

No. 589113

STATE AT LARGE
THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County.

Know All Men By These Presents

That we Connie Carter, as Principal, and the Gulf
Insurance Company; a corporation duly licensed to do business
in the State of Alabama, as Surety,

are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama, in the sum of Ten Thousand And No/.....
..... (\$10,000.00) 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 this 23rd day of May, 1997.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Connie Carter
..... was duly appointed
to the office of Notary Public on the 2nd day of May for the
term of 4 years from the 2nd day of May, 1997
in Precinct No. in and for said County.

Now, if the said Connie Carter 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.

Countersigned by Alabama Resident
Agent by:

Ronald B. Giedrusis

Principal, Connie Carter
Gulf Insurance Company
Linda F. Hughes
Attorney-in-Fact
Linda F. Hughes

Taken and approved this 30th day of May, 1997.

Patricia J. Schumacher

Judge of Probate.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County.

OATH OF OFFICE

I, *Connie A. Carter* solemnly swear that I will support the
constitution 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 29th

day of May, 1997.

Nancy K. Dillon
1-17-99

Notary Public.

05/30/1997-16786
10:38 AM CERTIFIED
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That GULF INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Missouri, hereinafter called "Company," does hereby appoint

LINDA F. HUGHES, FT. WORTH, TEXAS

its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal and deliver on its behalf, as surety, any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship.

The execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

This Power of Attorney is issued pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company, adopted effective July 1, 1983, and now in full force and effect:

"Resolved that the President, or any Senior Vice President, or any Vice President, or the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-fact in any state, territory or federal district to represent this Company and to act on its behalf within the scope of the authority granted to them, in writing, which authority may include the power to make, execute, seal and deliver on behalf of this Company, as surety, and as its act and deed, any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship and other documents that the ordinary course of surety business may require, including authority to appoint agents for the service of process in any jurisdiction, state or federal, and authority to attest to the signature of the President, or any Senior Vice President, or any Vice President, or the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary and to verify any affidavit or other statements relating to the foregoing, and to certify to a copy of any of the bylaws of the Company and to any resolutions adopted by its Board of Directors; and any such Attorney-in-fact may be removed and the authority granted him revoked by the President, or any Senior Vice President, or any Vice President, or the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary, or by the Board of Directors."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate are signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company, adopted effective July 1, 1983, and now in full force and effect:

"Resolved that the signature of the President, or of any Senior Vice President, or of any Vice President, or of the Secretary, or of 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 Attorneys-in-fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, including any such power of attorney and certificate revoking the authority of the foregoing Attorneys-in-fact, as well as for the appointment of agents for the service of process in any jurisdiction, state or federal, including any such power of attorney and certificate revoking the authority of such agents; 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 of attorney or certificate so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company at the time such power of attorney and certificate are executed and in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which they are attached."

of the Company has caused this Power of Attorney to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by its authorized officer this 3rd of August, 1993

By OR Carter
Sr. Vice President

3rd of August, 1993

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct transcript, and that the above named officer was on the date aforesaid duly authorized to execute this Power of Attorney.

Clifford R. Beard
Notary Public

30th day of June, 1996

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of which the foregoing is a true and correct transcript is in full force and effect, and the foregoing resolutions are true and correct transcripts from the records of GULF INSURANCE COMPANY and that the above named officer was on the date aforesaid duly authorized to execute this Power of Attorney.

I, the undersigned, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of Gulf Insurance Company this 23rd day of May, 1997

By Rodney Nickel
Vice President

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