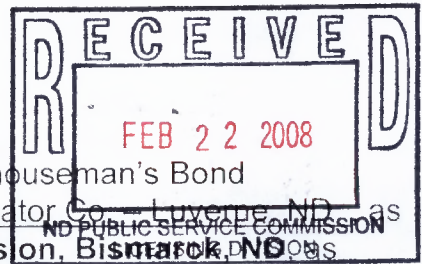


ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Effective February 1st, 20 08, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Two hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 295,000.00)

Effective February 29th, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Two hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 295,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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 31st day of January, 20 08.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.

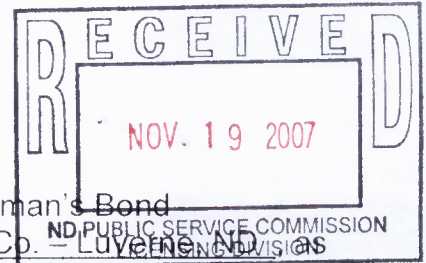
BY: Ronald Kunge President
(Principal) (Title)

Western Surety Company

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Jusan K. Richter
(Title)



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Effective November 8th, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Four hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 420,000.00)

to:

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

Effective February 1st, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

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

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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

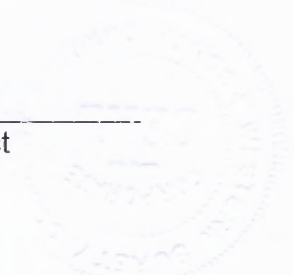
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 6th day of November, 20 07.

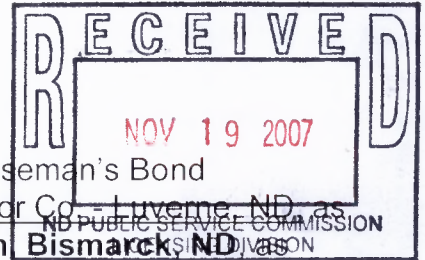
Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
BY: Ronald Kump Pres.
(Principal)
(Title)

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

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



ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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

Three hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 360,000.00)

to:

Four hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 420,000.00)

Effective February 1st, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Four hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 420,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 29th day of October, 20 07.

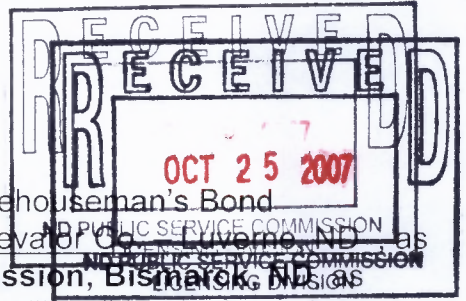


Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
(Principal)
BY: Ronald Rung Pres.
(Title)

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

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

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Effective October 12th, 20 07, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Three hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 360,000.00)

Effective February 1st, 20 08, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 360,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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 9th day of October, 20 07.

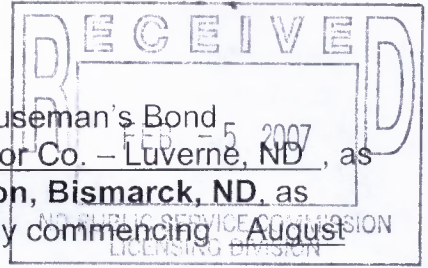
Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
BY: Ronald Kung (Principal)
(Title)

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

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



ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Two hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 285,000.00)

Effective April 1st, 20 07, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Two hundred eighty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 285,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 29th day of December, 20 06.

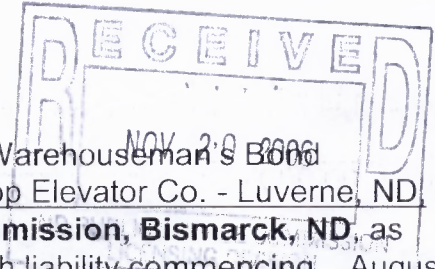
Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
BY: [Signature] (Principal)
Pres (Title)

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

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



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Effective October 30th, 20 06, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED** from:

Three hundred forty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 340,000.00)

to:

Three hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 380,000.00)

Effective January 1st, 20 07, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Three hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 380,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 30th day of October, 20 06.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.

