

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599

Western Surety Company to North Dakota Public Service Commission
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1995.

Effective 11th day of December, 2007.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby
 INCREASED DECREASED

From:

Five hundred ninety thousand and no/100----- Dollars (\$ 590,000.00)

To:

Five hundred thirty thousand and no/100----- Dollars (\$ 530,000.00)

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 11th day of December, 2007.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative

(Principal)

By: [Signature] G.M.
(Title)

Western Surety Company

By: Jeanne M. Buchan
Jeanne M. Buchan (Attorney-In Fact)

Accepted:

By: _____
(Title)

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, is a duly organized and existing corporation having its principal office in the City of Sioux Falls, and State of South Dakota, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

William M Gleason, Audette Karan, Corwin F Tufte, Jeanne M Buchan, Debra Buckner, Barbara K Sachi, Individually

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

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and to bind it thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation 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-Law printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the shareholders of the corporation.

In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 1st day of February, 2007.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paul T. Bruflat

Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 1st day of February, 2007, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Senior Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires
November 30, 2012



D. Krell

D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 11th day of December, 2007.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

L. Nelson

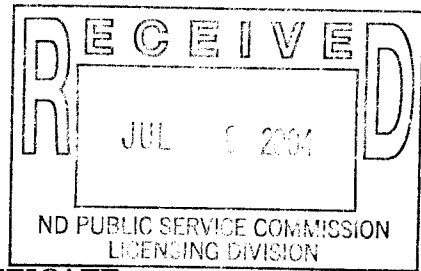
L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Law

ADOPTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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

Section 7. 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, and Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any 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.



ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

Obligee: State of ND Public Serv. Comm. Grain Elev. Div. 12th Fl 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Bismarck, ND 58505

Principal: Central Valley Bean Cooperative PO Box 162 Buxton, ND 58218

Effective 08/01/2004 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 141543599

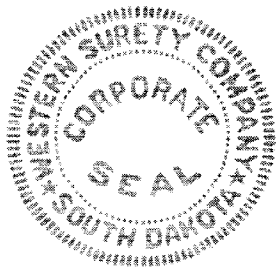
executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA (\$590,000)

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:

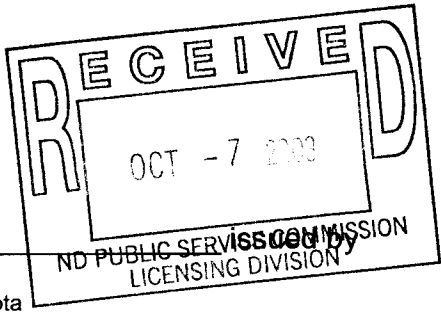
1. That the liability of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY under said bond (a) shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and warranties contained in said bond and any amendment thereto or agreement between the Obligee and the Company affecting the same; and (b) shall in no event be greater than 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 6th day of July, 2004.



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

Certified Mail No. 7003-1680-0002-0652-8240

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA to State of North Dakota
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996.

Effective 2nd day of October, 2003.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby
 INCREASED **DECREASED**

From:

Five Hundred Fifty Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 550,000.00)

To:

Five Hundred Ninety Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 590,000.00)

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 2nd day of October, 2003.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
(Principal)

By: [Signature]
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By: Jeanne M. Buchan
Jeanne M. Buchan (Attorney)

Accepted:

By: [Signature]
(Title)

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania (herein called "the CNA 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 signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

Corwin F. Tufte, William M. Gleason, Jeanne M. Buchan, Irma Vandelac, Audette Karan, Individually

of St. Paul, 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 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 7th day of September, 2001.



Continental Casualty Company
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

Michael Gengler

Michael Gengler

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, 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, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

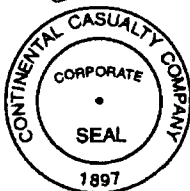
Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, 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 the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this 2nd day of

October, 2003.



Continental Casualty Company
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis

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."

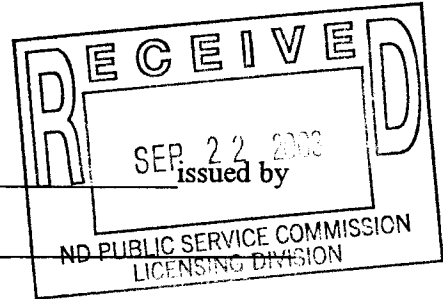
This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"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."

