements, liens or encumbrances or claims thereof, which are not shown by the Public Records.
5. Any lien, or right to a lien for services, labor or material imposed by law and not shown by the Public Records.
6. Taxes or special assessments which are not shown as existing liens by the Public Records.

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- 7. Real estate taxes assessed for the year 2023 are due in two installments payable May 10, 2024 and November 10, 2024:

Parcel No.: 90-03-27-300-005.000-019  
May Installment of \$582.12 shows paid  
November Installment of \$582.12 shows unpaid

Tax Year:	Current Year 2023 due 2024
Land:	\$70,400.00
Improvements:	\$128,400.00
Homeowners Exemption:	\$48,000.00
Supplemental Homestead:	\$46,360.00
Other Exemption:	\$0

NOTE: The taxes above are lower if tax exemptions are showing. The taxes above will increase if the seller acquired the property within the last two calendar years, and did not refile any exemptions. Contact the local Assessor if you have any questions about the current status of exemptions and how they will affect taxes payable subsequent to closing.

Taxes for the year 2024 due in May and November, 2025.

- 8. Annual assessment for the maintenance of Flat Creek Trib Drain due May 10, 2024, in the amount of \$10.00 shows paid.  
Note: Subsequent assessments as required.
- 9. Annual assessment for the maintenance of Flat Creek Drain, shows none due at this time.  
Note: Subsequent assessments as required.
- 10. Annual assessment for the maintenance of Little River, shows none due at this time.  
Note: Subsequent assessments as required.
- 11. Mortgage in the original amount of \$100,800.00 executed by Jeffrey W. Brown to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N. A., dated January 24, 2014, recorded February 06, 2014, in Mortgage Record 138, page 239.

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12. We are advised that Jeffrey W. Brown, fee simple owner of insured real estate is deceased. An unsupervised estate has been opened in Wells County in Circuit Court under Cause No. 90C01-2406-EU-000022.

We require that the granting clause of the deed to the grantee include substantially the following language: Delaney Cook is the personal representative of the Estate of Jeffrey W. Brown, deceased. This Estate is pending as Cause Number 90C01-2406-EU-000022, in the Wells Circuit Court of the County. The Personal Representative, by virtue of the power given a personal representative under Indiana law, for good and sufficient consideration, conveys to purchaser(s) the real estate described in Schedule A hereof.

We reserve the right to add such further exceptions as may be appropriate if the deed will not be executed by Delaney Cook, as Personal Representative.

The attorney for the estate is Danielle Jordan Swan/9326 Coldwater RD Fort Wayne, IN 46825/260-247-8383.

The date of death was May 12, 2024.

13. The Company requires proof be provided that Medicaid (FSSA) was noticed that Jeffrey W. Brown is deceased. If FSSA was not noticed, the Company requires that decedent be searched for Medicaid liens or claim. The Company reserves the right to make further requirements and/or exceptions based upon examination of the search results.
14. Survey by Joel A. Hoehn, R. L. S., dated April 28, 1998, recorded July 15, 1998 in Miscellaneous Record 61, page 595.
15. Subject to any right or interest in and to the Real Estate acquired by adverse possession by the owner of the real estate adjoining on the south, with respect to any portion of the Real Estate situated south of the existing fence along the south side of the Real Estate, as shown on the vesting deed recorded September 25, 1998 in Deed Record 134, page 787.
16. Rights of way for drainage tiles, ditches, feeders, laterals, and legal drains and ditches, if any.
17. Rights of the public, the State of Indiana and the municipality in and to that part of the land, if any, taken or used for road purposes, including utility right of way.
18. Minerals or mineral rights or any other subsurface substances (including, without limitation, oil, gas and coal), and all rights incident thereto, now or previously leased, granted, excepted or reserved.

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NOTE: For informational purposes only and same to be omitted from the final policy, when issued:

The following are the vesting deed of record and all of the deeds, if any, affecting the Land recorded within 36 months preceding the Commitment Date hereof:

VESTING DEED

Grantor: Barry M. Joker  
Grantee: Jeffrey W. Brown  
Date of Recording: September 25, 1998  
Recorded: Deed Record 134, page 787

NOTE: The final Loan Policy will include the following Endorsements upon compliance with the Company's issuing standard:

Restrictions, Encroachments, Minerals - Loan Policy Endorsement (ALTA 9-06)  
Environmental Protection Lien Endorsement (ALTA 8.1-06)

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**ALTA COMMITMENT FOR TITLE INSURANCE  
Issued by  
Metropolitan Title of Indiana, LLC  
as issuing Agent for  
First American Title Insurance Company**

**NOTICE**

**IMPORTANT—READ CAREFULLY:** THIS COMMITMENT IS AN OFFER TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE TITLE INSURANCE POLICIES. ALL CLAIMS OR REMEDIES SOUGHT AGAINST THE COMPANY INVOLVING THE CONTENT OF THIS COMMITMENT OR THE POLICY MUST BE BASED SOLELY IN CONTRACT.