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

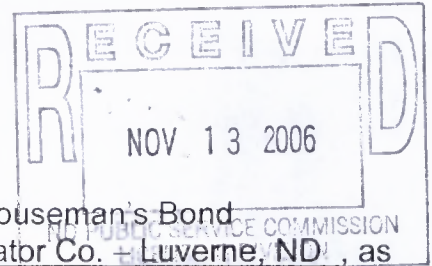
Western Surety Company

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: [Signature]
(Title)

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Effective October 23rd, 20 06, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Three hundred forty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 340,000.00)

Effective January 1st, 20 07, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred forty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 340,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 20th day of October, 20 06.



Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.

BY: Mary Nelson (Principal)
President (Title)

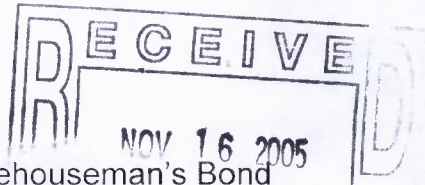
Western Surety Company

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan Richter
(Title)

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Effective October 24th, 20 05, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Three hundred ten thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 310,000.00)

Effective January 1st, 20 06, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred ten thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 310,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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 October, 20 05.



Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.

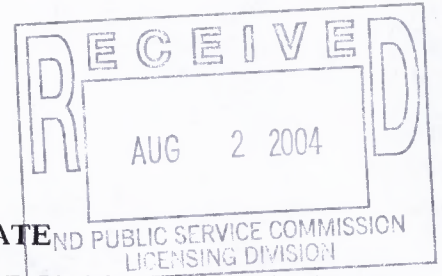
BY: Darwin Hauge (Principal) President (Title)

Western Surety Company

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan K. Richter
(Title)



ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

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

Principal: Luverne Farmers Co-Op Elevator Co. PO Box 156 Luverne, ND 58056

Effective 08/01/04 this Certificate assumes liability on Bond Number 14155 30 50

executed and previously filed by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA (\$260,000)

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:

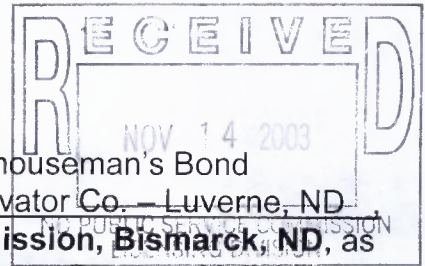
- 1. That the liability of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY under said bond (a) shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, limitations and warranties contained in said bond and any amendment thereto or agreement between the Obligee and the Company affecting the same; and (b) shall in no event be greater 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 28th day of July, 2004.



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

Certified Mail No. 7003-1680-0002-0652-6819

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Effective October 24th, 20 03, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Two hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 295,000.00)

to:

Three hundred thirty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 335,000.00)

Effective December 30th, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Three hundred thirty-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 335,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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

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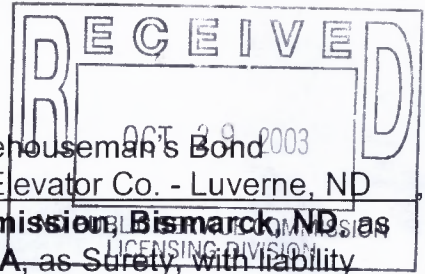
Signed, sealed and dated this 27th day of October, 20 03.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
BY: [Signature] President
(Principal)
(Title)

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

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

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Two hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 295,000.00)

Effective December 30th, 20 03, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Two hundred ninety-five thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 295,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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 21st day of October, 20 03.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
BY: [Signature] (Principal)
(Title)

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

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

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Effective October 23rd, 20 00, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Two hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 270,000.00)

to:

Two hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 280,000.00)

Effective December 31st, 20 00, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Two hundred eighty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 280,000.00)

to:

Two hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 270,000.00)

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

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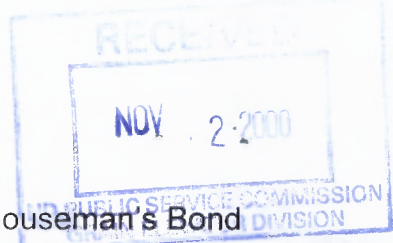
Signed, sealed and dated this 27th day of October, 20 00.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
(Principal)
BY: Ronald Kungz Pres
(Title)

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Susan H. Reuter
(Title)

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



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Effective October 19th, 20 00, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Two hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 270,000.00)

Effective March 31st, 20 01, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Two hundred seventy thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 270,000.00)


to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

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 19th day of October, 20 00.

