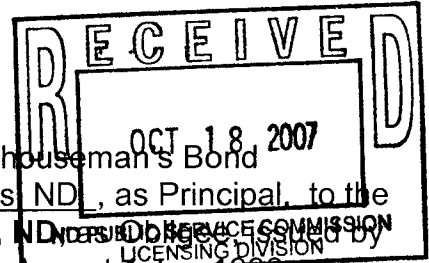


**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**



This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141552447 written on behalf of BTR Farmers Co-op - Leeds ND, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **Western Surety Company**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1st, 1996.

Effective October 5<sup>th</sup>, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Six hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 625,000.00 )

**to:**

Seven hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 745,000.00 )

Effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Seven hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths -----(\$ 745,000.00 )

**to:**

Six hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 625,000.00 )

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

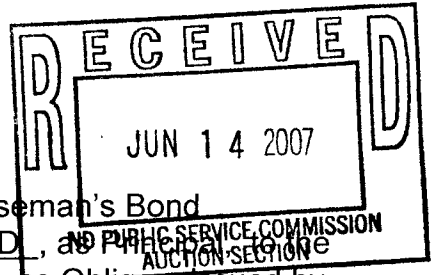
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 07.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
BY: Douglas Doyle (Principal)  
(Title)

**Western Surety Company**  
BY: Jacci Wacker  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission  
BY: Swarth Richter  
(Title)



**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

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Effective August 15th, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 565,000.00 )

to:

Six hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 625,000.00 )

Effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Six hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 625,000.00 )

to:

Five hundred five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 505,000.00 )

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.

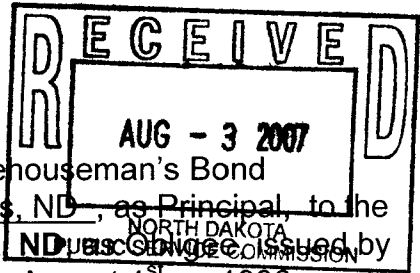
Signed, sealed and dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20 07.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
(Title)

**Western Surety Company**  
BY: [Signature]  
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

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

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**



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Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Five hundred five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 505,000.00 )

to:

Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 565,000.00 )

Effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 565,000.00 )

to:

Five hundred five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 505,000.00 )

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 20 07.

BTR Farmers Co-op\_\_\_\_\_

BY: James D. Dunge (Principal)  
(Title)

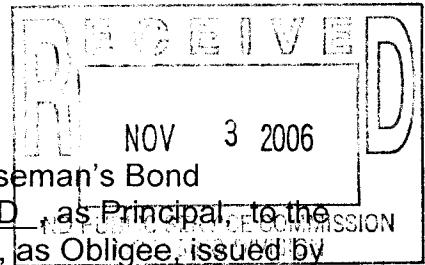
**Western Surety Company**

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**



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Effective October 19<sup>th</sup>, 20 06, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Five hundred five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 505,000.00 )

**to:**

Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 565,000.00 )

Effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 07, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Five hundred sixty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 565,000.00 )

**to:**

Five hundred five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 505,000.00 )

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

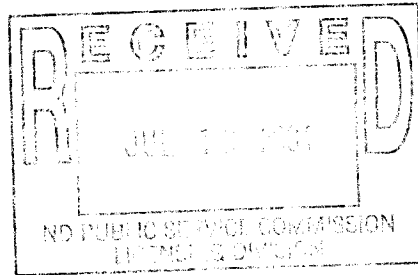
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 20 06.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
PRESIDENT  
(Title)

**Western Surety Company**  
BY: [Signature]  
Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

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



**ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE**

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

Principal: BTR Farmers Co-Op 6001 60th Ave NE Leeds, ND 58346

Effective 08/01/04 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 141552447

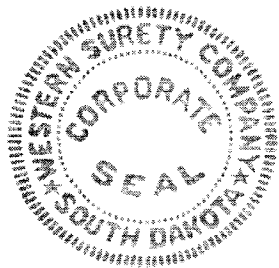
executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA (\$505,000),

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:**

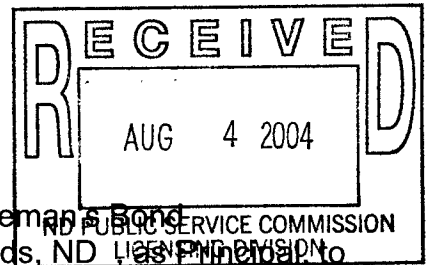
1. That the liability of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY under said bond (a) shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and warranties contained in said bond and any amendment thereto or agreement between the Obligee and the Company affecting the same; and (b) shall in no event be greater than 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 15th day of July, 2004.



