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STATE OF ALABAMA)

SHELBY COUNTY)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That, for and in consideration of TEN THOUSAND and No/100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars and other good and valuable considerations, to the undersigned Alabama Water & Gas Company, a corporation, in hand paid by within named Alabaster Water & Gas Board, a public corporation, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; the said Alabama Water & Gas Company does hereby sell, assign, transfer, set-over, and convey unto the said Alabaster Water & Gas Board the following described property situated in Shelby County, Alabama, viz.:

ONE: The entire Natural Gas Distribution System presently owned and operated by said Alabama Water & Gas Company in the Towns of Alabaster and Siluria and territory contiguous thereto in Shelby County, Alabama; including any and all pumps, tanks, regulators, odorizing stations, pipe lines, valves, services, meters, tools, equipment, service contracts, easements, licenses, franchises and other property, rights and privileges of any and every kind or character, owned by said Alabama Water & Gas Company, in Shelby County, Alabama, and used in connection with the operation or maintenance, either or both, of said natural gas distribution system; except cash on hand and in bank.

TWO: The entire Waterworks and Water Distribution System presently owned and operated by said Alabama Water & Gas Company in the Town of Alabaster and territory contiguous thereto in Shelby County, Alabama; including any wells, pumps, tanks, pipe lines, valves, services, meters, fire hydrants, tools, equipment, service contracts, easements, licenses, franchises, and other property, rights and privileges of any and every kind or character, owned by said Alabama Water & Gas Company in Shelby County, Alabama, and used in connection with the operation or maintenance, either or both, of said Waterworks or Water Distribution System, either or both; except cash on hand and in bank.

THREE: Contract with Southern Natural Gas Company dated September 13, 1955, for the purchase of gas from said Southern Natural Gas Company.

FOUR: All existing contracts for the sale of gas to customers, specifically including but not limited to, contracts with following named industries, viz.:
Buck Creek Cotton Mills, dated September 1, 1955.
Buck Felt, Incorporated, dated September 1, 1955.
Blue Springs Finishing Co., dated September 1, 1955.

STATE OF ALABAMA
SHELBY COUNTY

ACT NO. 700

I hereby certify that no Dead Tax has been collected on this instrument.

L.C. Walker
Judge of Probate

"TAX EXEMPT"