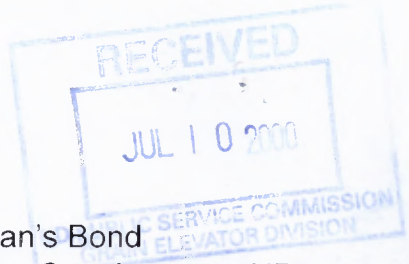
Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co. 
BY: Ronald Kump (Principal)
Pres. (Title)

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: Joan A. Rubite
(Title)



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Effective August 1st, 20 00, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED /-DECREASED-**

From:

Two hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 250,000.00----)

To:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00----)

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 16th day of June, 20 00.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.

BY: Ronald Kuzg (Principal)
pres. (Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

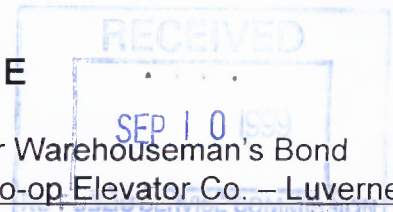
BY: Jacci Wacker
Jacci Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan Richter
(Title)



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Effective August 25th, 19 99, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Two hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 250,000.00)

to:

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

Effective December 31st, 19 99, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Two hundred sixty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 260,000.00)

to:

Two hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 250,000.00)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 25th day of August, 19 99.

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

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

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

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

From:

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 500,000.00----)

To:

Two hundred fifty thousand and No/100ths-----(\$ 250,000.00----)

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.

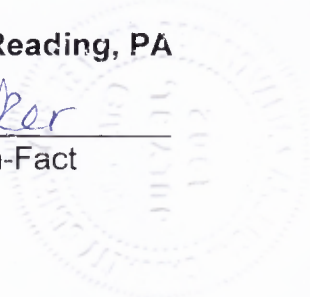
Signed, sealed and dated this 28th day of July, 19 99.

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

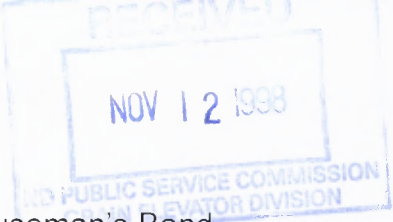
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Jacqui Wacker, Attorney-In-Fact

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: Susan J. Ruppel
(Title)



ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553050 written on behalf of Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co. - Luverne, ND, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1st, 19 96.

Effective October 22nd, 19 98, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

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

to:

Five hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 520,000.00)

Effective December 31st, 19 98, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

Five hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths (\$ 520,000.00)

to:

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths (\$ 500,000.00)

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

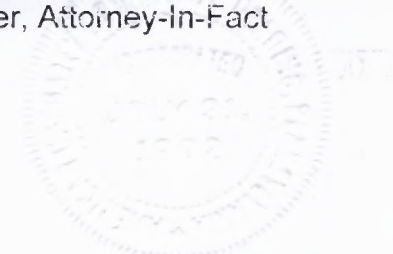
Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any of the provisions, conditions or other terms of this bond except as above stated.

Signed, sealed and dated this 2nd day of November, 19 98.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.
BY: [Signature] (Principal)
President (Title)

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission
BY: [Signature]
Susan 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, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CCC Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint T. P. Killeen, Ross G. Sinclair, Annette K. Rengel, Lori L. Robinson, Lois E. Wynecoop, J. Danelski, Douglas L. Miller, Mike Eberhardy, Jacci Wacker, Individually

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

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the CCC Surety Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 12th day of October, 1998.



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

Marvin J. Cashion

Marvin J. Cashion Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:
On this 12th day of October, 1998, before me personally came Marvin J. Cashion, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



Mary Jo Abel

My Commission Expires March 6, 2000 Mary Jo Abel Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 2nd day of November, 1998.



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

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

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

"Article IX—Execution of Documents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

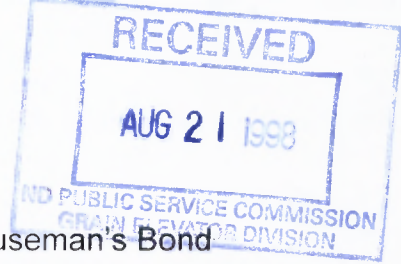
This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Resolution duly adopted on February 17, 1993 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

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

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

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

ENDORSEMENT FOR INCREASE OR DECREASE



This endorsement forms a part of Grain Elevator Warehouseman's Bond No. 141553050 written on behalf of Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co. - Luverne, ND, as Principal, to the **State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission, Bismarck, ND**, as Obligee, issued by **American Casualty Company of Reading, PA**, as Surety, with liability commencing August 1, 19 96.