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA to State of North Dakota
(Surety) (Obligee)



on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1995

Effective 17th day of September, 2003

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby
INCREASED

From:

Five Hundred Ten Thousand-----Dollars (\$510,000.00)

To:

Five Hundred Fifty Thousand-----Dollars (\$550,000.00)

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 17th day of September, 2003

Central Valley Bean Cooperative

(Principal)

By:

[Signature] G. Mee
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By:

[Signature]
Jaanne M. Buchan (Attorney-in-Fact)

Accepted:

By: [Signature]
(Title)

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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Corwin F. Tufte, William M. Gleason, Jeanne M. Buchan, Irma Vandelac, Audette Karan, Individually

of St. Paul, 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 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 7th day of September, 2001.



Continental Casualty Company
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

Michael Gengler

Michael Gengler

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, 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, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, 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 the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this 19th day of

September, 2003



Continental Casualty Company
National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis

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

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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."

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"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."

ENDORSEMENT

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 written on behalf
of Central Valley Bean Coop (Principal) to the State of North Dakota,

Public Service Commission - Bismarck, ND issued by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
(Obligee) (Surety)

with liability commencing on August 1, 1996.

EFFECTIVE October 3, 2000, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **INCREASED** from:

Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars \$510,000

to:

Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars \$550,000

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EFFECTIVE December 1, 2000, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars \$550,000

to:

Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars \$510,000

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 3rd day of October, 2000

Central Valley Bean Co-op
(Principal)
By: [Signature] G.M.
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

ACCEPTED by
ND Public Service
Commission

By: Jeanne M. Buchan
(Attorney)

By: [Signature]
(Title)

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 CCC 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

Corwin F. Tufte, William M. Gleason, Jeanne M. Buchan, Irma Vandelac, Audette Karan, Individually

of St. Paul, Minneapolis

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 CCC Surety Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 6th day of January, 2000.



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

Marvin J. Cashion

Marvin J. Cashion

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 6th day of January, 2000, before me personally came Marvin J. Cashion, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, 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.



Diane Faulkner

My Commission Expires September 17, 2001

Diane Faulkner

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, 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 3rd day of October, 2000.



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

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis

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."

INCREASE OR DECREASE RIDER

This Rider forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 issued by

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PA
(Surety)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
(Obligee)

on behalf of **CENTRAL VALLEY BEAN COOPERATIVE**
(Principal)

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dated the 1ST day of AUGUST, 1995

Effective the 1ST day of AUGUST, 1999

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **DECREASED**

From:

EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars Dollars (\$***800,000.00***)

To:

FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars Dollars (\$***510,000.00***)

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 1ST day of AUGUST, 1999.

CENTRAL VALLEY BEAN COOPERATIVE
(Principal)

By: [Signature], G.M.
(Title)

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PA

By: Jeanne M. Schanzenbach
Jeanne M. Schanzenbach (Attorney-in-Fact)

Accepted:

By: [Signature]
North Dakota Public Service Commission

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 CCC 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 Corwin F. Tufte, William G. Gleason, Jeanne M. Schanzenbach Irma Vandelac, Audette Karan, Individually

of St. Paul, Minnesota

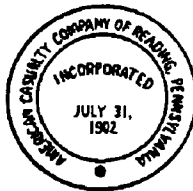
their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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 CCC Surety Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 22nd day of February, 1999.



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

Marvin J. Cashion

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 22nd day of February, 1999, before me personally came Marvin J. Cashion, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, 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 March 6, 2000

Mary Jo Abel

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, 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 1st day of AUGUST, 1999.



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

Mary A. Ribikawskis

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."

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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.

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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 issued by

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY

(Surety)

ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

(Obligee)

on behalf of CENTRAL VALLEY BEAN COOPERATIVE, BUXTON, ND

(Principal)

dated the 1ST day of AUGUST, 1996

Effective the 10TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1998

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED**

From:

SIX HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND NO/100 Dollars (\$640,000.00)

To:

EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$800,000.00)

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 25TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1998.