THIS COMMITMENT IS NOT AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE, REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF TITLE, LEGAL OPINION, OPINION OF TITLE, OR OTHER REPRESENTATION OF THE STATUS OF TITLE. THE PROCEDURES USED BY THE COMPANY TO DETERMINE INSURABILITY OF THE TITLE, INCLUDING ANY SEARCH AND EXAMINATION, ARE PROPRIETARY TO THE COMPANY, WERE PERFORMED SOLELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY, AND CREATE NO EXTRACONTRACTUAL LIABILITY TO ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A PROPOSED INSURED.

THE COMPANY'S OBLIGATION UNDER THIS COMMITMENT IS TO ISSUE A POLICY TO A PROPOSED INSURED IDENTIFIED IN SCHEDULE A IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS COMMITMENT. THE COMPANY HAS NO LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION INVOLVING THE CONTENT OF THIS COMMITMENT TO ANY OTHER PERSON.

**COMMITMENT TO ISSUE POLICY**

Subject to the Notice; Schedule B, Part I—Requirements; Schedule B, Part II—Exceptions; and the Commitment Conditions, First American Title Insurance Company, a Nebraska Corporation (the "Company"), commits to issue the Policy according to the terms and provisions of this Commitment. This Commitment is effective as of the Commitment Date shown in Schedule A for each Policy described in Schedule A, only when the Company has entered in Schedule A both the specified dollar amount as the Proposed Amount of Insurance and the name of the Proposed Insured.

If all of the Schedule B, Part I—Requirements have not been met within six months after the Commitment Date, this Commitment terminates and the Company's liability and obligation end.

**FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY**

By:   
Kenneth D. DeGiorgio, President

By:   
Lisa W. Cornehl, Secretary

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**COMMITMENT CONDITIONS**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

- a. "Discriminatory Covenant": Any covenant, condition, restriction, or limitation that is unenforceable under applicable law because it illegally discriminates against a class of individuals based on personal characteristics such as race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, disability, national origin, or other legally protected class.
- b. "Knowledge" or "Known": Actual knowledge or actual notice, but not constructive notice imparted by the Public Records.
- c. "Land": The land described in Item 5 of Schedule A and improvements located on that land that by State law constitute real property. The term "Land" does not include any property beyond that described in Schedule A, nor any right, title, interest, estate, or easement in any abutting street, road, avenue, alley, lane, right-of-way, body of water, or waterway, but does not modify or limit the extent that a right of access to and from the Land is to be insured by the Policy.
- d. "Mortgage": A mortgage, deed of trust, trust deed, security deed, or other real property security instrument, including one evidenced by electronic means authorized by law.
- e. "Policy": Each contract of title insurance, in a form adopted by the American Land Title Association, issued or to be issued by the Company pursuant to this Commitment.
- f. "Proposed Amount of Insurance": Each dollar amount specified in Schedule A as the Proposed Amount of Insurance of each Policy to be issued pursuant to this Commitment.
- g. "Proposed Insured": Each person identified in Schedule A as the Proposed Insured of each Policy to be issued pursuant to this Commitment.
- h. "Public Records": The recording or filing system established under State statutes in effect at the Commitment Date under which a document must be recorded or filed to impart constructive notice of matters relating to the Title to a purchaser for value without Knowledge. The term "Public Records" does not include any other recording or filing system, including any pertaining to environmental remediation or protection, planning, permitting, zoning, licensing, building, health, public safety, or national security matters.
- i. "State": The state or commonwealth of the United States within whose exterior boundaries the Land is located. The term "State" also includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.
- j. "Title": The estate or interest in the Land identified in Item 3 of Schedule A.

**2.** If all of the Schedule B, Part I—Requirements have not been met within the time period specified in the Commitment to Issue Policy, this Commitment terminates and the Company's liability and obligation end.

**3.** The Company's liability and obligation is limited by and this Commitment is not valid without:

- a. the Notice;
- b. the Commitment to Issue Policy;
- c. the Commitment Conditions;
- d. Schedule A;
- e. Schedule B, Part I—Requirements;
- f. Schedule B, Part II—Exceptions; and

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- g. a counter-signature by the Company or its issuing agent that may be in electronic form.