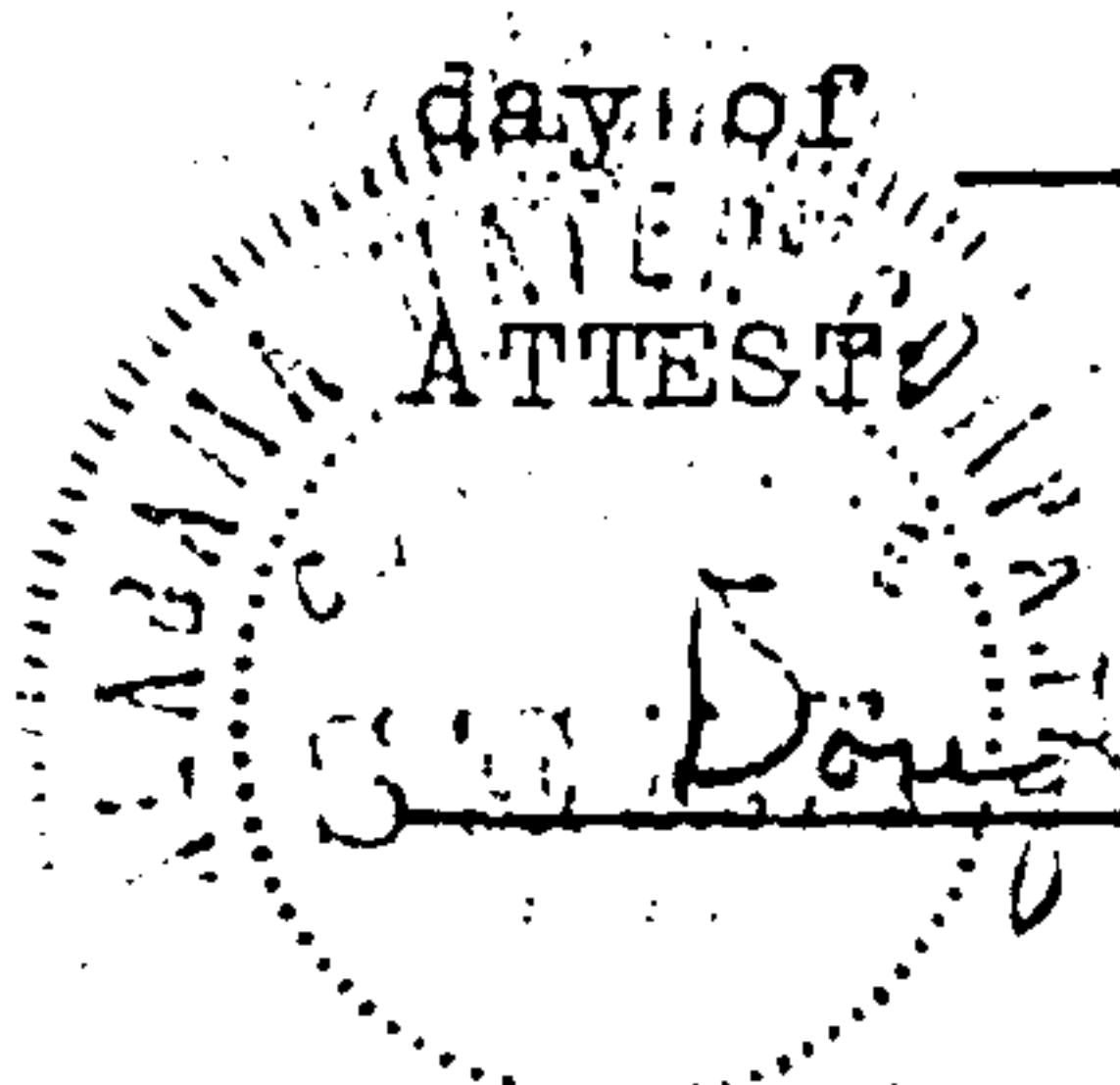
FIVE: All franchises, permits and licenses, specifically including but not limited to that certain franchise granted to Alabama Water & Gas Company by the Town of Siluria, a municipal corporation, by Ordinance No. 6 duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Siluria on the 19th day of September, 1955.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said Alabaster Water & Gas Board, its successors and assigns forever.

The Customer's Deposits held by the undersigned Alabama Water & Gas Company are hereby and hereunder transferred, assigned and delivered to Alabaster Water & Gas Board, subject to the rights of said customers, respectively, to reclaim such deposits.

Alabama Water & Gas Company does, for itself and for its successors and assigns, covenant with the Alabaster Water & Gas Board, its successors and assigns, that it is the lawful owner of the Gas and Water Systems hereby sold, transferred and delivered to said Alabaster Water & Gas Board, free from all encumbrances and that it has a good right to sell and assign the same as aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Alabama Water & Gas Company, a corporation, has caused these presents to be executed for it and in its name and behalf by W. Berney Perry, its President, and attested and its corporate seal affixed by Douglass P. Wingo, its Secretary, each of whom is thereunto duly authorized this the 7th day of May, 1956.



