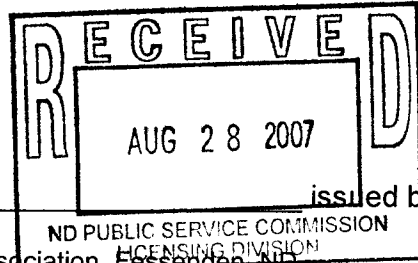


ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141544400 issued by
Western Surety Company to Fessenden Cooperative Association, Fessenden, ND
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of State of North Dakota PSC
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996.

Effective 20th day of August, 2007.

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

From:

One million three hundred fifty thousand and no/100----- Dollars (\$ 1,350,000)

To:

One million three hundred seventy thousand and no/100---- Dollars (\$ 1,370,000)

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 20th day of August, 2007.

Fessenden Cooperative Association
(Principal)

By: Tom Bark Vice Pres
(Title)

Western Surety Company

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

Accepted:

By: Tom Bark Vice Pres
(Title)

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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

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

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

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

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



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

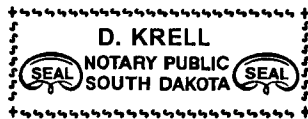
Paul T. Bruflat

Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

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My commission expires
November 30, 2012



D. Krell

D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 20th day of August, 2007.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

L. Nelson

L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

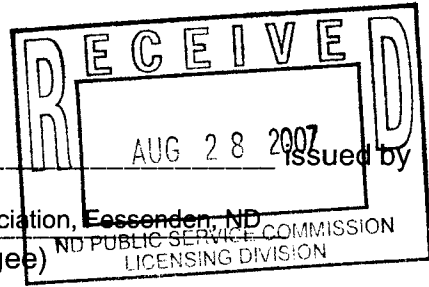
Authorizing By-Law

ADOPTED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Western Surety Company to Fessenden Cooperative Association, Fessenden, ND
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of State of North Dakota PSC
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996

Effective 19th day of October, 2006

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

From:

One Million Three Hundred Thousand and No/100----- Dollars (\$ 1,300,000)

To:

One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100---- Dollars (\$ 1,350,000)

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 19th day of October, 2006

Fessenden Cooperative Association
(Principal)

By: [Signature]
(Title)

Western Surety Company

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

Accepted:

By: [Signature]
TB (Title)

Western Surety Company

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

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In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 1st day of June, 2006.



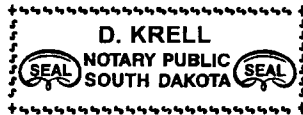
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 1st day of June, 2006, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Senior Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires
November 30, 2006



D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 19th day of October, 2006.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

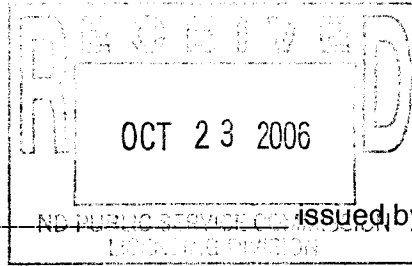
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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Western Surety Company to State of North Dakota PSC
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Association, Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996

Effective 10th day of October, 2006

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

From:

One Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand and No/100----- Dollars (\$ 1,240,000)

To:

One Million Three Hundred Thousand and No/100----- Dollars (\$ 1,300,000)

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 10th day of October, 2006

Fessenden Cooperative Association
(Principal)

By: Jeanne M Buchan Secretary
(Title)

Western Surety Company

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

Accepted:

By: Susan Richter
(Title)

Western Surety Company

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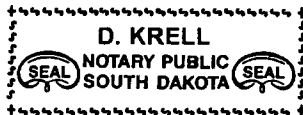
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 1st day of June, 2006, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Senior Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires
November 30, 2006



D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

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WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

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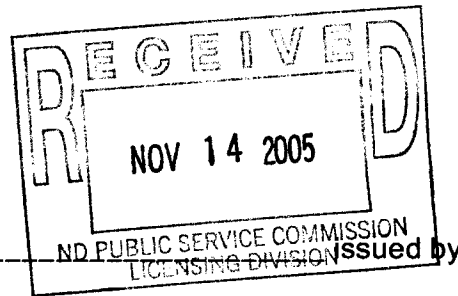
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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Western Surety Company to State of North Dakota PSC
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn., Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996.

