

OFFICIAL BOND

BOND 8149-75-73

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Know All Men By These Presents

That we Penny C. Thompson as Principal
and Federal Insurance Company as Surety

9997-14982
03/23/1997-14982
03:06 PM CERTIFIED
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK OF PROBATE
17.00

re held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of Ten Thousand and no/100
----- (\$10,000.00) --- Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly
e 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 this 23rd day of APRIL, 19 97

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Penny C. Thompson
was duly reappointed

to the office of Notary Public
State At Large on the 1st day of May for the
term of four years from the 1st day of May, 1997

In Precinct No. _____ In and for said County.

Now, if the said Penny C. Thompson shall faithfully perform and dis-
charge 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.

Penny C. Thompson (L.S.)

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY (L.S.)

Ronnie L. Jackson (L.S.)
Ronnie L. Jackson, Attorney-In-Fact

Taken and approved this 13th day of May, 19 97

Patricia Geyer Schneider
Judge of Probate.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Penny C. Thompson solemnly swear that I will support the consti-
tution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I continue a citizen
thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly 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 20th
day of March, 19 97.
J. S. Berry
Notary Public.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 14, 1997

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW JERSEY }
County of Somerset } ss.

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, do hereby certify that the following is a true excerpt from the By-Laws of the said Company as adopted by its Board of Directors and that this By-Law is in full force and effect.

"ARTICLE XVIII.

Section 2. All bonds, undertakings, contracts and other instruments other than as above for and on behalf of the Company which it is authorized by law or its charter to execute, may and shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company either by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman or the President or a Vice President, jointly with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, under their respective designations, except that any one or more officers or attorneys-in-fact designated in any resolution of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, or in any power of attorney executed as provided for in Section 3 below, may execute any such bond, undertaking or other obligation as provided in such resolution or power of attorney.

Section 3. All powers of attorney for and on behalf of the Company may and shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company, either by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman or the President or a Vice President or an Assistant Vice President, jointly with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, under their respective designations. The signature of such officers may be engraved, printed or lithographed. The signature of each of the following officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, 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 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 with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

I further certify that said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY** is duly licensed to transact fidelity and surety business in each of the States of the United States of America, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and each of the Provinces of Canada with the exception of Prince Edward Island; and is also duly licensed to become sole surety on bonds, undertakings, etc., permitted or required by the law.

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Company at Warren, N.J., this 23rd day of April, 19 91.

Corporate Seal



Sandra J. Sanchez
Assistant Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY
FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY
ATTN: SURETY DEPARTMENT
15 Mountain View Road, Warren, NJ 07059
Telephone: (908) 903-2000
Fax No.: (908) 903-3656

Know all Men by these Presents, That **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Indiana Corporation, has constituted and appointed, and does hereby constitute and appoint Jack D. Tribble, Mark J. Holtkamp and Ronnie L. Jackson of Birmingham, Alabama -----

each its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to execute under such designation in its name and to affix its corporate seal to and deliver for and on its behalf as surety thereon or otherwise, bonds of any of the following classes, to-wit:

1. Bonds and Undertakings (other than Bail Bonds) filed in any suit, matter or proceeding in any Court, or filed with any Sheriff or Magistrate, for the doing or not doing of anything specified in such Bond or Undertaking.
2. Surety bonds to the United States of America or any agency thereof, including those required or permitted under the laws or regulations relating to Customs or Internal Revenue; License and Permit Bonds or other indemnity bonds under the laws, ordinances or regulations of any State, City, Town, Village, Board or other body or organization, public or private; bonds to Transportation Companies, Lost Instrument Bonds; Lease Bonds, Workers' Compensation Bonds, Miscellaneous Surety Bonds and bonds on behalf of Notaries Public, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs and similar public officials.
3. Bonds on behalf of contractors in connection with bids, proposals or contracts.

In Witness Whereof, the said **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY** has, pursuant to its By-Laws, caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President and Assistant Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 14th day of February 19 95



Kenneth C. Wendel

Assistant Secretary

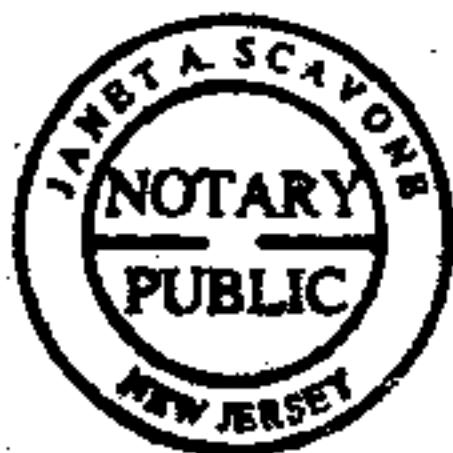
FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY
BY

Gerardo G. Mauriz
Gerardo G. Mauriz
Vice President

STATE OF NEW JERSEY } ss.
County of Somerset

On this 14th day of February 19 95, before me personally came Kenneth C. Wendel to me known and by me known to be Assistant Secretary of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney, and the said Kenneth C. Wendel being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he is Assistant Secretary of **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY** and knows the corporate seal thereof; that the seal affixed to the foregoing Power of Attorney is such corporate seal and was thereto affixed by authority of the By-Laws of said Company, and that he signed said Power of Attorney as Assistant Secretary of said Company by like authority; and that he is acquainted with Gerardo G. Mauriz and knows him to be the Vice President of said Company, and that the signature of said Gerardo G. Mauriz subscribed to said Power of Attorney is in the genuine handwriting of said Gerardo G. Mauriz and was thereto subscribed by authority of said By-Laws and in deponent's presence.

Notarial Seal



Acknowledged and Sworn to before me
on the date above written.

Janet A. Scavone
Inst # 1997-14982
Notary Public

IN THE EVENT YOU WISH TO NOTIFY US OF A CLAIM, VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS BOND OR NOTIFY US OF ANY OTHER MATTER, PLEASE WRITE TO US AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE.