

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553405 written on behalf of Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co. – Thompson, ND, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **Western Surety Company**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996.

Effective October 18<sup>th</sup>, 20 05, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~INCREASED~~ / **DECREASED**

**From:**

Four hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 485,000.00----)

**To:**

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 445,000.00----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 05.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
(Principal)

BY: James Elton Pier.  
(Title)

**Location Deleted:**

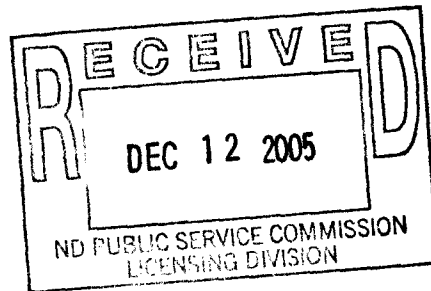
Grand Forks, ND

**Western Surety Company**

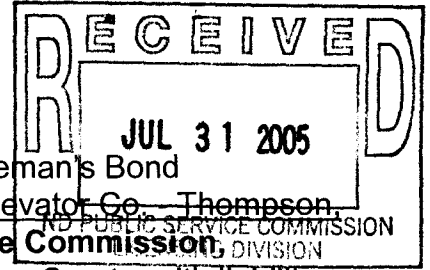
BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan R. Richter  
(Title)



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Effective June 7<sup>th</sup>, 20 05, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

**From:**

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 445,000.00----)

**To:**

Four hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 485,000.00----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

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Signed, sealed and dated this 7th day of June, 20 05.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
(Principal)

**Additional Location:**

Grand Forks, ND

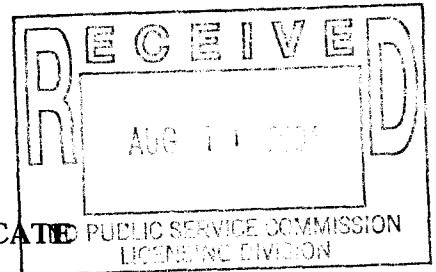
BY: James Sletten Pres  
(Title)

**Western Surety Company**

BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Sueann K. Richter  
(Title)



**ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE**

Obligee: State of ND Pub. Serv. Comm. Grain Elevator Div. 12th Fl. 600 E. Blvd Ave Bismarck, ND 58505

Principal: Thompson Farmers Co-Op Elevator Co. PO Box 327 Thompson, ND 58278

Effective 08-01-04 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 14155 34 05

executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA (\$445,000)

hereinafter referred to as the Company, in favor of the above-named Obligee.

This certifies that, in consideration of the Agreements and covenants herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY hereby assumes liability as surety under the above described bond.

**BY ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE IT IS AGREED:**

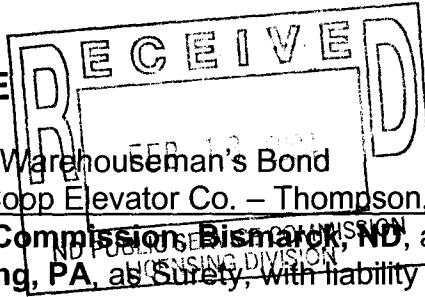
1. That the liability of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY under said bond (a) shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and warranties contained in said bond and any amendment thereto or agreement between the Obligee and the Company affecting the same; and (b) shall in no event be greater than would have been the liability of the Company had this Certificate not been issued.
2. That all rights of the Company, which would have been available to the Company by reason of its suretyship under the aforementioned bond, or otherwise, if this Certificate had not been executed, shall inure to the benefit of and be fully enforceable by WESTERN SURETY COMPANY.
3. Signed and dated this 3rd day of August, 2004.



BY: Paul T. Bruffat  
Paul T. Bruffat, Senior Vice President  
Western Surety Company

Certified Mail No. 7003-1680-0002-0652-9674

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Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 04, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 445,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 450,000.00 )

Effective April 30<sup>th</sup>, 20 04, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Four hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 450,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 445,000.00 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

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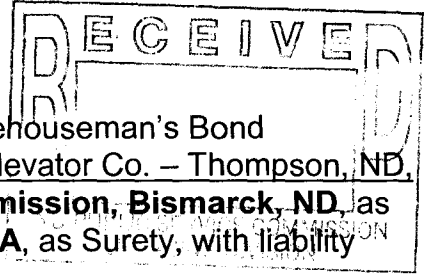
Signed, sealed and dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 20 04.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
Pres. (Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**  
BY: [Signature]  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission  
BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

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Effective August 26<sup>th</sup>, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Four hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 450,000.00 )

**to:**

Four hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 455,000.00 )

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 04, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Four hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 455,000.00 )

**to:**

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 445,000.00 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20 03.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.