CENTRAL VALLEY BEAN COOPERATIVE

(Principal)

By: _____

(Title)

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY

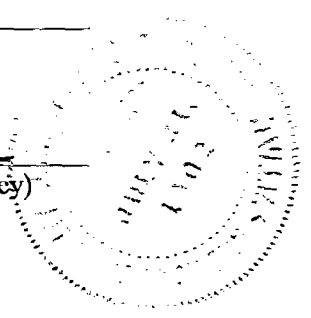
By: James Vandelaar

(Attorney)

Accepted:

By: _____

(Title)



**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 issued by

American Casualty Company

(Surety)

ND Public Service Commission

(Obligee)

on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton ND

(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1997

Effective the 26th day of August, 1998

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby
INCREASED

From:

Five Hundred Ninety Five Thousand 00/100 Dollars (**\$595,000.00**)

To:

Six Hundred Forty Thousand 00/100 Dollars (**\$640,000.00**)

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 26th day of August, 1998.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative

(Principal)

By: 

(Title)

American Casualty Company

By: 

(Attorney)

Accepted:

By: 

(Title)

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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of St. Paul, 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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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 1st day of January, 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 1st day of January, 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 October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

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 26th day of August, 1996.



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.

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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:

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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."

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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

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This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141543599 written on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, as Surety, with liability commencing 08/01, 19 96.

Effective 10/06, 19 97, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / DECREASED**

From:

Five Hundred Eighty Thousand 00/100 (\$**580,000.00**)

To:

Five Hundred Ninety Five Thousand 00/100 (\$**595,000.00**)

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 7th day of October, 19 97.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
(Principal)
BY: [Signature], Mgr.
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
BY: Jeanne M. Schanzenbach
Attorney-In-Fact
Jeanne M Schanzenbach

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

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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of St. Paul, 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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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 1st day of January, 1996.



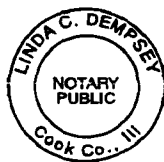
CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 1st day of January, 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 October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

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 7th day of October, 97.



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."

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 issued by

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA to ND Public Service Commission
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton ND
(Principal)

dated the 22nd day of August, 19 97.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED /
DECREASED**

From:

Five Hundred Sixty Five Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$ **565,000.00**)

To:

Five Hundred Eighty Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$ **580,000.00**)

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 22nd day of August, 19 97.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
(Principal)

By: [Signature]
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
(Surety)

By: Jeanne M. Schanzenbach
Jeanne M Schanzenbach (Attorney)
Attorney-in-Fact

Accepted:

By: [Signature]
(Title)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and that RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY and UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, are corporations duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (herein collectively called "the Companies") and that the Companies by virtue of signature and seals do hereby make, constitute and appoint William M. Gleason, Irma Vandelac, Jeanne M. Schanzenbach, Corwin F. Tufts., of St. Paul, Minnesota their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on their behalf, and as their act and deed any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by an Executive Officer of the Companies and sealed and attested by one other of such officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that their said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in pursuance hereof.

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of Article VII of the By-Laws of RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY, RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, and RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY which provisions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTION OF BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS

1. The Board of Directors, the President, the Chairman of the Board, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President or Assistant Vice President or other officer designated by the Board of Directors shall have power and authority to (a) appoint Attorney(s)-in-Fact and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (b) to remove any such Attorney(s)-in-Fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to them.

2. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the Power of Attorney issued to them, to execute deliver on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

3. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority to execute affidavits required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity or other conditional or obligatory undertakings and they shall also have power and authority to certify the financial statement of the Company and to copies of the By-Laws of the Company or any article or section thereof.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Executive and Finance Committees of the Boards of Directors of Reliance Insurance Company, United Pacific Insurance Company and Reliance National Indemnity Company by Unanimous Consent dated as of February 28, 1994 and by the Executive and Financial Committee of the Board of Directors of Reliance Surety Company by Unanimous Consent dated as of March 31, 1994.

"Resolved that the signatures of such directors and officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or any certificates 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 and any such Power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company, in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this November 19, 1996.



RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY
RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY
RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

David T. Akers

STATE OF Pennsylvania }
COUNTY OF Philadelphia } ss.

On this, November 19, 1996, before me, Tammy Sue Kayati, personally appeared David T. Akers, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of the Reliance Surety Company, and the Vice President of Reliance Insurance Company, United Pacific Insurance Company, and Reliance National Indemnity Company and that as such, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as its duly authorized officer.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notarial Seal
Valencia Wortham, Notary Public
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
My Commission Expires Nov. 18, 2000



Valencia Wortham
Notary Public in and for the State of Pennsylvania
Residing at Philadelphia

I, Anita Zippert, Secretary of RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY, RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, and RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 22nd day of August 19 97.

Anita Zippert

Secretary



**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

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This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 issued by

Continental Casualty Company of Illinois to ND Public Service Commission
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, PO Box 162, Buxton ND 58218
(Principal)

dated the 18th day of June, 19 97.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED /
DECREASED**

From:

Five Hundred Fifty Five Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$ **555,000.00**)

To:

Five Hundred Sixty Five Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$ **565,000.00**)

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 18th day of June, 19 97.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative

(Principal)

By:  Mg-
(Title)

Continental Casualty Company of Illinois

(Surety)

By: Jeanne M Schanzenbach Jeanne M Schanzenbach
(Attorney)

Accepted:

By: _____
(Title)

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 Corwin F. Tufte, William G. Gleason, Jeanne M. Schanzenbach, Irma Vandelac, Individually

of St. Paul, 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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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 1st day of January, 1996.



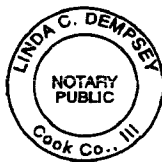
CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 1st day of January, 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 October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

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 18th day of June, 97.



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."

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 issued by

Continental Casualty Company of Illinois to ND Public Service Commission
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative; Buxton, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 19 96.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED /
~~DECREASED~~**

From:
Five Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 550,000.00)

To:
Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand and No/100ths---- Dollars (\$ 555,000.00)

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

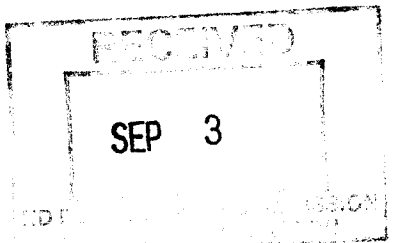
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 27th day of August, 19 96.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
(Principal)
By: [Signature] Mgr
(Title)

Continental Casualty Company of Illinois
(Surety)
By: Jeanne Schanzenbach
Jeanne Schanzenbach (Attorney)

Accepted
By: [Signature]
(Title)



SURETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (ATTY-IN-FACT)

State of Minnesota

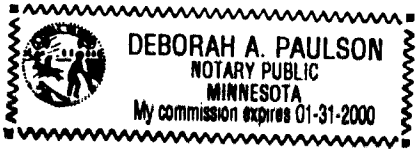
County of Washington

} SS:

On this 27th day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and Ninety-Six before me, Deborah A. Paulson, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Jeanne Schanzenbach known to me to be the duly authorized Attorney-in-fact of the Continental Casualty Co. of and the same person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as the Attorney-in-fact of said Company, and the said Jeanne Schanzenbach duly acknowledged to me that he subscribed the name of the Continental Casualty Co. of IL thereto as Surety and his own name as Attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

My Commission Expires



Deborah A Paulson
Notary Public in and for
Washington
County, State of
Minnesota

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STATE OF North Dakota
COUNTY OF Trail

On this twenty-seventh day of August, 19 96, before me

personally came Mary W. Engstrom

to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in: Buxton, ND

that he is the Manager of the Central Valley Bean Cooperative the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing 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 the said corporation, and that he signed his name to the said instrument by like order.

Jennifer White
Notary Public

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JENNIFER WHITE
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JULY 25, 2001

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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of St. Paul, 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 1st day of January, 1996.



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

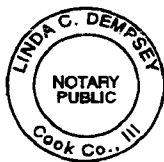
[Handwritten signature of M.C. Vonnahme]

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 1st day of January, 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 October 19, 1998

[Handwritten signature of Linda C. Dempsey]

Linda C. Dempsey

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 27th day of August, 96.



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

[Handwritten signature of John M. Littler]

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

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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.

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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."