Effective August 3rd, 19 98, it is understood and agreed that the amount of the above described bond shall be and is hereby **INCREASED from:**

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths (\$ 500,000.00)

to:

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

Effective December 31st, 19 98, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED from:**

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

to:

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths (\$ 500,000.00)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 6th day of August, 19 98.

Luverne Farmers Co-op Elevator Co.

(Principal)

BY: *Raf Jean*
(Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

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

ACCEPTED BY ND
Public Service Commission

BY: *Susan A. Richter*
(Title)



SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Minnesota

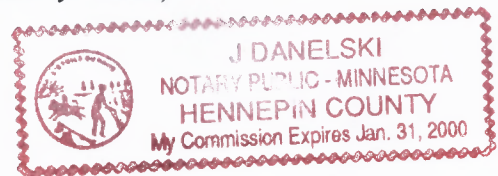
County of Hennepin

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

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 6th day of August A.D. 1998.

J. Danelski

(Notary Public)



POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, a Connecticut corporation, AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation (herein collectively called "the CCC Surety Companies"), are duly organized and existing corporations having their principal offices in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that they do by virtue of the signature and seals herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint J. Danelski, Mike Eberhardy, T. P. Killeen, Douglas L. Miller, Annette K. Rengel, Lori L. Robinson, Ross G. Sinclair, Jaci Wacker, Lois E. Wynecoop, Individually

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

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the CCC Surety Companies have caused these presents to be signed by their Group Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed on this 4th day of November, 1997.



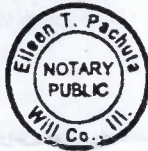
CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD
AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Marvin J. Cashion

Marvin J. Cashion Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Will, ss:

On this 4th day of November, 1997, before me personally came Marvin J. Cashion, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



Eileen T. Pachuta

My Commission Expires June 5, 2000

Eileen T. Pachuta Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary A. Ribikawskis, Assistant Secretary of CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, and AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolution of the Board of Directors of each corporation printed on the reverse hereof are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seals of the said corporations this 6th day of August, 1998.



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

Mary A. Ribikawskis

Mary A. Ribikawskis Assistant Secretary

Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ENDORSEMENT



This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. 141553050

on behalf of Luverne Farmers Coop - Luverne, ND (Principal)

the State of North Dakota, Public Service Commission - Bismarck, ND (Obligee)

issued by American Casualty Company of Reading, PA with liability (Surety)

commencing August 1, 19 96.

EFFECTIVE August 16, 19 96, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

to:

Five hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 520,000.00-----)

EFFECTIVE December 31, 19 96, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

Five hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 520,000.00-----)

to:

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

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

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

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

Luverne Farmers Coop (Principal)

By: [Signature] President (Title)

ACCEPTED by ND Public Service Commission

By: [Signature] (Title)

American Casualty Company of Reading, PA

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

SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of **Minnesota**

County of **Hennepin**

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

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of Minneapolis in said County, this 27th day of August A.D. 1996.

J. Danelski

(Notary Public)





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Office/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 Jacci Wacker, Individually

of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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

- In Unlimited Amounts -

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

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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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 Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President or any Executive, Senior or Group Vice President may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact."

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

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

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

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA



M.C. Vonnahme

M.C. Vonnahme Group Vice President

State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss:

On this 10th day of May, 1995, before me personally came

M. C. Vonnahme, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the Village of Darien, State of Illinois; that he is a Group Vice President of AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said Corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.



Linda C. Dempsey

My Commission Expires October 19, 1998

Linda C. Dempsey

Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, George R. Hobough, Assistant Secretary of AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA, do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that Section 2 of Article VI of the By-Laws of the Company and the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in said Power of Attorney are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Company this 27th day of August, 1996



George R. Hobough

George R. Hobough

Assistant Secretary

CNA INSURANCE COMPANIES



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

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1182749

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA
BOND NO. 141553050

ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY CERTIFICATE

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

PRINCIPAL: LUVERNE FARMERS COOP **\$500,000 Bond**
P.O. BOX 153
LUVERNE, ND 58056

THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY ON BOND NUMBER BND 1182749 EXECUTED AND PREVIOUSLY FILED BY FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COMPANY, IN FAVOR OF THE CAPTIONED OBLIGEE, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1996.

