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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
SHELBY  
.....County

Know All Men By These Presents

That we ANNETTE D. SKINNER

as Principal, and RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY

a corporation duly incorporated under the

laws of the State of PENNSYLVANIA

, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto

SOLELY TO STATE OF ALABAMA

in the sum of

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$500,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly

to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, firmly by these presents, and

we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals, and dated OCTOBER 1, 1997

The condition of the above obligation is such, That whereas the above bound Principal was on

duly

ELECTED

to the office of

TAX COLLECTOR, SHELBY COUNTY

for the term of SIX (6) years from OCTOBER 1, 1997

in precinct No.

in and for said County.

Now, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties of said office during his continuance

therein then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

*Annette D. Skinner* (SEAL)  
ANNETTE D. SKINNER

COUNTERSIGN

RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY

JOHN F. WOOD, ALABAMA RESIDENT AGENT  
SEDGWICK JAMES OF ALABAMA  
P. O. BOX 598510 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35259  
205 879-1333 FAX 205 879-2537

By *John F. Wood*  
JOHN F. WOOD. Attorney-in-fact.

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STATE OF ALABAMA  
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*August*  
*Patricia Thymister*  
Judge of Probate.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA

County

PROBATE COURT

OFFICIAL BOND

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Judge of Probate.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }

*Shelby*...County

OATH OF OFFICE

PROBATE COURT

I, *Annette Skinner*

do solemnly swear that I am not disfranchised by the Constitution of Alabama, or the Constitution and Laws of the United States; That I will honestly and faithfully support and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States, the Union of States, and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Alabama, so long as I remain a citizen thereof; and that I will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....

*18*

day of.....

*August*

19*97*

*Patricia Thremside*  
Judge of Probate.

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 John F. Wood, R.J. Meehad, James W. Mosley, Richard E. Thompson, Alvin B. Bresler, Patton Bradford, Jr., Barbara Sue Garren, of Birmingham, Alabama 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 July 21, 1995.



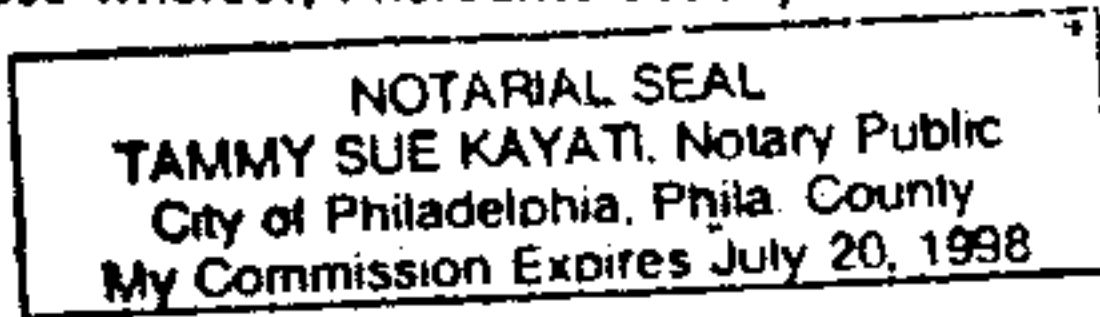
RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY  
RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY  
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY  
RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

*Charles B. Schmalz*

STATE OF Pennsylvania  
COUNTY OF Philadelphia } ss.

On this, July 21, 1995, before me, Tammy Sue Kayati, personally appeared Charles B. Schmalz, who acknowledged himself to be the Executive 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.



*Tammy Sue Kayati*  
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 1 day of OCTOBER 19 97.



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