

ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

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

Principal: North Central Grain CoOp PO Box 8 Bisbee, ND 58317

Effective 08/01/2004 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 141544977

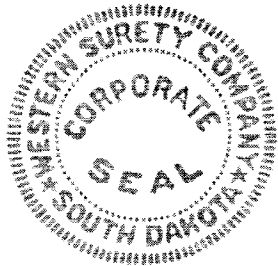
executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA (\$855,000)

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

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

INCREASE OR DECREASE RIDER

This Rider forms a part of **Bond No. 141544977** issued by

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PA
(Surety)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
(Obligee)

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on behalf of **NORTH CENTRAL GRAIN COOPERATIVE**
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of AUGUST, 1996

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:

*****One Million One Hundred Thousand AND NO/100 Dollars*** Dollars (\$***1,100,000.00***)**

To:

*****Eight Hundred Fifty Five Thousand AND NO/100 Dollars*** Dollars (\$***855,000.00***)**

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 15th day of JULY, 1999.

NORTH CENTRAL GRAIN COOPERATIVE
(Principal)

By: Daryl Stevens
(Title)

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PA

By: Irma Vandelac
Irma Vandelac (Attorney-in-Fact)

Accepted:

By: Susan A. Richter
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

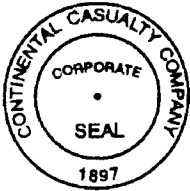
their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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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 22nd day of February, 1999.



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 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.



Handwritten signature of Mary Jo Abel

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 15th day of JULY, 1999.



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."

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. 141544977 issued by

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY

(Surety)

ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

(Obligee)

on behalf of NORTH CENTRAL GRAIN COOP

(Principal)

dated the 1ST day of AUGUST, 1995

Effective the 11TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1998

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

From:

ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars
(\$1,135,000)

To:

ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars (\$1,100,000)

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 14TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1998.

NORTH CENTRAL GRAIN COOP

(Principal)

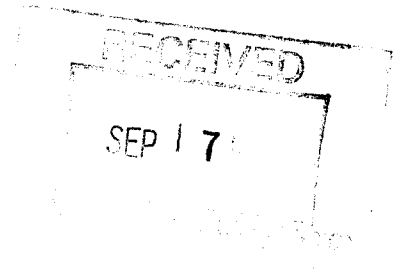
By: *[Signature]*
(Title)

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY

By: *[Signature]*
(Attorney)

Accepted:

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

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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 14th day of September, 1998



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:

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:

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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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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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 1203028

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA
BOND NO. 141544977

ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

OBLIGEE: ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GRAIN ELEVATOR DIVISION
600 EAST BLVD - CAP BLDG
BISMARCK, ND 58505-0165

PRINCIPAL: NORTH CENTRAL GRAIN COOPERATIVE - BISBEE, ND \$1,135,000. BOND

THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY ON BOND NUMBER BND 1203028 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. 141544977 FOR LIABILITY ACCRUED UNDER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1203028.

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: _____

Lois E. Wynne
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT



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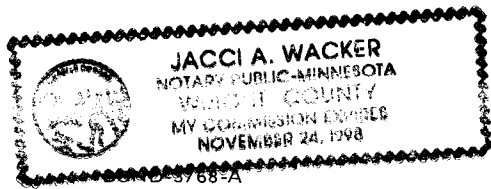
OBLIGEE

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 21st day of July 1994, 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



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

My commission expires _____

**American Casualty Company
of Reading, Pennsylvania**



For All the Commitments You Make®

Offices/Chicago, Illinois

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 Lois E. Wynecoop, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minneapolis

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

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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.

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 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 such 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."

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 this 25th day of October, 1994.

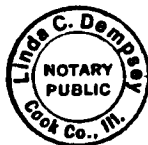
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

State of Illinois }
County of Cook } ss



[Signature]
M.C. Vonnahme Group Vice President.

On this 25th day of October, 1994, 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]
Linda C. Dempsey Notary Public.
My Commission Expires October 19, 1998

CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING PENNSYLVANIA, do certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that Section 2 of the 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 11th day of July, 1996.



[Signature]
John M. Littler Assistant Secretary.

**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

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This endorsement forms a part of North Dakota Warehouseman's Bond
Bond No. BND 120 30 28 issued by **FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY**
OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY to State of North Dakota - Public Service Commission
on behalf of North Central Grain Cooperative, Bisbee, ND
(Obligee)
(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:

One Million and No/100----- (\$ 1,000,000.00---)

To:

One Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand & No/100 (\$ 1,135,000.00---)

as of the 1st day of August, 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 21st day of July 1994.