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

BY ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE IT IS AGREED:

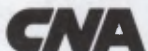
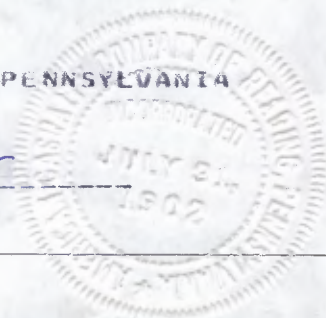
1. THAT LIABILITY OF AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA UNDER SAID BOND (A) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS AND WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED BOND AND ANY AMENDMENT THERETO OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OBLIGEE AND THE COMPANY AFFECTING THE SAME;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

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

3. THAT THIS CERTIFICATE ASSUMES LIABILITY UNDER AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA BOND NO. 141553050 FOR LIABILITY ACCRUED UNDER FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NJ BOND NO. BND 1182749.

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: Jacqui Wacker
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT



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ENDORSEMENT

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 118 27 49 written on behalf of Luverne Farmers Coop - Luverne, 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 May 1, 19 91.

EFFECTIVE August 30, 19 95, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **INCREASED** from:

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

to:

Five hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 520,000.00-----)

EFFECTIVE December 31, 19 95, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

Five hundred twenty thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 520,000.00-----)

to:

Five hundred thousand and No/100ths----- Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

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 31st day of August, 19 95.

Luverne Farmers Coop
(Principal)

By: Mar O. Krumm, mgr
(Title)

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

By: Jacci Wacker
(Attorney)

ACCEPTED by
ND Public Service
Commission
By: Susan Rukter
(Title)

SURETY COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

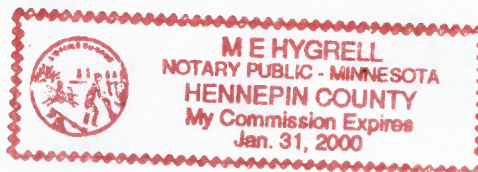
STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

On this 31st day of August 1995, before me personally appeared Jacci Wacker, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that she reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that she is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that she know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that she signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

M.E. Hygrell
(Notary Public)

My commission expires January 31, 2000



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

Jacqi Wacker of Minnetonka, 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

One Million (1,000,000) Dollars

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

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Secretaries this 2 day of March, 1994.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

By

J. H. Tanner, Vice President



Matthew Klimczak, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

ss.:

On this 2 day of March, 1994, before me personally came Matthew Klimczak, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires

January 31, 1998

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

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 31st day of August, 1995.



W. W. Cowling, Assistant Secretary

ENDORSEMENT

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This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 118 27 49 written on behalf of Luverne Farmers Coop - Luverne, 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 May 1, 19 91.

EFFECTIVE September 22, 19 94, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **INCREASED** from:

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100THS-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

to:

FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100THS-----Dollars (\$ 520,000.00-----)

EFFECTIVE December 31, 19 94, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100THS-----Dollars (\$ 520,000.00-----)

to:

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100THS-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

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 23rd day of September, 19 94.

Luverne Farmers Coop

(Principal)

By: *Myron Hengeman* *Pres*
(Title)

ACCEPTED by
ND Public Service
Commission

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

By: *Jacci Wacker*
Jacci Wacker (Attorney)

By: *Susan A. Richter*
(Title)

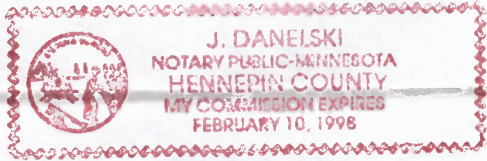
STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin

ss.:

On this 23rd day of September 1994, before me personally appeared Jacci Wacker, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that she reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that she is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that she know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that she signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

Surety
Company
Acknowledgment



BOND-3768-A

J. Daneiski

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

My commission expires 2-10-98

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

Jacci Wacker of Minnetonka, 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

One Million (1,000,000) Dollars

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

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Secretaries this 2 day of March, 1994.

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

J. H. Tanner

J. H. Tanner, Vice President



By

Matthew Klimczak

Matthew Klimczak, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

ss.:

On this 2 day of March, 1994, before me personally came Matthew Klimczak, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

Gloria D. Seekins

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires

January 31, 1998

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

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 23rd day of September, 1994.



W. W. Cowling

W. W. Cowling, Assistant Secretary



ENDORSEMENT

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 118 27 49 written on behalf of Luverne Farmers Coop Elevator Co. - Luverne, 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 May 1, 19 91.

