



Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Joe P. Kirby of Sioux Falls

State of South Dakota, its regularly elected President as Attorney in Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, all of the following classes of documents to-wit:

Indemnity, Surety and Undertakings that may be desired by contract, or may be given in any action or proceeding in any court of law or equity; policies indemnifying employers against loss or damage caused by the misconduct of their employees; official, bail and surety and fidelity bonds; Indemnity in all cases where indemnity may be lawfully given; and with full power and authority to execute consents and waivers to modify or change or extend any bond or document executed for this Company, and to compromise and settle any and all claims or demands made or existing against said Company.

The Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the By-laws of the Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the Chairman of the Board, President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The Chairman of the Board, President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or Agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, or other obligations of the corporation — the signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its

President with the corporate seal affixed this _____ day of _____, 19____

ATTEST

L. Nelson
Assistant Secretary

STATE OF ALABAMA
I CERTIFY THIS
INSTRUMENT WAS FILED

Joe P. Kirby, President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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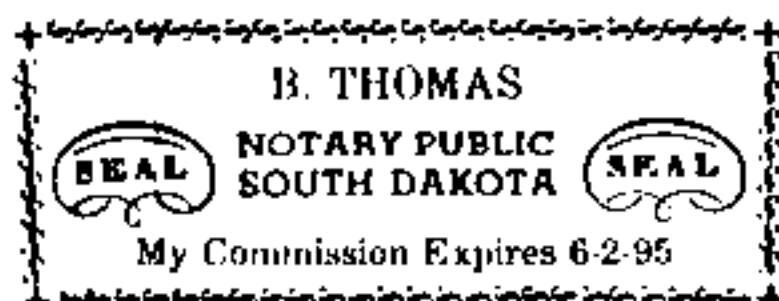
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA

On this _____ day of _____, 19____ before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared

Joe P. Kirby

L. Nelson

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



B. Thomas

Notary Public