North Central Grain Cooperative

Principal

By: x Eldred Dahlund Secy
Title

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

Surety

Accepted:

By: Suzanne R. [Signature]
Title

By: M.E. Hygrell
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 Secretaries this 20 day of June, 1994.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

J. H. Tanner, Vice President



By

Matthew Klimczak, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

ss.:

On this 20 day of June, 1994, before me personally came Matthew Klimczak, 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 January 31, 1998

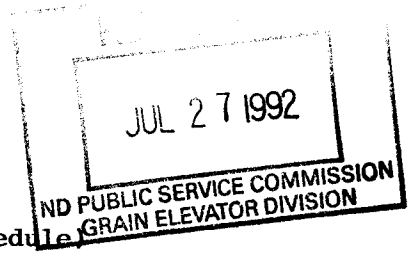
I, the undersigned, an Assistant Secretary of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, a New Jersey corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, 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 21st day of July, 1994.



W. W. Cowling, Assistant Secretary

Endorsement



Endorsement #3 - Delete Location (See attached schedule)

Form _____ Date, _____ 19 _____

This endorsement forms a part of North Dakota Warehouseman's Bond Bond

no. BND 120 30 28 issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
 (Surety Company)

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

on behalf of North Central Grain Cooperative, Bisbee, ND
 (Principal)

in the amount of One Million and No/100-----(\$1,000,000.00)----- Dollars

Effective 8-1-92, the following location is hereby deleted from the captioned bond:

CROCUS, NORTH DAKOTA (119,000 BU.)

All other terms and conditions of the bond are to remain as heretofore written.

Signed, sealed and dated this 15th day of July, 19 92.

North Central Grain Cooperative
Principal

By: Charles L. Peterson Pres.
Title

Accepted:
X By: Susan K. Richter
North Dakota Public
Service Commission

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
Surety

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

Location to be covered

Storage Capacity

Bisbee	603,000 Bu.
Perth	822,000 Bu.
Egeland	115,000 Bu.
Agate	355,000 Bu.
Armourdale	112,000 Bu.
Rock Lake	508,000 Bu.
Rolette	141,000 Bu.

+ 300,000 Temp - 923,000

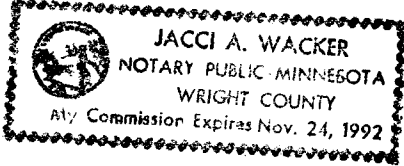
2,656,000

2,976,000

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ss.:

On this 15th day of July 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



BOND-3768-A

Jacci 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

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 15th day of July, 19 92.



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



ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE

Endorsement #2 - Decrease

This endorsement forms a part of North Dakota Warehouseman's Bond
Bond No. BND 120 30 28 issued by **FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY**
OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY to North Dakota Public Service Commission
(Obligee)
on behalf of North Central Grain Cooperative, Bisbee, 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:
One Million Twenty Thousand and No/100----- (\$ 1,020,000.00---)

To:
One Million and No/100----- (\$ 1,000,000.00---)

as of the 1st day of August, 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 15th day of July 1992.

North Central Grain Cooperative
Principal

X BY: Charles L. [Signature] Pres.
Title

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
Surety

Accepted:

X BY: Susan K. [Signature]
North Dakota Public Title
Service Commission

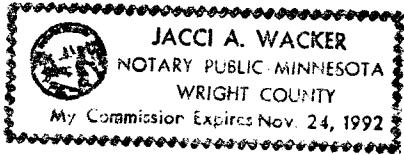
By: M.E. Hygrell
M.E. Hygrell Attorney

MINNESOTA

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ss.:

On this 15th day of July 1992, before me personally appeared M. F. 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



Jacci A. Wacker
(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 15th day of July, 19 92.



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



ENDORSEMENT #1

Form

Date, 19

This endorsement forms a part of **ND Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond** Bond
 no. 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 **North Central Grain Cooperative, Bisbee, ND**
(Principal)
 in the amount of **Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100-----** Dollars
 effective **August 1st, 1991.**

In consideration of ~~reduced~~ ^(additional) premium of **Three Hundred and No/100-----**
 ----- **(\$ 300.00-----)** Dollars it is understood and agreed that
 the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby ~~decreased~~ ^(increased) to **One Million Twenty
 Thousand and No/100-----** **(\$ 1,020,000.00--)** Dollars
 as of the **1st** day of **August** 19 **91** but in no event shall the aggregate liability, embodied in this bond,
 exceed **Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100-----**
(\$ 960,000.00--) Dollars prior to the effective date of this endorsement, or **One Million Twenty
 Thousand and No/100-----** **(\$ 1,020,000.00)** 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 **9th** day of **September** 19 **91**

North Central Grain Cooperative
 Principal
 By: Charles Letour - Pres.
 Title

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ
 Surety
 By: M. E. Hygrell
 M. E. Hygrell Attorney

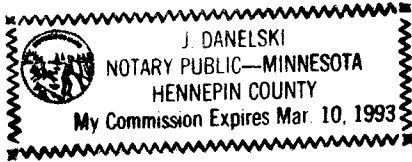
Accepted:
Susan N. Richter

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 9th day of September 1991, 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

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M. E. Hygrell of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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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



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

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J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President