



20040729000420630 Pg 1/3 23.00
Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL
07/29/2004 10:27:00 FILED/CERTIFIED

Western Surety Company

NOTARY PUBLIC BOND

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond No. 60955134

That we, Lynn Pearson,
as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY 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 & 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00),
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 20th day of June, 2004.

The condition of the above obligation, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to the office of
Notary Public on the 20th day of June, 2004; for the term of four
years from the date of Notary Commission in Precinct No. State of Alabama at Large in and 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.

See Attached

Countersigned by Alabama Resident Agent

Name of Agent or Agency

Street

City

State

Lynn Pearson (L.S.)
Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Johanna McMasters (L.S.)
Johanna McMasters Attorney-in-Fact

Taken and approved this 27th day of July

2004
Patricia Yeager
Judge of Probate

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Shelby County }

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Lynn Pearson 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 and sworn to before me this 13th
day of July, 2004.
Helen M. Gay
Notary Public

Lynn Pearson
Principal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 County of Mecklenburg } ss

On this 20th day of June, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and

for said County, personally appeared Johanna McMasters
 personally known to me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, that the said instrument was signed, sealed and executed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and further acknowledge that the said instrument and the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

My commission expires
January 13, 2006

Robert A. Jacobson
 Robert A. Jacobson Notary Public

Attach to bond
 COUNTERSIGNING ENDORSEMENT

No 645960

Inasmuch as the Bond to which this endorsement is attached applies to operations in the State of Alabama, the signature of a duly authorized representative of the WESTERN SURETY COMPANY in that State is hereby appended in conformity with the Laws so requiring.

