

To be attached to and form a part of

Bond No. **6259875**

Type of

Bond: Telecommunications Services Provider Bond

dated
effective 02/18/2005
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

executed by Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance, as Principal,
(PRINCIPAL)

and by SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, as Surety,

in favor of North Dakota Public Service Commission
(OBLIGEE)

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

From: Southwestern Bell Communications Services Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance

To: **SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a SBC Long Distance**

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

This rider
is effective 04/15/2005
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

Signed and Sealed 04/15/2005
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a SBC Long Distance
(PRINCIPAL)

By: Thomas S. Clemens
(PRINCIPAL) Thomas S. Clemens Asst Treasurer

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
(SURETY)

By: Ronald J. Walton
(ATTORNEY-IN-FACT) Ronald J. Walton

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY SURETY

STATE OF Texas }
County of Bexar } ss.

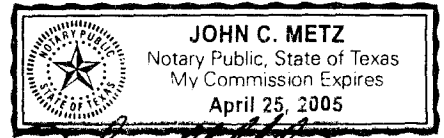
On this 15th day of April, 2005, before me personally appeared Ronald J. Walton, known to me to be the Attorney-in-Fact of Safeco Insurance Company of America

_____, the corporation that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the aforesaid County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My Commission Expires: 4/25/05

(Seal)



John C. Metz
JOHN C. METZ



POWER OF ATTORNEY

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE: SAFECO PLAZA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98185

No. 9672

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint
***** RONALD J. WALTON; JANET M. DUNCAN; JONATHAN P. KLUG; KENNETH C. LONG; San Antonio, Texas*****

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have each executed and attested these presents

this 22nd day of October, 2004

CHRISTINE MEAD, SECRETARY

MIKE MCGAVICK, PRESIDENT

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA:

"Article V, Section 13. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS ... the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the company in the course of its business... On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

Extract from a Resolution of the Board of Directors of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA adopted July 28, 1970.

"On any certificate executed by the Secretary or an assistant secretary of the Company setting out,
(i) The provisions of Article V, Section 13 of the By-Laws, and
(ii) A copy of the power-of-attorney appointment, executed pursuant thereto, and
(iii) Certifying that said power-of-attorney appointment is in full force and effect,
the signature of the certifying officer may be by facsimile, and the seal of the Company may be a facsimile thereof."

I, Christine Mead, Secretary of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 15th day of April, 2005



CHRISTINE MEAD, SECRETARY

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SURETY BOND CUSTOMERS REGARDING
THE TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2002**

As a surety bond customer of one of the SAFECO Insurance companies (SAFECO Insurance Company of America, General Insurance Company of America, First National Insurance Company of America, American States Insurance Company or American Economy Insurance Company), it is our duty to notify you that the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 extends to "surety insurance". This means that under certain circumstances we may be eligible for reimbursement of certain surety bond losses by the United States government under a formula established by this Act.

Under this formula, the United States government pays 90% of losses caused by certified acts of terrorism that exceed a statutorily established deductible to be paid by the insurance company providing the bond. The Act also establishes a \$100 billion cap for the total of all losses to be paid by all insurers for certified acts of terrorism. Losses on some or all of your bonds may be subject to this cap.

This notice does not modify any of the existing terms and conditions of this bond, the underlying agreement guaranteed by this bond, any statutes governing the terms of this bond or any generally applicable rules of law.

At this time there is no premium change resulting from this Act.