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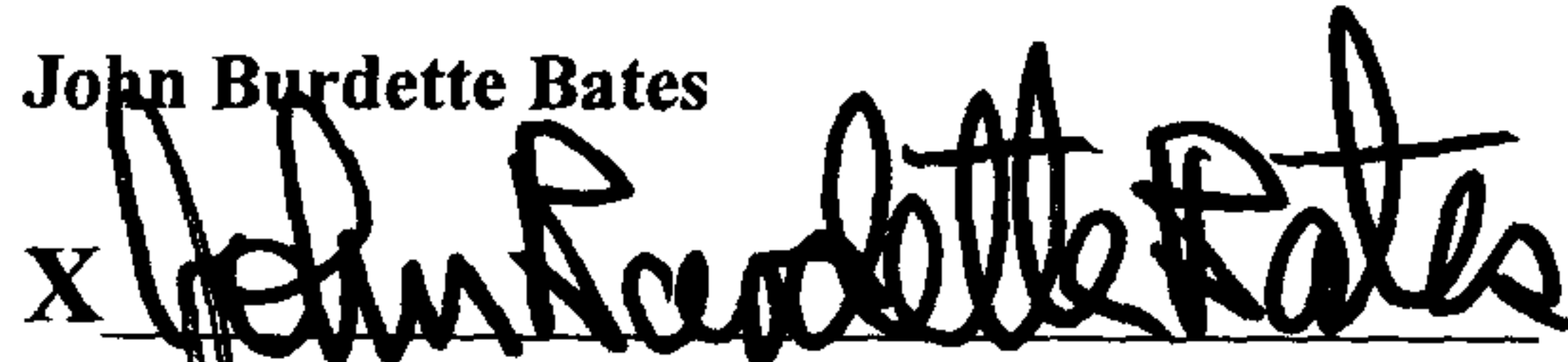
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, John Burdette Bates Principal and United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland as Surety are held and firmly bound unto the STATE OF ALABAMA, in the sum of Ten Thousand & No/100 (\$10,000) Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, firmly by these present and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the laws of Alabama.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 29th day of July, 2002.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION, That whereas the above bound John Burdette Bates was duly appointed to the office of Notary Public State at Large on July 29th, 2002 for the term of four years, from the date of July 29th, 2002 in Precinct/Box for said county.

NOW, if the said Principal 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.

John Burdette Bates

X 

UNITED STATES FIDELITY & GUARANTY CO.