Effective 26th day of October, 2005.

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

From:

One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,150,000)

To:

One Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$ \$1,240,000)

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 26th day of October, 2005.

Fessenden Cooperative Assn.
(Principal)

By: *Jerome S. Szymanski*
(Title) Secretary

Western Surety Company

By: *Jayne M. Beckman*
(Attorney-In Fact)

Accepted:

By: *Susan K. Ruiters*
(Title)

Western Surety Company

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In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 15th day of March, 2004.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

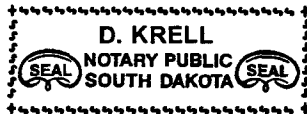
Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

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My commission expires

November 30, 2006



D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

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WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

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Western Surety Company to State of North Dakota
(Surety) (Obligee)

on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn, Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996

Effective 11th day of October, 2004

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

From:

One Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,120,000)

To:

One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,150,000)

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

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Signed, sealed and dated this 11th day of October, 2004

Fessenden Cooperative Assn
(Principal)

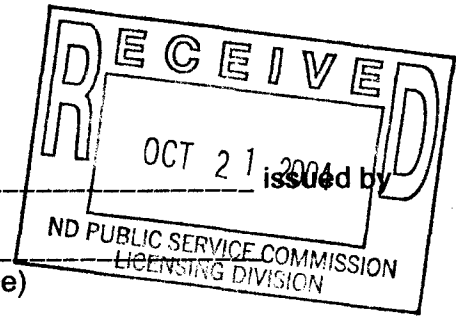
By: Mark Howard Mgr.
(Title)

Western Surety Company

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

Accepted:

By: Susan K. Richter
(Title)



Western Surety Company

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WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

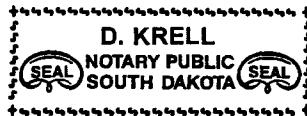
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Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

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November 30, 2006



D. Krell
D. Krell, Notary Public

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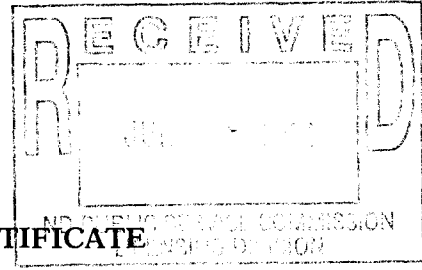
L. Nelson
L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

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ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

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

Principal: Fessenden Cooperative Association PO Box 126 Fessenden, ND 58438

Effective 08/01/2004 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 141544400

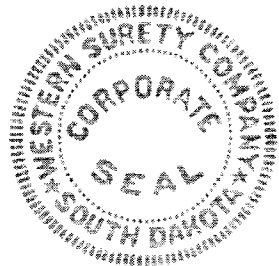
executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA (\$1,120,000)

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:

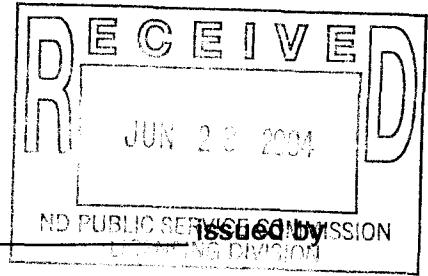
1. That the liability of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY under said bond (a) shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and warranties contained in said bond and any amendment thereto or agreement between the Obligee and the Company affecting the same; and (b) shall in no event be greater than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

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141544400

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

on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn, Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996.

Effective 5th day of May, 2004.

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

INCREASED **DECREASED**

Adding New Rockford, ND Location

From:

Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$ 980,000.00)

To:

One Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$ 1,120,000.00)

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 5th day of May, 2004.