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

Certified Mail No. 7003 1680 0002 0652 6673

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**



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

**From:**

Five hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 580,000.00----)

**To:**

Five hundred five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 505,000.00----)

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 20 04.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
(Principal)

BY: Robert Blyden V Pres  
(Title)

**Western Surety Company**

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan A. Reiter  
(Title)

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

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Effective February 20<sup>th</sup>, 20 04, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

**From:**

Five hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 570,000.00----)

**To:**

Five hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 20 04.

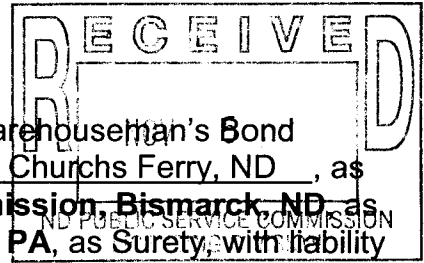
BTR Farmers Co-op  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal)  
BY: [Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

**Add location: Niles**

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

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

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**



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Effective October 21<sup>st</sup>, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Five hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 570,000.00 )

**to:**

Five hundred ninety thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 590,000.00 )

Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Five hundred ninety thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 590,000.00 )

**to:**

Five hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 570,000.00 )

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 20 03.

BTR Farmers Co-op

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

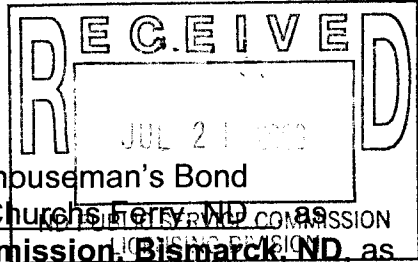
**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**



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

**From:**

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

**To:**

Five hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 570,000.00----)

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 20th day of June, 20 03.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
President (Title)

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

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Effective January 24<sup>th</sup>, 20 01, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~INCREASED~~ **DECREASED**

**From:**

Five hundred ten thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 510,000.00----)

**To:**

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

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 20 01.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
Pres. (Title)

(York Location – closed)

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

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

**From:**

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

**To:**

Five hundred ten thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 19 99.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
Gen. Mgr. (Title)

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

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

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

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

**From:**

Seven hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 725,000.00----)

**To:**

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

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 19 99.

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**

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This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141552447 written on behalf of BTR Farmers Co-op - Churchs Ferry, ND, 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 August 1<sup>st</sup>, 19 96.

Effective September 18<sup>th</sup>, 19 98, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED /-DECREASED-**

**From:**

Seven hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 720,000.00-----)

**To:**

Seven hundred twenty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 725,000.00-----)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 19 98.

BTR Farmers Co-op

BY: [Signature] (Principal)  
(Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

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 J. Danecki, Mike Eberhardy, T. P. Killeen, Douglas L. Miller, Annette K. Rengel, Lori L. Robinson, Ross G. Sinclair, Jacci Wacker, Lois E. Wynecoop, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

- 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 4th day of November, 1997.



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 Will, ss:

On this 4th day of November, 1997, 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 June 5, 2000

*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 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 September, 1998.



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 Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141552447 written on behalf of BTR Farmers Co-op - Churchs Ferry, ND, 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 August 1<sup>st</sup>, 19 96.

Effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 19 98, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~INCREASED~~ / **DECREASED**

**From:**

Seven hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 745,000.00 )

**To:**

Seven hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 720,000.00 )

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 19 98.