(Principal)

BY: John D Fichter

John Fichter, President (Title)

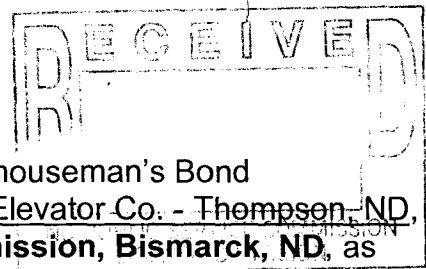
**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

BY: Jacci Wacker

Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan Richter  
(Title)



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Effective August 20<sup>th</sup>, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 445,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 450,000.00 )

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 04, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Four hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths -----(\$ 450,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths -----(\$ 445,000.00 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

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Signed, sealed and dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20 03.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.

(Principal)

BY: [Signature]

John Fichtner, President (Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

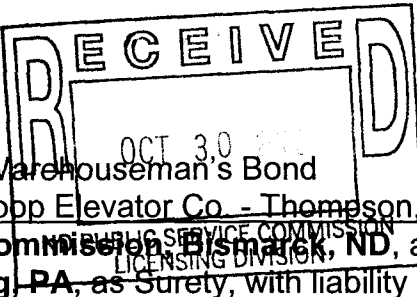
BY: [Signature]

Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

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Effective October 10<sup>th</sup>, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Four hundred seventy-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 475,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 485,000.00 )

Effective November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Four hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 485,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 455,000.00 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

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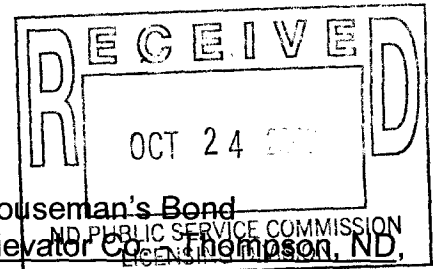
Signed, sealed and dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 03.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
President (Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**  
BY: [Signature]  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission  
BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

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Effective October 8<sup>th</sup>, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Four hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 470,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred seventy-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 475,000.00 )

Effective November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Four hundred seventy-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 475,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 455,000.00 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 03.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.

BY: John D. Fichtner (Principal)  
John Fichtner  
President (Title)

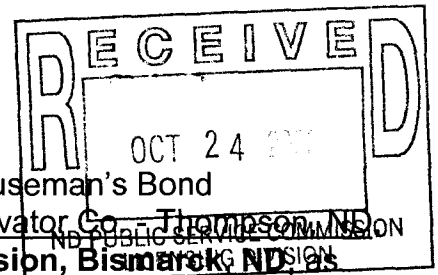
**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan Richter  
(Title)

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Effective October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Four hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 455,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 470,000.00 )

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Four hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 470,000.00 )

to:

Four hundred fifty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 455,000.00 )

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Signed, sealed and dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 20 03.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.

BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
John Fichtner  
President (Title)

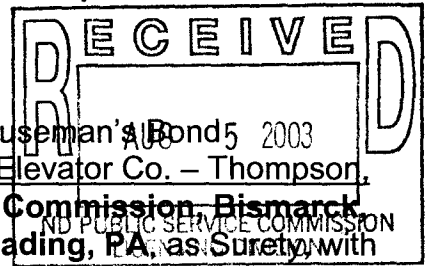
**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

BY: [Signature]  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

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Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

**From:**

Three hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 385,000.00----)

**To:**

Four hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 445,000.00----)

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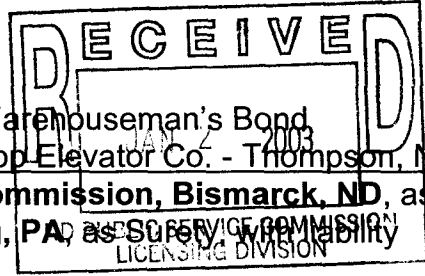
Signed, sealed and dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 20 03.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
President (Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading,**  
BY: [Signature]  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission  
BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

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Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 02, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 385,000.00 )

to:

Three hundred ninety thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 390,000.00 )

Effective January 15<sup>th</sup>, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Three hundred ninety thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 390,000.00 )

to:

Three hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 385,000.00 )

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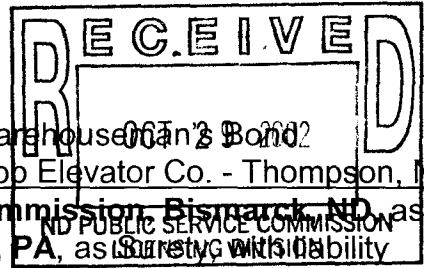
Signed, sealed and dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 20 02.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
BY: Paul W. Cooper (Principal)  
President (Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**  
BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission  
BY: Susan K. Richter  
(Title)

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Effective October 15<sup>th</sup>, 20 02, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 385,000.00 )

**to:**

Three hundred ninety thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 390,000.00 )

Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 02, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

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**to:**

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Signed, sealed and dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 02.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.

BY: Paul W. Calagher (Principal)  
President (Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan S. Richter  
(Title)

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Effective August 8<sup>th</sup>, 20 01, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

**From:**

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370,000.00----)

**To:**

Three hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 385,000.00----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20 01.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
BY: Paul W. Gogher pres  
(Principal)  
(Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**  
BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan H. Richter  
(Title)

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Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 19 99, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **DECREASED**

**From:**

Six hundred thirty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 630,000.00----)

**To:**

Three hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 370000.00----)

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 19 99.

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan K. Reiter  
(Title)

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Effective May 7, 19 97, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

**From:**

Six hundred thousand and No/100ths (\$ 600,000.00 )

**To:**

Six hundred thirty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 630,000.00 )

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 8th day of May, 19 97.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.

BY: Ardell Summs (Principal)

(Title)

Pres.  
**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

BY: Jacci Wacker

Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan H. Richter  
(Title)

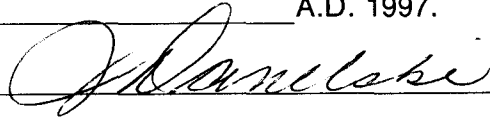
**SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of **Minnesota**

County of **Hennepin**

I, **J. Danelski** Notary Public of Hennepin County, in the State of Minnesota do hereby certify that **Jacci Wacker**, Attorney-in-Fact, of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed and delivered said instrument, for and on behalf of the **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA.**, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 8th day of May A.D. 1997.

  
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(Notary Public)



**POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CNA Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint Jacci Wacker, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Laws and Resolutions, printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Boards of Directors of the corporations.

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of September, 1996.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 4th day of September, 1996, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE**

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 8th day of May, 1997.



CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY  
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD  
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary

## Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### "Article IX—Execution of Documents

Section 3. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors, may, at any time, revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

### "Article VI—Execution of Obligations and Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact

Section 2. Appointment of Attorney-in-fact. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"Resolved, that the signature of the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws, and the signature of the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company."

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

"RESOLVED: That the President, an Executive Vice President, or any Senior or Group Vice President of the Corporation may, from time to time, appoint, by written certificates, Attorneys-in-Fact to act in behalf of the Corporation in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. Such Attorney-in-Fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instrument and to attach the seal of the Corporation thereto. The President, an Executive Vice President, any Senior or Group Vice President or the Board of Directors may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"RESOLVED: That the signature of the President, an Executive Vice President or any Senior or Group Vice President and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to the Resolution adopted by this Board of Directors on February 17, 1993 and the signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Corporation may be affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Corporation. Any such power so executed and sealed and certified by certificate so executed and sealed, shall with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Corporation."

# CNA INSURANCE COMPANIES

MINNEAPOLIS  
700 PIPER JAFFRAY TOWER (55402)  
P.O. BOX 9322  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1182761

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOND NO. 141553405

## ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

OBLIGEE: STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PSC GRAIN ELEVATOR DIV  
600 E BLVD  
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0480



PRINCIPAL: THOMPSON FARMERS COOP ELEVATOR CO \$600,000 Bond  
PO BOX 327  
THOMPSON, ND 58278

THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY ON BOND NUMBER BND 1182761 EXECUTED AND PREVIOUSLY FILED BY FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COMPANY, IN FAVOR OF THE CAPTIONED OBLIGEE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1996.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AGREEMENTS AND CONVENANTS HEREIN CONTAINED AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, ASSUMES LIABILITY UNDER THE ABOVE DESCRIBED BOND.

BY ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE IT IS AGREED:

1. THAT LIABILITY OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA UNDER SAID BOND (A) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS AND WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED BOND AND ANY AMENDMENT THERETO OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OBLIGEE AND THE COMPANY AFFECTING THE SAME; AND (B) SHALL IN NO EVENT BE GREATER THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY HAD THIS CERTIFICATE NOT BEEN ISSUED.

2. THAT ALL RIGHTS OF THE COMPANY, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY, BY REASON OF ITS SURETYSHIP UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED BOND, OR OTHERWISE, IF THIS CERTIFICATE HAD NOT BEEN EXECUTED, SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF AND BE FULLY ENFORCEABLE BY AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

3. THAT THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY UNDER AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA BOND NO. 141553405 FOR LIABILITY ACCRUED UNDER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1182761.

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

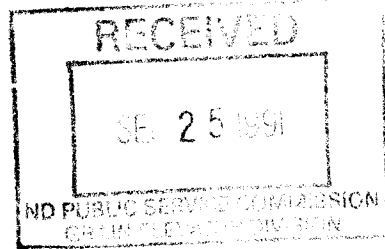
*Jacqui Wacker*



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OBLIGEE

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE  
OR DECREASE



This endorsement forms a part of North Dakota Grain Warehouseman's  
Bond No. BND 118 27 61 issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ  
(Surety Company)  
to Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
(Principal)  
on behalf of State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND  
(Obligee)  
dated the 1st day of August, 19 90.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~decreased~~ **INCREASED**  
from: FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND AND NO/100 ( \$590,000.00 ) Dollars  
to: SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 ( \$600,000.00 ) Dollars  
as of the 4th day of Sept., 19 91.

It is also understood and agreed that in no event shall the liability, embodied in this bond, be cumulative.

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 4th day of September, 19 91.

Thompson Farmers Coop Elevator Co.  
Principal  
By: [Signature] President  
Title

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ  
Surety  
By: [Signature]  
Cheryl M. Gardner Attorney

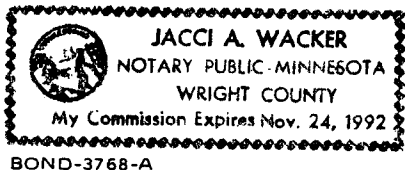
Accepted:  
[Signature]

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 4th day of September, 19 91, before me personally appeared Cheryl M. Gardner, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that She reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that She is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that She know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; 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 corporation; that She signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

Surety  
Company  
Acknowledgment



Jacci A. Wacker  
(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)

My commission expires Nov. 24, 1992

# Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038

## GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

**Know all men by these Presents,** That the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint

CHERYL M. GARDNER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

its true and lawful attorney, for it and in its name, place, and stead to execute on behalf of the said Company, as surety, bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship to be given to

ALL OBLIGEES

provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

UNLIMITED DOLLARS

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 20th day of February, 1975:

"RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, the President, an Executive Vice President or a Senior Vice President or a Vice President of the Company, be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that an Assistant Vice President, a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company when so affixed and in the future with respect to any bond, undertaking or contract of suretyship to which it is attached."

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 1st day of May, 1985.

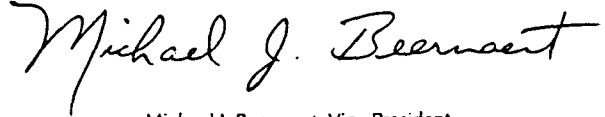
FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

By



Robert W. Adler, Sr., Assistant Vice President



Michael J. Beernaert, Vice President

STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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ss.:

On this 1st day of May, 1985, before me personally came Michael J. Beernaert, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



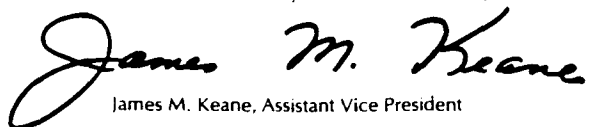
CERTIFICATE



ETHEL TARANTO  
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York  
No. 24-4663117 Qual. in Kings County  
Commission Expires March 30, 1986

I, the undersigned, an Assistant Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, a New Jersey corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of New York, in the State of New York. Dated the 4th day of September, 19 91.



James M. Keane, Assistant Vice President