Fessenden Cooperative Assn
(Principal)

X By: Jeanne M. Buchan
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By: Jeanne M. Buchan
(Attorney)

Accepted:

By: Suzanne A. Richter
(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, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

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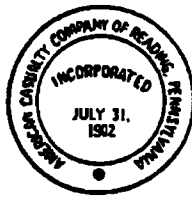
of Inver Grove Heights, MN, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Senior Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 15th day of March, 2004.



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

Michael Gengler
Michael Gengler Senior Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 15th day of March, 2004, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Senior Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois corporation, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, a Connecticut corporation, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation 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 September 17, 2006

Eliza Price
Eliza Price Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, an Illinois corporation, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, a Connecticut corporation, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania corporation do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this

5th day of *May*, *2004*



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.”

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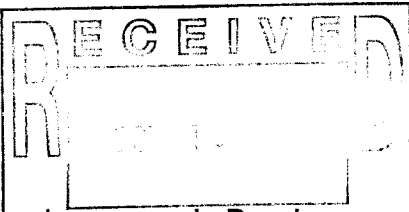
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD:

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

This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141544400 written on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn, as Principal, to the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND, as Oblige, issued by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1, 19 96.

Effective October 10th, 2003, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand----- (\$ 280,000.00)

to:

One Million Fifty Thousand----- (\$ 1,050,000.00)

Effective January 10, 20 04, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

One Million Fifty Thousand----- (\$ 1,050,000.00)

to:

Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand----- (\$ 980,000.00)

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 10th day of October, 20 03.

Fessenden Cooperative Assn.
BY: Mark Heckard (Principal)
Mgr
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
BY: Jeanne Buchan
Jeanne Buchan, Attorney-In-Fact

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

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

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

of St. Paul, Minnesota
their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature
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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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

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



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

Michael Gengler

Michael Gengler Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

Eileen T. Pachuta Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this 10th day of October, 2003



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

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

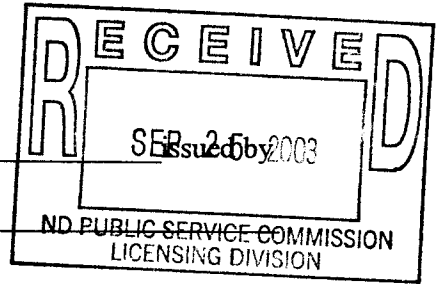
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**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141544400

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



on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn., Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996

Effective 4th day of September, 2003

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

From:

Nine Hundred Forty Five Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 945,000.00)

To:

Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 980,000.00)

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 4th day of September, 2003

Fessenden Cooperative Assn.

(Principal)

By: Mark Hubbard Mgr.
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By: Jeanne Buchan
Jeanne Buchan (Attorney) in-Fact

Accepted:

By: Susan K. Richter
(Title)

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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

of St. Paul, Minnesota
their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature
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In Witness Whereof, the CNA Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 7th day of September, 2001.



Continental Casualty Company
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Michael Gengler

Michael Gengler

Group Vice President

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My Commission Expires June 5, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

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

Mary A. Ribikawskis

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Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

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**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141544400 issued by

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

on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn., Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996

Effective 18th day of August, 2003

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

From:

Nine Hundred Thirty Five Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 935,000.00)

To:

Nine Hundred Forty^{Five} Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 945,000.00)

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

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Signed, sealed and dated this 18th day of August, 2003

Fessenden Cooperative Assn.
(Principal)

By: Mark Harland Mgr
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

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

Accepted:

By: Sueann K. Richter
(Title)

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My Commission Expires June 5, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

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Notary Public

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

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Assistant Secretary

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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~~

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141544400

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

on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn., Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996

Effective 4th day of October, 2002

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

From:

Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand-----Dollars (\$ 920,000)

To:

Nine Hundred Thirty Five Thousand----- Dollars (\$935,000)

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 4th day of October, 2002

Fessenden Cooperative Assn.
(Principal)

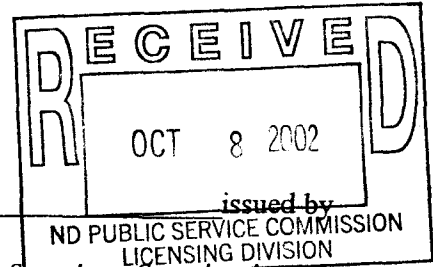
By: *Donald W. Ramsey*
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

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

Accepted:

By: *Susan M. Richter*
(Title)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania (herein called "the CNA Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signatures and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

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

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

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

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



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

Michael Gengler

Michael Gengler

Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

Eileen T. Pachuta

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporations printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have herunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporations this 4th day of October, 2002.