ATTEST

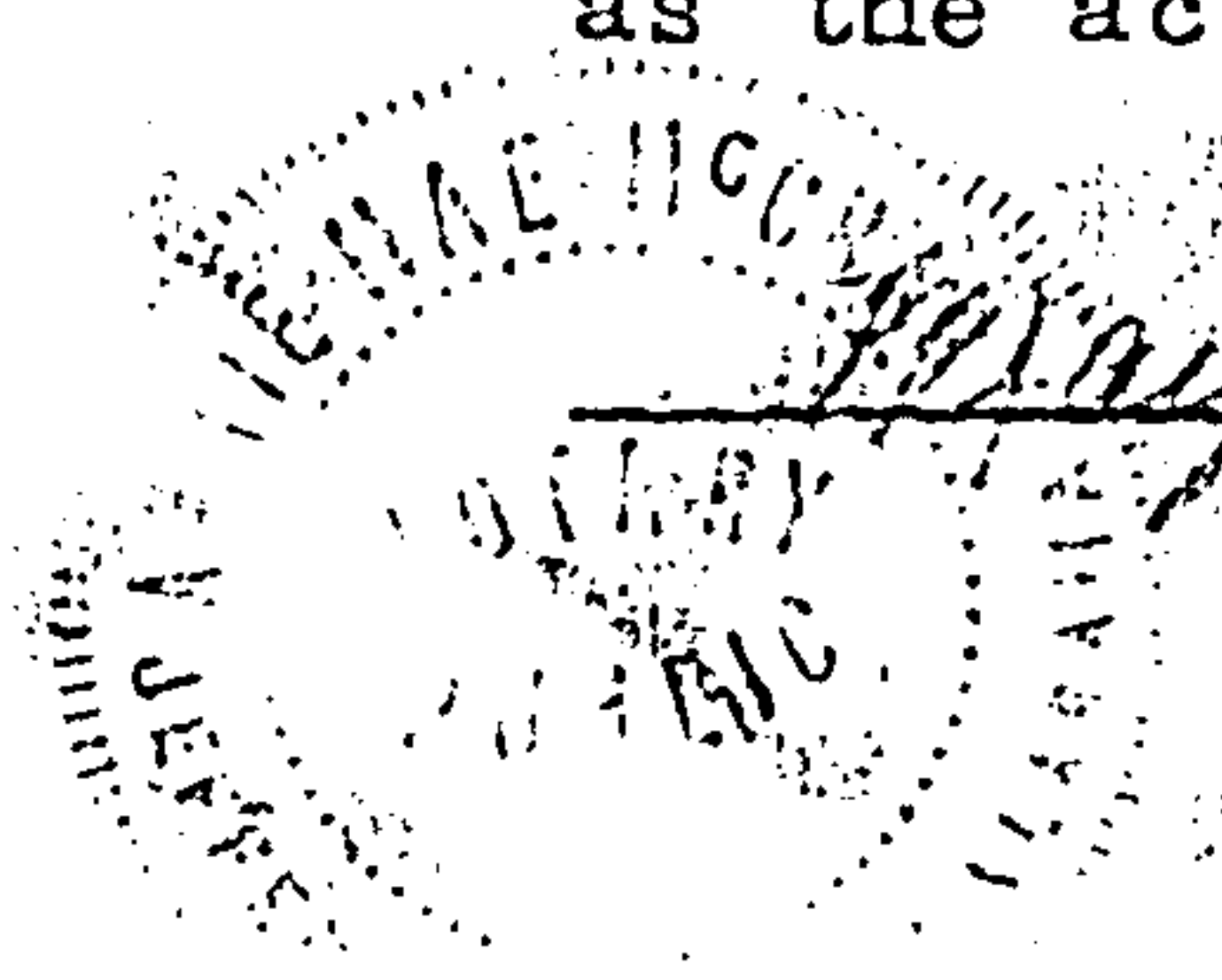
ALABAMA WATER & GAS COMPANY

Douglass P. Wingo
Secretary

By W. Berney Perry
Its President

STATE OF ALABAMA)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)

I, Annie Mae McCrary, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that W. Berney Perry, whose name as President of Alabama Water & Gas Company, a corporation, is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.



Given under my hand and official seal this 7th day of May, 1956.

Annie Mae McCrary
Notary Public

STATE OF ALABAMA, SHELBY COUNTY
I, L. C. Walker, Judge of Probate, hereby certify that the within deed was filed for record the 8 day of May 1956 at 8 o'clock P. and recorded in Book 129 Page 528 and the Mortgage Tax of Deed Tax of has been paid.
Judge of Probate