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141543599 issued by

Continental Casualty Company of Illinois to ND Public Service Commission
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 19 96.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED /
DECREASED**

From:

Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 515,000.00)

To:

Five Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 550,000.00)

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 22nd day of August, 19 96.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
(Principal)

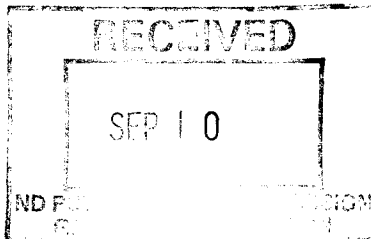
By: [Signature]
(Title)

Continental Casualty Company of Illinois
(Surety)

By: Jeanne Schanzenbach
(Attorney)
Jeanne Schanzenbach

Accepted:

By: [Signature]
(Title)



SURETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (ATTY-IN-FACT)

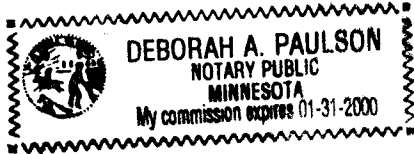
State of Minnesota } ss:

County of Washington

On this 22nd day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and Ninety-Six before me, Deborah A. Paulson, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Jeanne Schanzenbach, known to me to be the duly authorized Attorney-in-fact of the Continental Casualty Co. of IL and the same person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as the Attorney-in-fact of said Company, and the said Jeanne Schanzenbach duly acknowledged to me that he subscribed the name of the Continental Casualty Co. of IL thereto as Surety and his own name as Attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

My Commission Expires



Deborah A Paulson
Notary Public in and for
Washington
County, State of
Minnesota

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STATE OF North Dakota }
COUNTY OF Traill }

On this 11th day of September 19 96 before me personally came Gary W. Fuglestad

to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in: Buxton, ND
that he is the Manager of the Central Valley Bean Cooperative
the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing 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 the said corporation, and that he signed his name to the said instrument by like order.

Jennifer White
Notary Public

80 1404 Ed. Oct. 1964

JENNIFER WHITE
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JULY 25, 2001

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 Corwin F. Tufte, William G. Gleason, Jeanne M. Schanzenbach, Irma Vandelac, Individually

of St. Paul, 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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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 1st day of January, 1996.



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

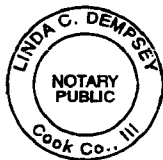
M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 1st day of January, 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 October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

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 22nd day of August, 1996.



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 1203439

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA
BOND NO. 141543599

ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

OBLIGEE: ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GRAIN ELEVATOR DIVISION
CAPITOL BUILDING 12TH FL
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0165

PRINCIPAL: CENTRAL VALLEY BEAN COOPERATIVE - BUXTON, ND \$515,000. BOND

THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY ON BOND NUMBER BND 1203439 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. 141543599 FOR LIABILITY ACCRUED UNDER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1203439.

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: _____

Lois E. Wynne
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT



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OBLIGEE

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

RECEIVED
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GRAIN ELEVATOR DIVISION

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. BND 120 34 39 written on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND Principal, to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND, as Obligee, issued by FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1st, , 1991 .

EFFECTIVE August 1st , 19 95 , it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** / ~~DECREASED~~

From:

Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100----- (\$ 450,000.00-----)

To:

Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand and No/100----- (\$ 515,000.00-----)

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 29th day of August , 19 95 .

Central Valley Bean Cooperative

(Principal)
By: [Signature] Mgr

(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND
Public Service Comm.
By: [Signature]

(Title)

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ
By: [Signature]

M.E. Hygrell, (Attorney)

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

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

M. E. Hygrell of 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 13th day of January, 1989:

"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 29 day of January, 19 90

Attest:

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

D.L. Banta

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, 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

Gloria D. Seekins

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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 town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 29th day of August, 19 95 .



J. Dennis Lane
J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

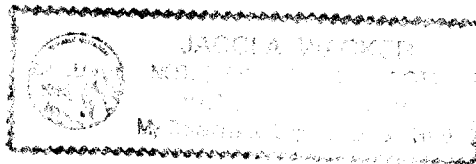
STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

On this 29th day of August 19 95, before me personally appeared M.E. Hygrell, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that he is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he 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 he 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.

Jacci A. Wacker
(Notary Public)

My commission expires _____



ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

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This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 120 34 39

issued by **FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

to State of North Dakota - Public Service Commission on behalf of
(Obligee)
Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1991.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby increased/~~decreased~~

FROM:

Four Hundred Thousand and No/100----- (\$ 400,000.00----)

TO:

Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100----- (\$ 450,000.00----)

EFFECTIVE the 10th day of October, 1994.