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:

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ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE

~~OR DECREASE~~

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141544400 issued by

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

on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn., Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

dated the 5th day of June, ~~2001~~ 2002

Effective 1st day of June, ~~2001~~ 2002

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

INCREASED/DECREASED

From:

Eight Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00)

To:

Nine Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$ 920,000.00)

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 5th day of June, ~~2001~~ 2002

Fessenden Cooperative Assn.
(Principal)

By: *Laverne Johnson Pres.*
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

Accepted:

By: *Jeanne M. Buchan*
Jeanne M. Buchan (Attorney) in-fact

By: _____
(Title)

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

of St. Paul, Minnesota
their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on their behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature
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and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of their corporations and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given is hereby ratified and confirmed.

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



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Michael Gengler

Michael Gengler Group Vice President

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On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

Eileen T. Pachuta Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

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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

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General Purpose Rider

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO BE ATTACHED TO and form part of Bond Number 141544400 issued by the _____

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

as Surety, on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Assn.

of Fessenden, ND

_____, hereinafter referred to as the Principal, and

in favor of State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission

of Bismarck, ND

_____, hereinafter referred to as the Obligee, in the sum of

Eight Hundred Seventy Five Thousand

Dollars (\$875,000.00), effective the 1st day of August, 1996.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed that Carrington, ND is an added location to the Bond

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that all other terms and conditions of this bond shall remain unchanged.

THIS RIDER IS TO BE EFFECTIVE the 20th day of September, 2001.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 20th day of September, 2001.

Accepted By:

By: _____
Fessenden Cooperative Assn.
(Principal)
By: *David W. Perry* (Seal) X

By: _____
American Casualty Company of Reading, PA
(Surety)
By: *Jeanne M. Buchan* (Seal)
Jeanne M. Buchan Attorney-in-fact

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National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford
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Michael Gengler

Michael Gengler Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 7th day of September, 2001, before me personally came Michael Gengler to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of Continental Casualty Company, National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, and American Casualty Company of Reading, Pennsylvania described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires June 5, 2004

Eileen T. Pachuta

Eileen T. Pachuta Notary Public

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Continental Casualty Company
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Mary A. Ribikawskis

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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.

"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. 141544400 issued by

American Casualty Company

(Surety)

State of North Dakota Public Service Commission

(Obligee)

on behalf of Fessenden Coop Assoc.

(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996

Effective the 10th day of September, 1998

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

From:

EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars (\$825,000.00)

To:

EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars (\$875,000.00)

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 10TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1998.

FESSENDEN COOP ASSOC

(Principal)

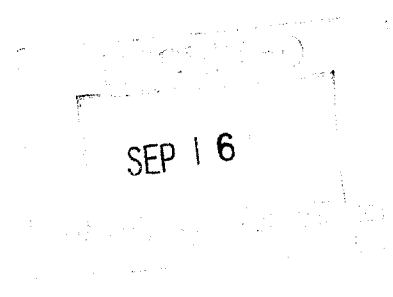
By: David W. Rossignol Gen Mgr.
(Title)

American Casualty Company

By: Irma Vandelaar
(Attorney)

Accepted:

By: Susan H. Richter
(Title)



CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of MINNESOTA

} SS:

County of RAMSEY

On this ELEVENTH day of SEPTEMBER, 1998, before me personally come IRMA VANDELAC to me know, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that s/he resides in WEST ST. PAUL, MN, that s/he is the Attorney In Fact of the AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that s/he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of the said corporation, and that s/he signed his/her name to the said instrument by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.



Mary Loritz
Notary Public

My Commission expires Jan. 31, 2000

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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

of St. Paul, Minnesota

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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 1st day of January, 1996.



