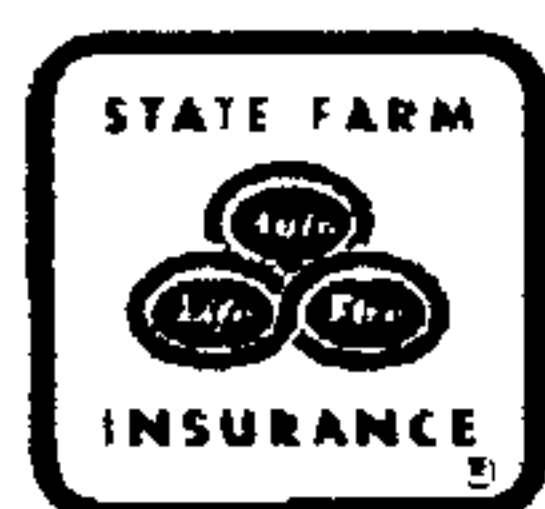


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OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH  
STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY  
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, KATHY B MERSBACH of \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

as Principal, and STATE FARM AND CASUALTY COMPANY of Bloomington, Illinois, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto State of Alabama in the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, \$10,000.00, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we do hereby severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 23 day of MARCH, 2005

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION ARE SUCH, that, Whereas, the said Principal has been elected or appointed to the office of Notary Public in and for the State at Large for a term of four years from date of notary commission beginning on 03/23/2005 and ending on 03/23/2009

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such official during the term aforesaid, the principal and the Surety hereby agreeing that if said bond is required by any statute, all the provisions of such statute are hereby made a part of this bond, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Jack A. Hoffmeyer  
Licensed Resident Agent

Kathy B. Mersbach  
Principal



STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By: Jack A. Hoffmeyer  
Attorney-in-Fact

The within bond and the Surety thereon are hereby approved this 23 day of MARCH, 2005

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OATH OF OFFICE



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STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF SHELBY

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SS

KATHY B MERSBACH

*Principal (print name)*

being

duly sworn, says that he/she will support the constitution of the United States and of the State of ALABAMA  
and that he/she will faithfully, honestly and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office/position to which he/she  
has been appointed while he/she shall hold said office.

Kathy B. Mersbach

*Signature of Principal*

Sworn to by said KATHY B MERSBACH

*Principal (print name)*

before me, and subscribed in my presence this

23 day of March A.D. 2005

Sherry L. Pope

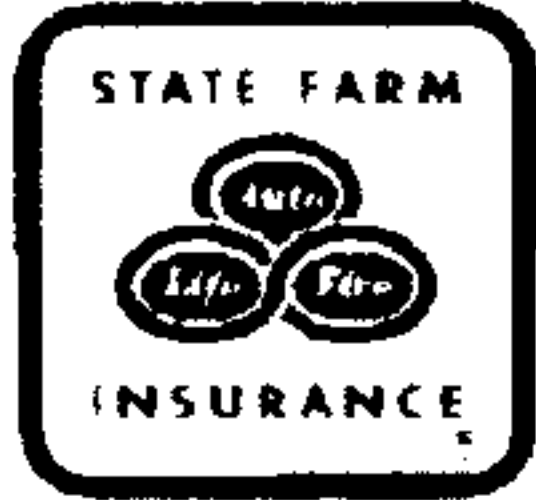
*Notary Public*

Notary Seal

*Commission Date*

SHERRY L. POPE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
ALABAMA STATE AT LARGE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
JULY 21, 2008





**POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY**

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KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, with its principal office in  
Bloomington, Illinois, does hereby constitute and appoint: **JACK A TRAFFANSTEDT**

of **VESTAVIA HILLS, ALABAMA** its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal  
and deliver for, and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, undertakings or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond as follows:

|          |                                                                               |           |                                                              |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ 2,500 | – License, Permit or Indemnity which guarantee payment                        | \$100,000 | – Administrator, Executor, or Trustee of a decedent's estate |
| \$25,000 | – License & Permit which do not guarantee payment -<br>(Code Compliance only) | \$50,000  | – Guardian, Conservator, or Committee                        |
| \$25,000 | – Public Official                                                             | \$25,000  | – Receiver                                                   |
|          |                                                                               | \$ 2,500  | – Judicial                                                   |

THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS NOT VALID FOR THE EXECUTION OF ANY CONTRACT (CONSTRUCTION OR SUPPLY) BOND - BID,  
PERFORMANCE OR PAYMENT.

