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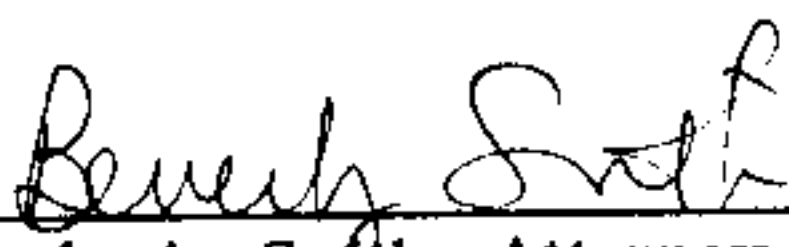
POWER OF ATTORNEY

STATE OF ALABAMA

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That ZEANAH, HUST, SUMMERFORD, DAVIS & JONES, of the City of Tuscaloosa, County of Tuscaloosa, State of Alabama, in the case of Alabama Power Company vs. Paul H. Cribbs, same being case no. DV-89-515 in the District Court of Shelby County, Alabama, have this day constituted and appointed, Patricia Furmeister, Probate Judge of Shelby County, Columbiana, Alabama, my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name to satisfy that judgment of Alabama Power Company, which judgment is recorded at Inst # 1992-15386, in the Probate Office for Shelby County, Alabama, said judgment having been satisfied in full, hereby giving and granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to do any and all acts necessary and proper to be done in and about the premises.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this the 5 day of March, 1998.

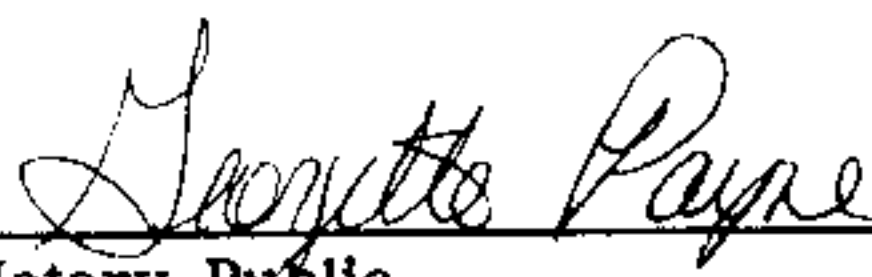

Beverly A. Smith, Attorney for Alabama
Power Company

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State at Large, hereby certify that Beverly Ann Smith, whose name as attorney for Alabama Power Company is signed to the foregoing Power of Attorney and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date that, being informed of the contents of said Power of Attorney, she, in her capacity as such attorney of record and being authorized so to do, executed the same as and for the act of and on behalf of Alabama Power Company on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this 5th day of March, 1998.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

1-29-2001

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