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

[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.



[Signature of Linda C. Dempsey]

My Commission Expires October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 1998.



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

[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.

"Article IX—Execution of Documents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE
OR DECREASE**

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141544400 issued by

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA to

(Surety)

State of North Dakota Public Service Commission

(Obligee)

on behalf of Fessenden Co-op Association

(Principal)

dated the 1st day of August, 1996.

Effective the 17th day of December, 1997.

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

From:

Eight Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (**\$825,000**)

To:

Eight Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (**\$840,000**)

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 17th day of December, 1997.

Fessenden Co-op Association

(Principal)

By: David W. Ross
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

By: Irma Vandeker
(Attorney)

Accepted:

By: Susan K. Richter
(Title)

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

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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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the CNA Sureties Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 1st day of January, 1996

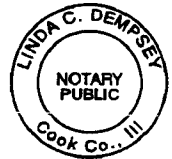


CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

M.C. Vonnahme Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 1st day of January, 1996, before me personally came M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



My Commission Expires October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, John M. Littler, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 17th day of December, 97.



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

John M. Littler Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

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

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

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CNA SURETY COMPANIES

700 Piper Jaffray Tower, 222 South 9th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55440

Minneapolis Branch
Phone 612-336-2500
Fax 612-336-2557

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ Bond No. BND 1203879

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA Bond No. 141544400

ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

Obligee: **State of North Dakota Public Service Commission**

Principal: **Fessenden Co-op Association** **FESSENDEN, ND** **\$825,000. BOND**

This certificate assumes liability on Bond Number BND 1203879 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, PA, in consideration of the agreements and covenants 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, PA 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, PA.
3. That this certificate assumes liability under American Casualty Company of Reading, PA Bond No. 141544400 for liability accrued under Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ Bond No. BND 1203879.

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

BY: Lori L. Robinson
Lori L. Robinson, Attorney-In-Fact



For All the Commitments You Make®

**American Casualty Company
of Reading, Pennsylvania**



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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 Lori L. Robinson, 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 _____

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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.

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

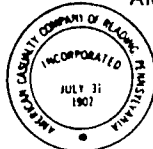
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This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 17th day of February, 1993.

"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."

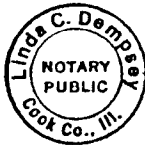
In Witness Whereof, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA has caused these presents to be signed by its Group Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 25th day of October, 1994.

State of Illinois }
County of Cook } ss



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.



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.



John M. Littler
Assistant Secretary.



**Continental
Insurance**

ENDORSEMENT #4

OCT 12 1994

This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 120 38 79

Written on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Association, Fessenden, ND

(Principal)

to State of North Dakota - Public Service Commission

(Obligee)

issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

(Surety Company)

with liability commencing August 1,, 1991.

EFFECTIVE August 25,, 1994, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100--Dollars(\$825,000.00---)

to:

Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and No/100-- Dollars(\$865,000.00---)

EFFECTIVE December 31,, 1994, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and No/100--Dollars(\$865,000.00---)

to:

Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100--Dollars(\$825,000.00---)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 26th day of August 1994.

Fessenden Cooperative Association

Principal

By: Svenet Johnson President
Title

Accepted:

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

Surety

By: Stewart Rupter
Title

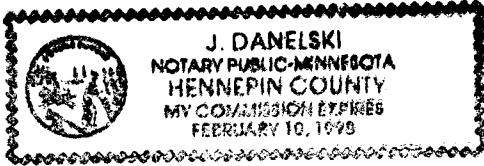
By: M.E. Hygrell
M.E. Hygrell Attorney

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin SS.:

On this 26th day of August 19 94, before me personally appeared M.E. Hygrell, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he reside(s) at Minneapolis, Mn; that he is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that he know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that he signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

Surety
Company
Acknowledgment



BOND-3768-A

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

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

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

M. E. Hygrell of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

All Obligees

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

Unlimited Dollars

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 13th day of January, 1989:

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 29 day of January, 19 90

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

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

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

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 26th day of August, 19 94



J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

ENDORSEMENT #3

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This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 120 38 79 written on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Association, Fessenden, ND to (Principal) the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission - Bismarck, ND (Obligee) issued by Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ with liability (Surety) commencing August 1st, , 19 91 .