BTR Farmers Co-op

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

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

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

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]  
(Title)

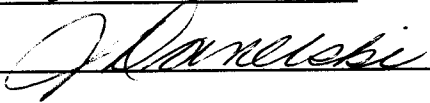
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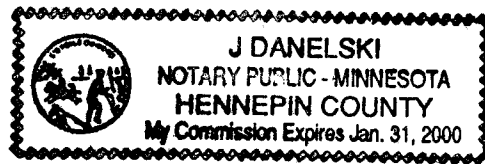
County of Hennepin

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

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 1st day of July A.D. 1998.



(Notary Public)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the 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 J. Danelski, Mike Eberhardy, T. P. Killeen, Douglas L. Miller, Annette K. Rengel, Lori L. Robinson, Ross G. Sinclair, Jacci Wacker, Lois E. Wynecoop, Individually

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

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the 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 4th day of November, 1997



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

Handwritten signature of Marvin J. Cashion

Marvin J. Cashion Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Will, ss: On this 4th day of November, 1997, 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.



Handwritten signature of Eileen T. Pachuta

My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

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 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 July, 1998.



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

Handwritten signature of 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."

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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 OR DECREASE**

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
REGULATORY DIVISION

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141552447 written on behalf of BTR Farmers Co-op - Churchs Ferry, ND, 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 August 1, 19 96.

Effective July 1, 19 97, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / ~~DECREASED~~**

**From:**

Six hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 680,000.00 )

**To:**

Seven hundred forty-five thousand and No/100ths (\$ 745,000.00 )

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 30th day of June, 19 97.

**Additional Location:**

York

BTR Farmers Co-op

BY: [Signature] (Principal)

(Title)

**American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**

BY: [Signature]

Jacqi Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND  
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]

(Title)

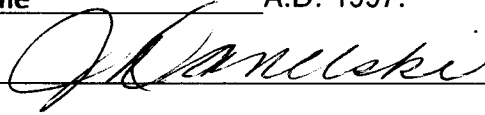
**SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of **Minnesota**

County of **Hennepin**

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

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 30th day of June A.D. 1997.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Danelski", written over a horizontal line.

(Notary Public)

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

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

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

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

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

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



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

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

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



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE**

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 30th day of June, 1997.



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

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary

## Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

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

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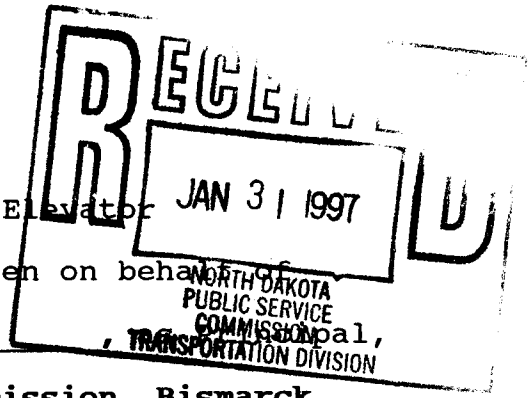
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**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE**



This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator

Warehouseman's Bond No. 141552447

written on behalf of NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

BTR Farmers Co-op - Churchs Ferry, ND

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 August 1, 19 96.

EFFECTIVE January 1, 19 97, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED / DECREASED**

**From:**

Six hundred forty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 640,000.00-----)

**To:**

Six hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 680,000.00-----)

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 3rd day of January, 19 97.

Addition of Churchs Ferry location.

BTR Farmers Co-op  
(Principal)  
By: Robert D. Timms President  
(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND  
Public Service Comm.

By: Max Leichter  
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA  
By: Jacqui Wacker  
Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

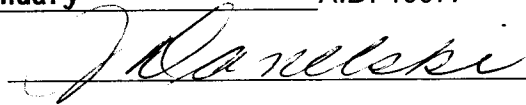
**SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of **Minnesota**

County of **Hennepin**

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

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 3rd day of January A.D. 1997.

  
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(Notary Public)



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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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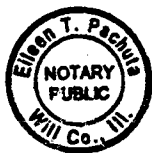
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AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

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



My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE**

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 3rd day of January, 1997.