EFFECTIVE October 25, 19 93, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **INCREASED** from:

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

to:

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

EFFECTIVE January 25, 19 94, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is **DECREASED** from:

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

to:

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

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 October, 19 93.

LUVERNE FARMERS COOP ELEVATOR CO.
(Principal)

By: [Signature] Pres
(Title)

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

By: [Signature]
Cheryl M. Kiecker (Attorney)

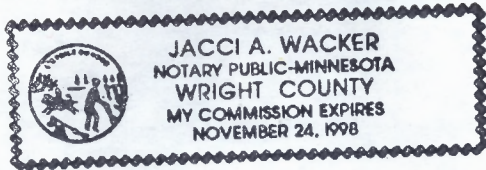
ACCEPTED by
ND Public Service
Commission
By: [Signature]
(Title)

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 26th day of October, 1993, before me personally appeared Cheryl M. Kiecker, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that S he ___ reside(s) at Minnetonka, MN; that S he ___ is ~~not~~ the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that S 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 S he ___ signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

Surety
Company
Acknowledgment



BOND-3768-A

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

My commission expires Nov. 24, 1998

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

Cheryl M. Kiecker of Minnetonka, 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, 1993:

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Secretaries this 14 day of October, 1993
FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Attest:

J. H. Tanner

J. H. Tanner, Vice President



By

Matthew Klimczak

Matthew Klimczak, Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD }

ss.:

On this 14 day of October, 1993, before me personally came Matthew Klimczak, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is a Vice President of the FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.



CERTIFICATE

Gloria D. Seekins

GLORIA D. SEEKINS
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires January 31, 1998

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

Signed and sealed at the town of Farmington, the State of Connecticut. Dated the 26th day of October, 1993.



W. W. Cowling

W. W. Cowling, Assistant Secretary

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ND PUBLIC SERVICE
GRAIN ELEVATOR DIVISION

ENDORSEMENT

This Endorsement forms a part of Bond No. BND 118 27 49 written on behalf of LUVERNE FARMERS COOP ELEVATOR CO. - Luverne, 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 May 1, 19 91.

EFFECTIVE October 12, 19 92, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is INCREASED from:

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

to:

FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100-----Dollars (\$ 525,000.00-----)

EFFECTIVE January 12, 19 93, it is hereby understood and agreed that coverage under the attached bond is DECREASED from:

FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100-----Dollars (\$ 525,000.00-----)

to:

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100-----Dollars (\$ 500,000.00-----)

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

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 29th day of September, 19 92.

Luverne Farmers Coop Elevator Co.
(Principal)

By: Robert Jacobson Pres.
(Title)

ACCEPTED by
ND Public Service
Commission

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ

By: Cheryl M. Gardner
Cheryl M. Gardner (Attorney)

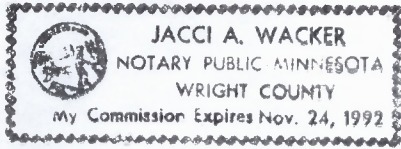
By: Susan K. Richter
(Title)

STATE OF Minnesota

COUNTY OF Hennepin ss.:

On this 29th day of September, 1992, before me personally appeared Cheryl M. Gardner, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that she reside(s) at Minneapolis, MN; that she is/are the Attorney of Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, NJ, the corporation described in and which executed the annexed instrument; that she know(s) the corporate seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation; that she signed the same name(s) thereto by like order; and that the liabilities of said corporation do not exceed its assets as ascertained in the manner provided by law.

Surety
Company
Acknowledgment



BOND-3768-A

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

My commission expires Nov. 24, 1992

Firemen's Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey

180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

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

CHERYL M. GARDNER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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

ALL OBLIGEEES

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

UNLIMITED DOLLARS

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

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

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

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

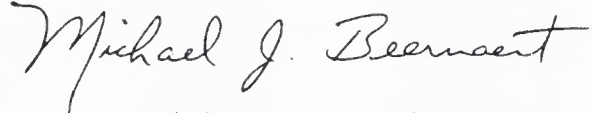
Attest:

FIREMEN'S INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

By



Robert W. Adler, Sr., Assistant Vice President



Michael J. Beernaert, Vice President

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK }

ss.:

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



CERTIFICATE



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

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

Signed and sealed at the City of New York, in the State of New York. Dated the 29th day of September, 19 92.



James M. Keane, Assistant Vice President