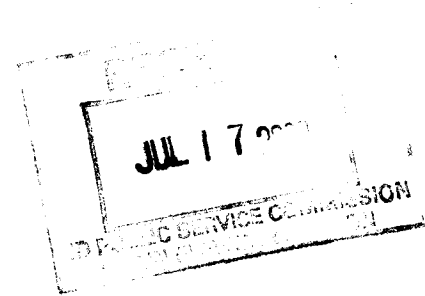


SURETY BOND RIDER

State of North Dakota
Public Service Commission
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505-0165



RE: Acquisition of Reliance Surety

POWERS LAKE ELEVATOR COMPANY
Surety Bond Number: U2159808
Bond Amount: \$175,000.00

The purpose of this Rider is to:

CHANGE BOND NUMBER

Effective July 1, 2000, surety bond number U2159808 is changed to 051 S 103343158 BCM.

CHANGE SURETY COMPANY

Effective July 1, 2000, the surety on the above referenced bond is Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America. Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America replaces UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY as surety. The termination of liability under the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY bond is a condition precedent to the change of surety.

CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

This certificate extends the life of the bond to _____. It is executed upon the express condition that the surety's liability under said bond, together with this and all previous continuation certificates, shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the amount specifically set forth in said bond or any existing certificate changing the amount of said bond.

Signed, sealed and dated this 30 day of JUNE, 2000.

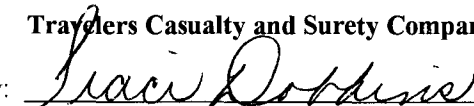
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Bond Co.

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

By:


TRACI DOBBINS, Attorney-In-Fact

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY
Hartford, Connecticut 06183-9062**

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having their principal offices in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, (hereinafter the "Companies") hath made, constituted and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute and appoint: **Darlene Styers, Susan Law Hizar, Traci Dobbins, of Clayton, Missouri,** their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge, at any place within the United States, the following instrument(s): by his/her sole signature and act, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking and any and all consents incident thereto and to bind the Companies, thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following Standing Resolutions of said Companies, which Resolutions are now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her.

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary.

VOTED: That any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary, or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following Standing Resolution voted by the Boards of Directors of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, which Resolution is now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY have caused this instrument to be signed by their Senior Vice President, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 9th day of June, 2000.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

}SS. Hartford

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY



By 
George W. Thompson
Senior Vice President

On this 9th day of June, 2000 before me personally came **GEORGE W. THOMPSON** to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he/she is Senior Vice President of **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY**, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; and that he/she executed the said instrument on behalf of the corporations by authority of his/her office under the Standing Resolutions thereof.



Marie C Tetreault

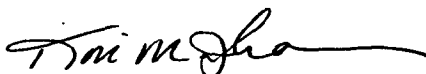
My commission expires June 30, 2001 Notary Public
Marie C. Tetreault

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of **TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY**, stock corporations of the State of Connecticut, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Standing Resolutions of the Boards of Directors, as set forth in the Certificate of Authority, are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at the Home Office of the Company, in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Dated this 30 day of June, 2000.



By 
Kori M. Johanson
Assistant Secretary, Bond

**STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS**

On this 30 day of June, 2000, before me personally appeared TRACI DOBBINS, with whom I am personally acquainted, who, being by me duly sworn, said: That he/she is Attorney-in-Fact of Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he/she knows the corporate seal of said Company; that said seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by authority of the Board of Directors thereof and of his/her office under the Standing Resolutions of said Company; and that he/she signed his/her name thereto as Attorney-in-Fact by like authority.

Diane Deldrick

Notary Public

NOTARY STAMP

**Diane Deldrick
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
St. Louis County
My Commission Expires: May 25, 2004**

SURETY RIDER

To be attached to and form a part of

Bond No. U2159808

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Type of Bond: Grain Elevator Warehouse Bond

dated effective 03/15/1993 (MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

executed by Powers Lake Elevator Company, as Principal, (PRINCIPAL)

and by United Pacific Insurance Company, as Surety,

in favor of State of North Dakota (OBLIGEE)

in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained the Principal and the Surety hereby consent to changing

BOND LIABILITY:

From: Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 ***** (\$350,000.00) *****

To: One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and No/100 ***** (\$175,000.00) *****

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly stated.

This rider is effective 08/01/1999 (MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

Signed and Sealed 08/06/1999 (MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

Powers Lake Elevator Company (PRINCIPAL)

By: [Signature] (PRINCIPAL)

United Pacific Insurance Company (SURETY)

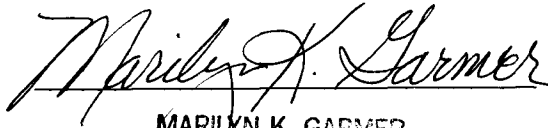
By: [Signature] (ATTORNEY-IN-FACT) Sandra L. Ham

**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
FOR SURETY**

State of Missouri

City of St. Louis
County

On the 06th day of August 1999 before
me personally appeared Sandra L. Ham
to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say the he/she is an
attorney in fact for United Pacific Insurance Company
_____ and that he/she did execute the bond attached
hereto and that he/she acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as and
for the act and deed of said firm.



MARILYN K. GARMER
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF MISSOURI
ST. LOUIS COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUG. 21, 2000

IMPORTANT BOND/POLICY INFORMATION

STATE OF MISSOURI

If you have questions or need information regarding your Bond/Policy, please contact your Reliance Surety Company, United Pacific Insurance Company, Reliance Insurance Company, Reliance National Indemnity Company insurance agent.