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

John M. Littler

Assistant Secretary

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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:

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

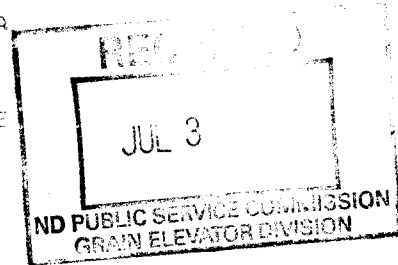
MINNEAPOLIS  
700 PIPER JAFFRAY TOWER (55402)  
P.O. BOX 9322  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BNS 1458212

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOND NO. 141552447

## ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

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



PRINCIPAL: BTR FARMERS CO-OP, Churchs Ferry, ND \$640,000 Bond

THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY ON BOND NUMBER BNS 1458212 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 AFDREMENTIONED 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. 141552447 FOR LIABILITY ACCRUED UNDER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BNS 1458212.

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

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

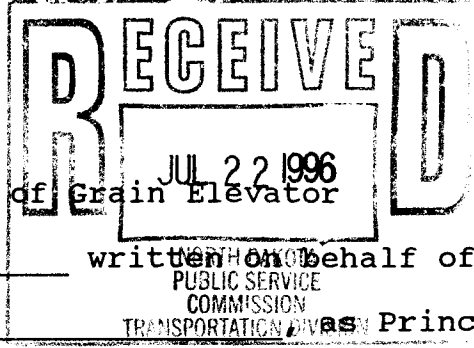
*Jacqui Wacker*  
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT



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OBLIGEE

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator

Warehouseman's Bond No. BNS 145 82 12

written on behalf of

BTR Farmers Co-op - Churchs Ferry, ND

NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION  
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION  
as Principal,

to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND, as Obligee, issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, as Surety, with liability commencing July 1, 19 94. \*

EFFECTIVE August 1, 19 96, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~INCREASED~~ / **DECREASED**

From:

Six hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 670,000.00-----)

To:

Six hundred forty thousand and No/100ths----- (\$ 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 24th day of June, 19 96.

BTR Farmers Co-op

(Principal)

By: [Signature]  
(Title)

ACCEPTED by ND  
Public Service Comm.

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By: [Signature]  
(Title)

By: [Signature]  
Jacqi Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

\* Effective 8/1/96, American Casualty Company of Reading, PA assumes the liability of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ and changes the bond number. An Assumption of Liability Certificate has been completed. See attached copy.

INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF )  
COUNTY OF ) ss:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_ executed the same in his individual capacity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

COPARTNERSHIP

STATE OF )  
COUNTY OF ) ss:

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ to me known and known to me to be one of the firm of \_\_\_\_\_ described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he/she thereupon acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as and for the act and deed of said firm.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

CORPORATE

STATE OF )  
COUNTY OF ) ss:

On this 17th day of JULY, 1996 before me personally appeared ROBERT D. Tzimas to me known, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say that he/she resides in CANDLER ND; that he/she is the PRESIDENT of BTR FARMERS COOP the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he/she knows the corporate seal of said corporation; that the corporate seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order and authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that he/she signed his/her name thereto by like order and authority.

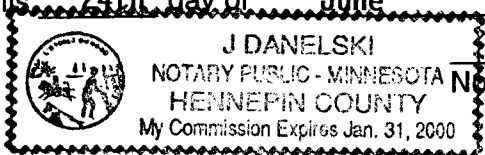
[Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Randy [Signature] ND  
8-4-98

SURETY

STATE OF Minnesota )  
COUNTY OF Hennepin ) ss:

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

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 24th day of June A.D. 19 96.



[Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania



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POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men by these Presents, That AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and having its principal office in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, does hereby make, constitute and appoint Jacci Wacker, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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In Witness Whereof, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA has caused these presents to be signed by its Group Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 10th day of May, 1995

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA



[Signature of M.C. Vonnahme]

M.C. Vonnahme Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 10th day of May, 1995, 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 AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, the corporation 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.



[Signature of Linda C. Dempsey]

My Commission Expires October 19, 1998 Linda C. Dempsey Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, George R. Hobaugh, Assistant Secretary of 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 Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws of the Company and the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in said Power of Attorney are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Company this 24th day of June, 1996



[Signature of George R. Hobaugh]

George R. Hobaugh Assistant Secretary