This appointment is made under and by the authority of a resolution which was passed by the Executive Committee of the Board of  
Directors of State Farm Fire and Casualty Company on the 24th day of July, 1974, as is duly authorized by the Board of Directors in Article II, Section 6  
of the By-Laws of the Company, which resolution is:

Resolved, that the Executive Vice-President or a Vice-President of the Company is hereby authorized to appoint and empower any  
representative of the Company or other person or persons as Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any bonds, undertakings,  
policies, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, which the Company might execute through its duly elected  
officers, and affix the seal of the Company thereto. Any said execution of such documents by an Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the  
Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company. Any Attorney-in-Fact, so appointed,  
may be removed for good cause and the authority so granted may be revoked as specified in the Power of Attorney.

Resolved, that the signature of the Executive Vice-President or any Vice-President and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile  
on any power of attorney granted, and the signature of the Secretary, Vice-President or Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be  
affixed by facsimile to any certificate of any such power and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid  
and binding on the Company. Any such power so executed and sealed and certificate so executed and sealed shall, with respect to any bond or  
undertaking to which it is attached, continue to be valid and binding on the Company.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed by its Vice-President, and  
its Corporate Seal to be affixed this 14th day of September 2004.

This APPOINTMENT SHALL CEASE AND TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007, UNLESS SOONER REVOKED AS  
PROVIDED.



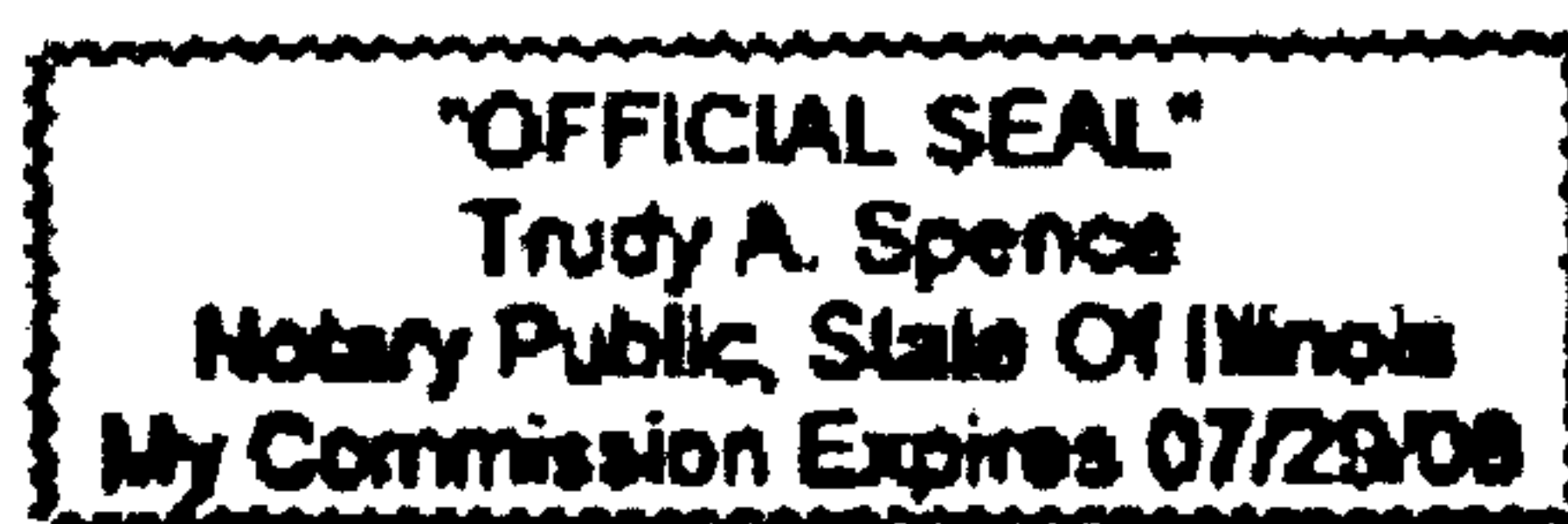
STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*William K. King*  
Vice-President

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF McLEAN

On this 14th day of September 2004, before me personally came William K. King to me known, who being duly sworn, did depose and say  
that he is Vice-President of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument;  
that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such Corporate Seal; and that he executed said instrument on  
behalf of the corporation by authority of his office under the By-Laws of said corporation.



*Trudy A. Spence*  
Notary Public  
My commission expires July 29, 2008

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned Vice-President of STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that the original Power of Attorney of  
which the foregoing is a true and correct copy, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked and the resolutions as set forth are now in force.

Signed and sealed at Bloomington, Illinois. Dated this 23 day of MARCH, 2005



*Jack A. Traffanstedt*  
Vice-President

If you have a question concerning the validity of this Power of Attorney, call 309 766 2090.