If you are unable to contact or obtain information from your agent, contact your company at the following address:

**RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY
RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY
RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY
Three Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1376
Telephone: 215-864-4000**

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RELiance SURETY COMPANY
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

RELiance INSURANCE COMPANY
RELiance NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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

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

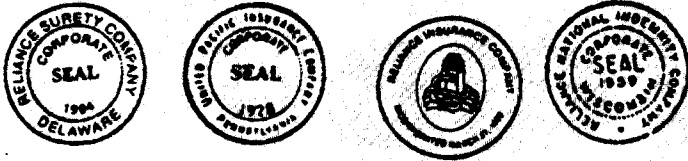
ARTICLE VII - EXECUTION OF BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS

- 1. The Board of Directors, the President, the Chairman of the Board, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President or Assistant Vice President or other officer designated by the Board of Directors shall have power and authority to (a) appoint Attorney(s)-in-Fact and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (b) to remove any such Attorney(s)-in-Fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to them.
- 2. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the Power of Attorney issued to them, to execute deliver on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.
- 3. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority to execute affidavits required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity or other conditional or obligatory undertakings and they shall also have power and authority to certify the financial statement of the Company and to copies of the By-Laws of the Company or any article or section thereof.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this February 1, 1998.



RELiance SURETY COMPANY
RELiance INSURANCE COMPANY
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY
RELiance NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

David T. Akers

STATE OF Pennsylvania }
COUNTY OF Philadelphia } ss.

On this, February 1, 1998, before me, Valencia Wortham, personally appeared David T. Akers, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of the Reliance Surety Company, and the Vice President of Reliance Insurance Company, United Pacific Insurance Company, and Reliance National Indemnity Company and that as such, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as its duly authorized officer.

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

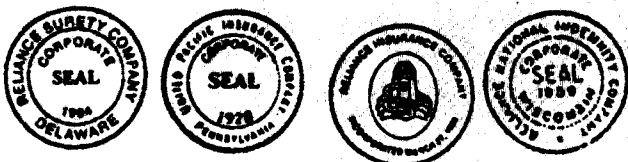
Notarial Seal
Valencia Wortham, Notary Public
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
My Commission Expires Nov. 18, 2000



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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 06 day of August 19 99.



Anita Zippert
Secretary



RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY
FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON

PLANET INSURANCE COMPANY
FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON

RIDER

To be attached to and form a part of

Type of Bond: Grain Elevator Warehouse Bond

Bond No. U 2159808

executed by POWERS LAKE ELEVATOR COMPANY, as Principal,

and by UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, as Surety,

in favor of NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

and dated March 15, 1993.

In consideration of the premium charged for the attached bond, it is hereby agreed to change:

The Penal Sum of the bond

From: ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$75,000.00)

To: THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$350,000.00)

The attached bond shall be subject to all its agreements, limitations and conditions except as herein expressly modified.

This rider is effective 8/18/93

Signed and Sealed 8/18/93

Principal POWERS LAKE ELEVATOR COMPANY

By: *James Mayer* PRESIDENT
Title

UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

By: *Traci Dobbins*
Traci Dobbins Attorney-in-Fact

RIDER ACCEPTED (Please sign duplicate of this Rider and return to Surety)

By: N/A

Date: N/A

County of ST. LOUIS

}SS:

On this 18th day of August

in the year one thousand nine hundred and
, a Notary Public in and for said County

NINETY-THREE, before me, DARLENE STYERS
and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared TRACI DOBBINS

, known to me to be the duly authorized Attorney-in-fact of the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

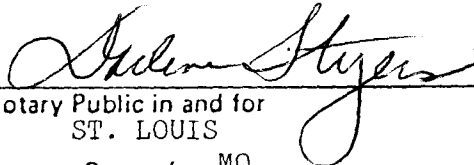
and the same person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as the Attorney-in-fact of said Company, and the said

TRACI DOBBINS
scribed the name of the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY
in-fact.

duly acknowledged to me that he sub-
thereto as Surety and his own name as Attorney-

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

My Commission Expires DARLENE STYERS
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MISSOURI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4/25/94
ST. LOUIS COUNTY



Notary Public in and for
ST. LOUIS
County, State of MO

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UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, does hereby make, constitute and appoint John Page, R. Dale Greig, Traci Dobbins, Darlene Styers., individually, of Clayton, Missouri, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf, and as its act and deed any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship and to bind the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by an Executive Officer of the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY and sealed and attested by one other of such officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that its said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in pursuance hereof.

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by authority of Article VII of the By-Laws of UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY which became effective September 7, 1978, which provisions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTION OF BONDS AND UNDERTAKING

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

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

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

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting held on the 5th day of June, 1979, at which a quorum was present, and said Resolution has not been amended or repealed:

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 30 day of July, 1993

UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

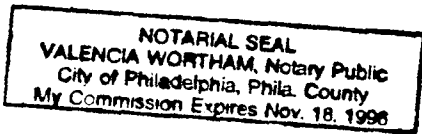


Charles B. Schmalz

Vice President

STATE OF Pennsylvania }
COUNTY OF Philadelphia } ss.

On this 30 day of July, 1993 personally appeared Charles B. Schmalz to me known to be the Vice President of the UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, and acknowledged that he executed and attested the foregoing instrument and affixed the seal of said corporation thereto, and that Article VII, Section 1, 2, and 3 of the By-Laws of said Company, and the Resolution, set forth therein, are still in full force.



Valencia Wortham

Notary Public in and for State of Pennsylvania
Residing at Philadelphia

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Company this 18th day of August 19 93



Anita Zippert

Secretary