Attached to and forming a part of Bond No. 60955134 on behalf of
Lynn Pearson

Countersigned in Mobile, AL this 20th day of June, ~~19~~ 2004

By _____
 Resident Licensed Agent

City of HILB, ROGAL & HAMILTON
P. O. BOX 91363

State of MOBILE, ALABAMA 36691-1363



Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY - CERTIFIED COPY

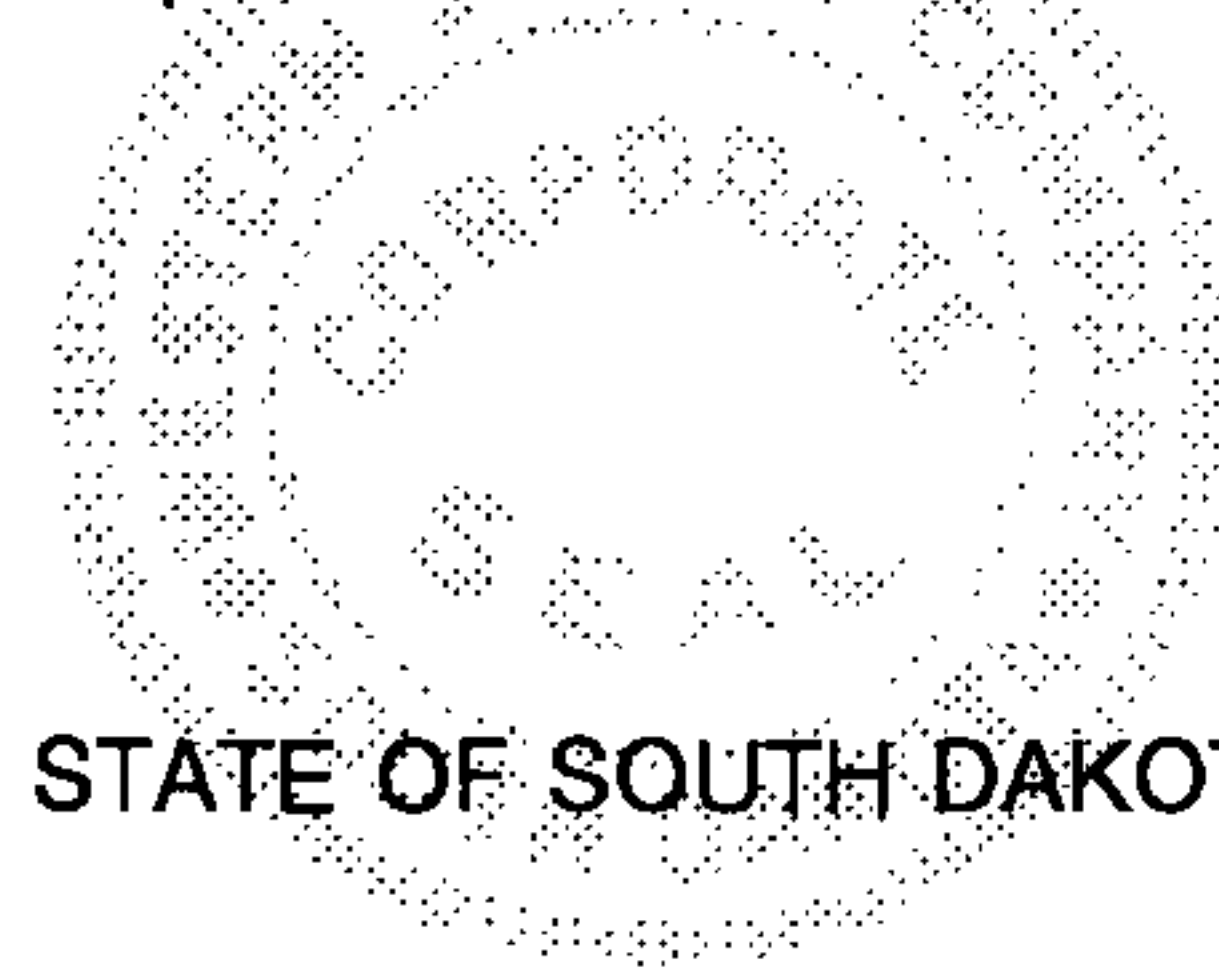
Bond No. 60955134

Know All Men By These Presents, that WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and having its principal office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (the "Company"), does by these presents make, constitute and appoint Dale E. Clark, Brian A. Clark, Robert A. Jacobson, Diane Gibson, Wendy M. Lands, Heidi S. Skiendziel, Johanna McMasters and Maria E. Zaccaro-Duyk its true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred, to execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, any surety or fidelity bond in an unlimited amount, and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said attorneys-in-fact may do within the above stated limitations. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following bylaw of Western Surety Company which remains in full force and effect.

"Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The 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, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

The penal amount of the bond herein described may be increased if there is attached to this Power, written authority so authorizing in the form of an endorsement, letter or telegram signed by the Senior Underwriting Officer, Underwriting Officer, President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of Western Surety Company specifically authorizing said increase.

In Witness Whereof, Western Surety Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President, Paul T. Brufat, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 20 day of JUNE, 2004.

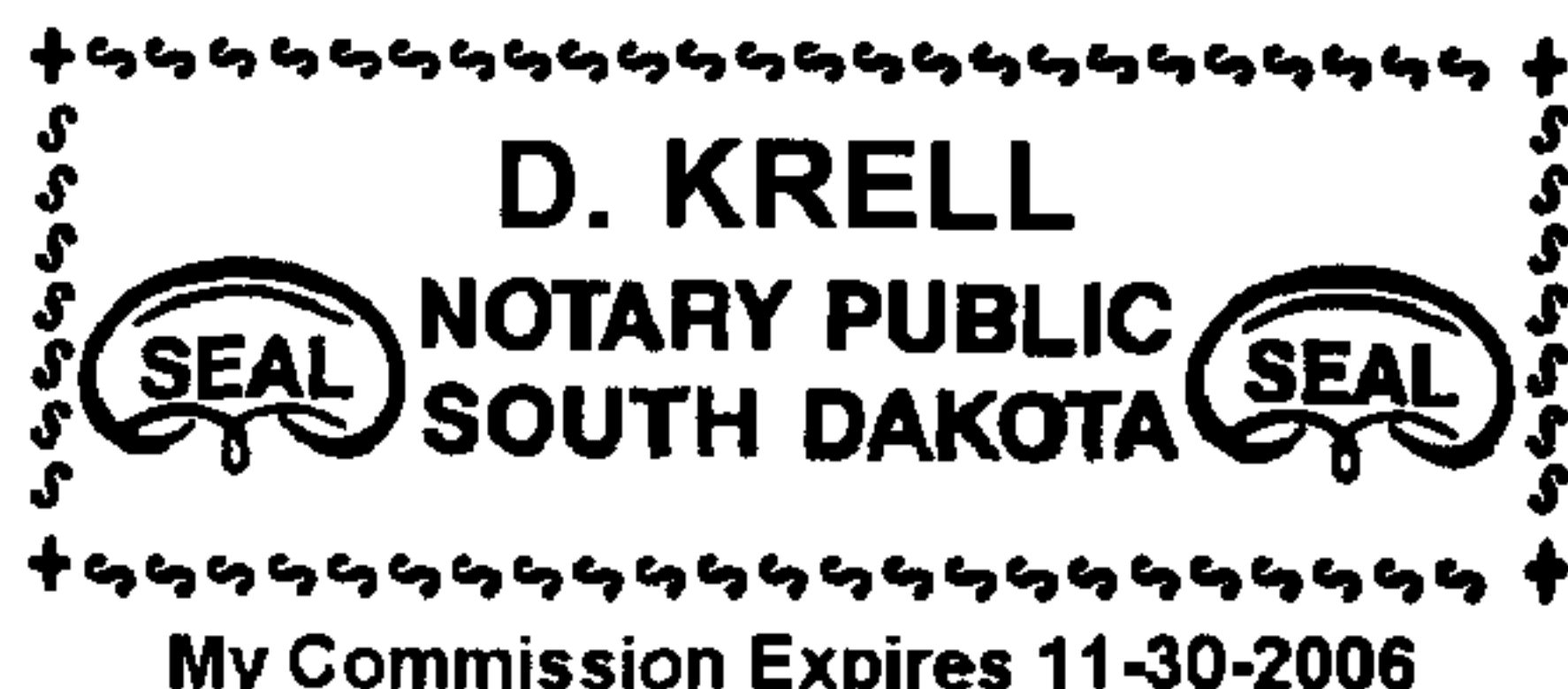


STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } SS

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paul T. Brufat
Paul T. Brufat, Senior Vice President

On this 20 day of JUNE, in the year 2004, before me, a notary public, personally appeared Paul T. Brufat, who being to me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.



D. Krell
Notary Public - South Dakota

I the undersigned officer of Western Surety Company, a stock corporation of the State of South Dakota, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable, and furthermore, that Section 7 of the bylaws of the Company as set forth in the Power of Attorney is now in force.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Western Surety Company this 20 day of JUNE, 2004.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Paul T. Brufat
Paul T. Brufat, Senior Vice President