**4. COMPANY'S RIGHT TO AMEND**

The Company may amend this Commitment at any time. If the Company amends this Commitment to add a defect, lien, encumbrance, adverse claim, or other matter recorded in the Public Records prior to the Commitment Date, any liability of the Company is limited by Commitment Condition 5. The Company is not liable for any other amendment to this Commitment.

**5. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

- a. The Company's liability under Commitment Condition 4 is limited to the Proposed Insured's actual expense incurred in the interval between the Company's delivery to the Proposed Insured of the Commitment and the delivery of the amended Commitment, resulting from the Proposed Insured's good faith reliance to:
  - i. comply with the Schedule B, Part I—Requirements;
  - ii. eliminate, with the Company's written consent, any Schedule B, Part II—Exceptions; or
  - iii. acquire the Title or create the Mortgage covered by this Commitment.
- b. The Company is not liable under Commitment Condition 5.a. if the Proposed Insured requested the amendment or had Knowledge of the matter and did not notify the Company about it in writing.
- c. The Company is only liable under Commitment Condition 4 if the Proposed Insured would not have incurred the expense had the Commitment included the added matter when the Commitment was first delivered to the Proposed Insured.
- d. The Company's liability does not exceed the lesser of the Proposed Insured's actual expense incurred in good faith and described in Commitment Condition 5.a. or the Proposed Amount of Insurance.
- e. The Company is not liable for the content of the Transaction Identification Data, if any.
- f. The Company is not obligated to issue the Policy referred to in this Commitment unless all of the Schedule B, Part I—Requirements have been met to the satisfaction of the Company.
- g. The Company's liability is further limited by the terms and provisions of the Policy to be issued to the Proposed Insured.

**6. LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY MUST BE BASED ON THIS COMMITMENT; CHOICE OF LAW AND CHOICE OF FORUM**

- a. Only a Proposed Insured identified in Schedule A, and no other person, may make a claim under this Commitment.
- b. Any claim must be based in contract under the State law of the State where the Land is located and is restricted to the terms and provisions of this Commitment. Any litigation or other proceeding brought by the Proposed Insured against the Company must be filed only in a State or federal court having jurisdiction.
- c. This Commitment, as last revised, is the exclusive and entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Commitment and supersedes all prior commitment negotiations, representations, and proposals of any kind, whether written or oral, express or implied, relating to the subject matter of this Commitment.
- d. The deletion or modification of any Schedule B, Part II—Exception does not constitute an agreement or obligation to provide coverage beyond the terms and provisions of this Commitment or the Policy.

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- e. Any amendment or endorsement to this Commitment must be in writing and authenticated by a person authorized by the Company.
  - f. When the Policy is issued, all liability and obligation under this Commitment will end and the Company's only liability will be under the Policy.
- 7. IF THIS COMMITMENT IS ISSUED BY AN ISSUING AGENT**  
The issuing agent is the Company's agent only for the limited purpose of issuing title insurance commitments and policies. The issuing agent is not the Company's agent for closing, settlement, escrow, or any other purpose.
- 8. PRO-FORMA POLICY**  
The Company may provide, at the request of a Proposed Insured, a pro-forma policy illustrating the coverage that the Company may provide. A pro-forma policy neither reflects the status of Title at the time that the pro-forma policy is delivered to a Proposed Insured, nor is it a commitment to insure.
- 9. CLAIMS PROCEDURES**  
This Commitment incorporates by reference all Conditions for making a claim in the Policy to be issued to the Proposed Insured. Commitment Condition 9 does not modify the limitations of liability in Commitment Conditions 5 and 6.
- 10. CLASS ACTION**  
ALL CLAIMS AND DISPUTES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS COMMITMENT, INCLUDING ANY SERVICE OR OTHER MATTER IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUING THIS COMMITMENT, ANY BREACH OF A COMMITMENT PROVISION, OR ANY OTHER CLAIM OR DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION GIVING RISE TO THIS COMMITMENT, MUST BE BROUGHT IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY. NO PARTY MAY SERVE AS PLAINTIFF, CLASS MEMBER, OR PARTICIPANT IN ANY CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. ANY POLICY ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS COMMITMENT WILL CONTAIN A CLASS ACTION CONDITION.
- 11. ARBITRATION**  
The Policy contains an arbitration clause. All arbitrable matters when the Proposed Amount of Insurance is \$2,000,000 or less may be arbitrated at the election of either the Company or the Proposed Insured as the exclusive remedy of the parties. A Proposed Insured may review a copy of the arbitration rules at <http://www.alta.org/arbitration>.

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