EFFECTIVE September 13th, , 19 93 , it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100----- Dollars (\$ 825,000.00---)

to:

Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and No/100----- Dollars (\$ 845,000.00---)

EFFECTIVE December 1st, , 19 93 , it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and No/100----- Dollars (\$ 845,000.00---)

to:

Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100----- Dollars (\$ 825,000.00---)

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 14th day of September , 19 93 .

Fessenden Cooperative Association

(Principal)

By: Lester Johnson President (Title)

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

By: M.E. Hygrell (Attorney)
M.E. Hygrell

ACCEPTED by
ND Public Service
Commission

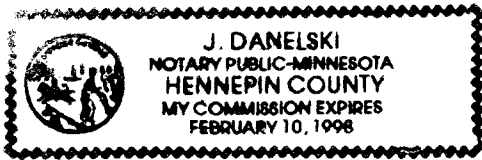
By: Susan K. Richter
(Title)

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin SS.:

On this 14th day of September 19 93, 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)

My commission expires _____

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

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

M. E. Hygrell of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

All Obligees

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

Unlimited Dollars

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 13th day of January, 1989:

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 29 day of January, 19 90

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }

COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

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

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

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 14th day of September, 19 93.



J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President

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ENDORSEMENT #2

This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 120 38 79

Written on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Association, Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

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

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

with liability commencing August 1st,, 19 91.

EFFECTIVE November 20,, 19 92, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100--- Dollars(\$825,000.00---)

to:
Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and No/100---- Dollars(\$845,000.00----)

EFFECTIVE January 20,, 19 93, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and No/100--- Dollars(\$845,000.00---)

to:
Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100-- Dollars(\$825,000.00---)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 17th day of November, 19 92.

Fessenden Cooperative Association
Principal

By: Everett Johnson President
Title

Accepted:

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ
Surety

By: Susan K. Richter
North Dakota Public Title
Service Commission

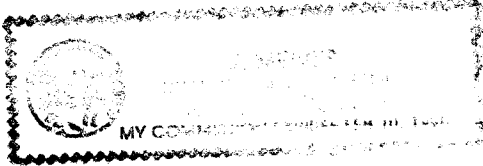
By: M.E. Hygell
M.E. Hygell, Attorney

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin, ss.:

On this 17th day of November 19 92, 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. Meines
(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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its true and lawful attorney, for it and in its name, place, and stead to execute on behalf of the said Company, as surety, bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship to be given to

All Obligees

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

Unlimited Dollars

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY at a meeting duly called and held on the 13th day of January, 1989:

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 29 day of January, 19 90

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

D.L. Banta, Assistant Vice President



By

Emil B. Askew, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

On this 29 day of January, 1990, before me personally came Emil B. Askew, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

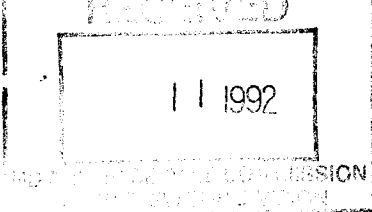
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Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 17th day of November, 19 92.



J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President



ENDORSEMENT # 1

This endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 120 38 79

Written on behalf of Fessenden Cooperative Association, Fessenden, ND
(Principal)

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

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

with liability commencing August 1st,, 1991.

EFFECTIVE August 20,, 1992, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

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Signed, sealed and dated this 20th day of August 1992.

Fessenden Cooperative Association
Principal

By: *Amanda Johnson* President
Title

Firemen's Insurance Company
of Newark, New Jersey
Surety

Accepted:

By: *Susan H Richter*
North Dakota Public Service Commission Title

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

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin -SS-:

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Surety
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Acknowledgment



BOND-3768-A

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(Notary Public in and for the above County and State)

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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 }

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CERTIFICATE

Gloria D. Seekins

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

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J. Dennis Lane

J. Dennis Lane, Assistant Vice President