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 12th day of October, 1994.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
Principal

By: [Signature] President
Title

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ
Surety

By: [Signature]
M.E. Hygrell Attorney

Accepted By:

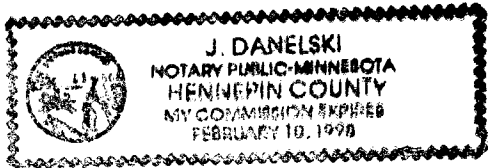
[Signature]
Title

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 12th day of October 19 94, before me personally appeared M.E. Hygrell, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that he is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he 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 he 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



J. Danielski
(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

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

M. E. Hygrell of 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 13th day of January, 1989:

"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 29 day of January, 19 90

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, 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

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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 town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 12th day of October, 19 94 .



J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This endorsement forms a part of North Dakota Warehouseman's Bond
Bond No. BND 120 34 39 issued by **FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY**
OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY to State of North Dakota - Public Service Commission
(Obligee)
on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)
dated the 1st day of August, 19 91.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above
described bond shall be and is hereby increased/~~decreased~~

From:

Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100---- (\$ 325,000.00---)

To:

Four Hundred Thousand and No/100----- (\$ 400,000.00---)

as of the 27th day of August, 19 93.

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 31st day of August 19 93.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative

Principal

By: Stephen Walker

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Title

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

Surety

Accepted:

By: Susan D. Reiter

Title

By: M.E. Hygrell

M.E. Hygrell

Attorney

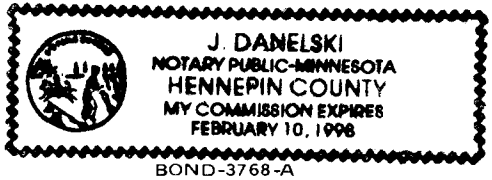
STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin

SS.:

On this 31st day of August 1993, before me personally appeared M.E. Hygrell, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that he is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he 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 he 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



J. Danielski
(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

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

M. E. Hygrell of 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 13th day of January, 1989:

"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 29 day of January 19 90

Attest:

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, 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

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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 town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 31st day of August, 1993.



J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

Endorsement #4 - Increasing Bond

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ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GRAIN ELEVATOR DIVISION

This endorsement forms a part of North Dakota Warehouseman's bond
Bond No. BND 120 34 39 issued by **FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY**
OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY to State of North Dakota - Public Service Commission
(Obligee)
on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)
dated the 1st day of August, 19 91.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above
described bond shall be and is hereby increased/~~decreased~~

From:

Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100----- (\$ 275,000.00---)

To:

Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100--- (\$ 325,000.00---)

as of the 5th day of January, 19 93.

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 6th day of January 19 93.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
Principal

By: Keith Anderson
Title

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
Surety

Accepted:

By: Susan K. Richter
Title

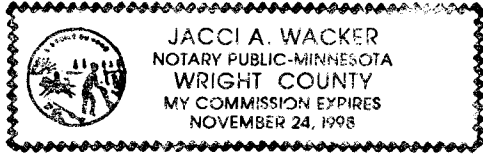
By: M.E. Hygrell
M.E. Hygrell, Attorney

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin SS.:

On this 6th day of January 1993, before me personally appeared M.E. Hygrell, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that he is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he 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 he 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



BOND-3768-A

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

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

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

M. E. Hygrell of 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 13th day of January, 1989:

"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 29 day of January, 19 90

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 19 90, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, 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

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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 town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 6th day of January, 19 93.



J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

ENDORSEMENT #3

This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 120 34 39

Written on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)

to State of North Dakota - Public Service Commission
(Obligee)

issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
(Surety Company)

with liability commencing August 1st,, 19 91.

EFFECTIVE October 5th,, 19 92, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100-- Dollars(\$275,000.00---)

to:

Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars(\$325,000.00---)

EFFECTIVE January 5th,, 19 93, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars(\$325,000.00--)

to:

Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars(\$275,000.00---)

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 6th day of October 19 92.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative

Principal

By: [Signature] PRES.
Title

Accepted:

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
Surety

By: [Signature]
Title
North Dakota Public
Service Commission

By: [Signature]
M.E. Hygrell, Attorney

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

ss.:

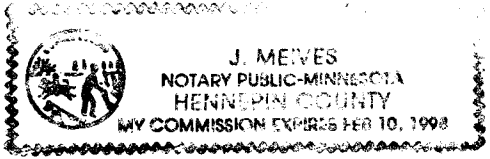
On this 6th day of October 1992, before me personally appeared M. E. HYGRELL, to me known, who,

being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that he is/are the Attorney

of FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ, the corporation described

in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he 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 he 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



J. Meives
(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)

BOND-3768-A

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

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

M. E. Hygrell of 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 13th day of January, 1989:

"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 29 day of January, 19 90

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, 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

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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 town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 6th day of October, 19 92.