Judy S. Marchman, Attorney-in-fact

Taken and approved this 5th day of August, 2002

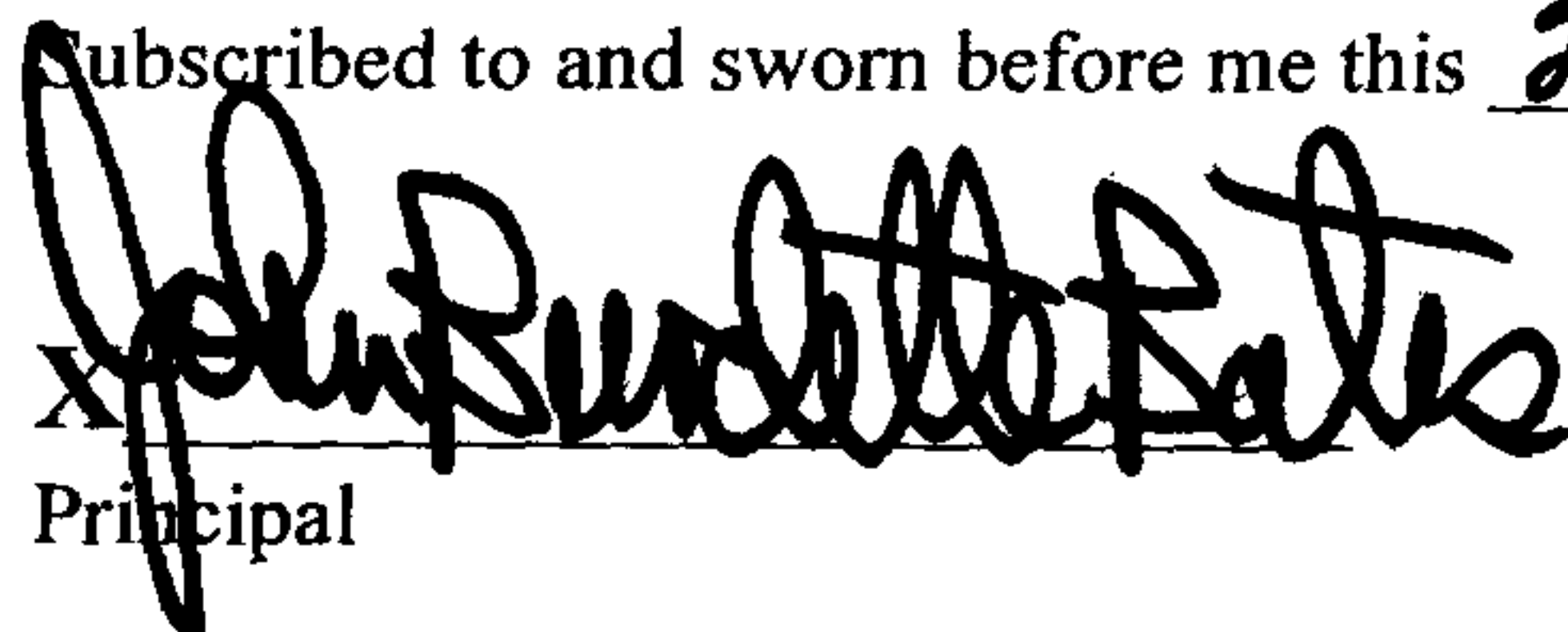

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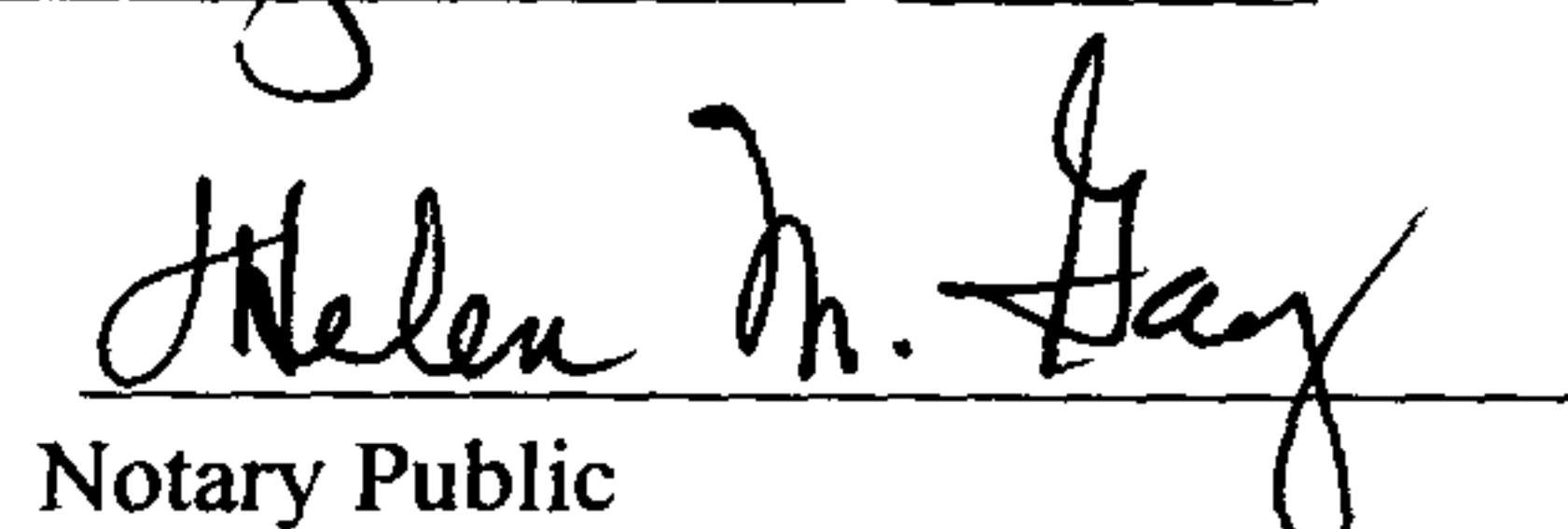
OATH OF OFFICE

State of Alabama
Shelby County

I, John Burdette Bates, do 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 to and sworn before me this 2nd day of August, 2002

X 
Principal


Notary Public

Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.

Power of Attorney No. 22713

Certificate No. 940448

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Seaboard Surety Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, and that St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and that United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (*herein collectively called the "Companies"*), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint

Charles Molay, Judy S. Marchman, Christine L. Girodo, David W. Hobbs and John Winn Kelley

Birmingham

Alabama

of the City of _____, State _____, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 31st day of August 2001.

Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company

United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.



John F. Phinney
Thomas E. Huibregtse

State of Maryland
City of Baltimore

THOMAS E. HUIBREGTSE, Assistant Secretary

On this 31st day of August, 2001, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared John F. Phinney and Thomas E. Huibregtse, who acknowledged themselves to be the Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, and Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the corporate seals of said Companies; and that they, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing the names of the corporations by themselves as duly authorized officers.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 13th day of July, 2002.



Rebecca Easley-Onokala

REBECCA EASLEY-ONOKALA, Notary Public