J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

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**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

ENDORSEMENT #2 - DECREASING BOND

This endorsement forms a part of ND Warehouseman's Bond
Bond No. BND 120 34 39 issued by **FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY**
OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY to The State of North Dakota - PSC
(Obligee)
on behalf of Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND
(Principal)
dated the 23rd day of July, 1991.

It is understood and agreed that the amount of the above
described bond shall be and is hereby ~~increased~~ decreased

From:
Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand & No (\$ 375,000.00)

To:
Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand & No (\$ 275,000.00)

as of the 24th day of March, 1992.

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 3rd day of April 1992.

Central Valley Bean Cooperative
Principal

By: [Signature]
Title

Firemen's Insurance Company
of Newark, New Jersey

Surety

Accepted:

By: [Signature]
Title

By: [Signature]
M.E. Hygrell Attorney

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 3rd day of April 1992, before me personally appeared M.E. Hygrell, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that he is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he 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 he 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

J. MEIVES
NOTARY PUBLIC-MINNESOTA
HENNEPIN COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 12/31/93

J. Meives
(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)

BOND-3768-A

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

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

M. E. Hygrell of 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 13th day of January, 1989:

"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 29 day of January, 19 90

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

D.L. Banta

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, 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

Gloria D. Seekins

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

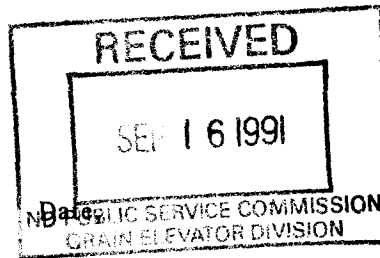
I, the undersigned, an Assistant Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, a New Jersey corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors,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

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 3rd day of April, 19 92



J. Dennis Lane
J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

ENDORSEMENT #1



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This endorsement forms a part of **ND Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond** Bond
 BND no. **120 34 39** issued by **Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey**
 (Surety Company)
 to **State of North Dakota - Public Service Commission**
 (Obligee or Insured)
 on behalf of **Central Valley Bean Cooperative, Buxton, ND**
 (Principal)
 in the amount of **Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100-----** Dollars
 effective **August 1, 1991** .

In consideration of (additional) premium of **Five Hundred Fifteen and no/100----**
~~XXXXXX~~
 ----- (\$ **515.00----**) Dollars it is understood and agreed that
 the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby (increased) to **Three Hundred Seventy-Five**
~~(decreased)~~
Thousand and No/100----- (\$ **375,000.00----**) Dollars
 as of the **1st** day of **September 1991** but in no event shall the aggregate liability, embodied in this bond,
 exceed **Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100-----**
 (\$ **275,000.00---**) Dollars prior to the effective date of this endorsement, or **Three Hundred Seventy-**
Five Thousand and No/100----- (\$ **375,000.00---**) Dollars after such
 date, or in any event the larger of the said two amounts.

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 **6th** day of **September** 19 **91**

Central Valley Bean cooperative

By: *Stephen Walker Sec.* Principal
Title

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ

Surety

By: *M.E. Hygrell*
M.E. Hygrell, Attorney

Accepted:

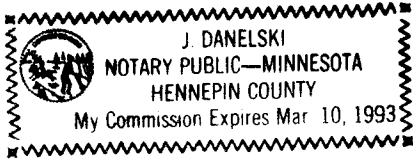
Susan K. Richter

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 6th day of September 19 91, before me personally appeared M.E. Hygrell, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that he is/are the Attorney of FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he 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 he 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



J. Danelski
(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)

BOND-3768-A

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

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

M. E. Hygrell of 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 13th day of January, 1989:

"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 29 day of January, 19 90

Attest:

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

D.L. Banta

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 19 90, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, 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

Gloria D. Seekins

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires March 31, 1993

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 town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 6th day of September, 19 91.



J. Dennis Lane
J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President