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# Merchants Bonding Company

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## NOTARY PUBLIC BOND STATE OF ALABAMA

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

BOND No. AL-8821

County of Shelby

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That Diane Eagan Wampler, as Principal,  
 and MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Alabama,  
 as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto State of Alabama  
 in the sum of \$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.

WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has been duly appointed Notary Public 4-25-06  
 for the term of four (4) years from the date of Notary Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this bond is that if the named Principal shall faithfully discharge the duties of the  
 office of Notary Public during his/her continuance therein, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall  
 remain in full force and effect.

Signed and dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2006

Diane Eagan Wampler  
 Diane Eagan Wampler Principal

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Mark W. Edwards, II  
 Mark W. Edwards, II Attorney-in-Fact

Approved and filed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006

Patricia Yeager Zehmeister By: \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF ALABAMA }  
County of Jefferson }

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Diane Eagan Wampler, 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 to be 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of April, 2006

Judith Ann Huchalea

Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2007.

Diane Eagan Wampler  
Diane Eagan Wampler Principal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

THE STATE OF Alabama }  
County of Jefferson }

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of APRIL, 2006, before me the undersigned officer, personally appeared Mark W. Edwards, II, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Mary Ann Isbell  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 12/19/09





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(Mutual)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that the **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and having its principal office in the City of Des Moines, County of Polk, State of Iowa, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint

Mark W. Edwards II

of **Birmingham** and State of **Alabama** its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in its behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

**EIGHT MILLION (\$8,000,000.00) DOLLARS**

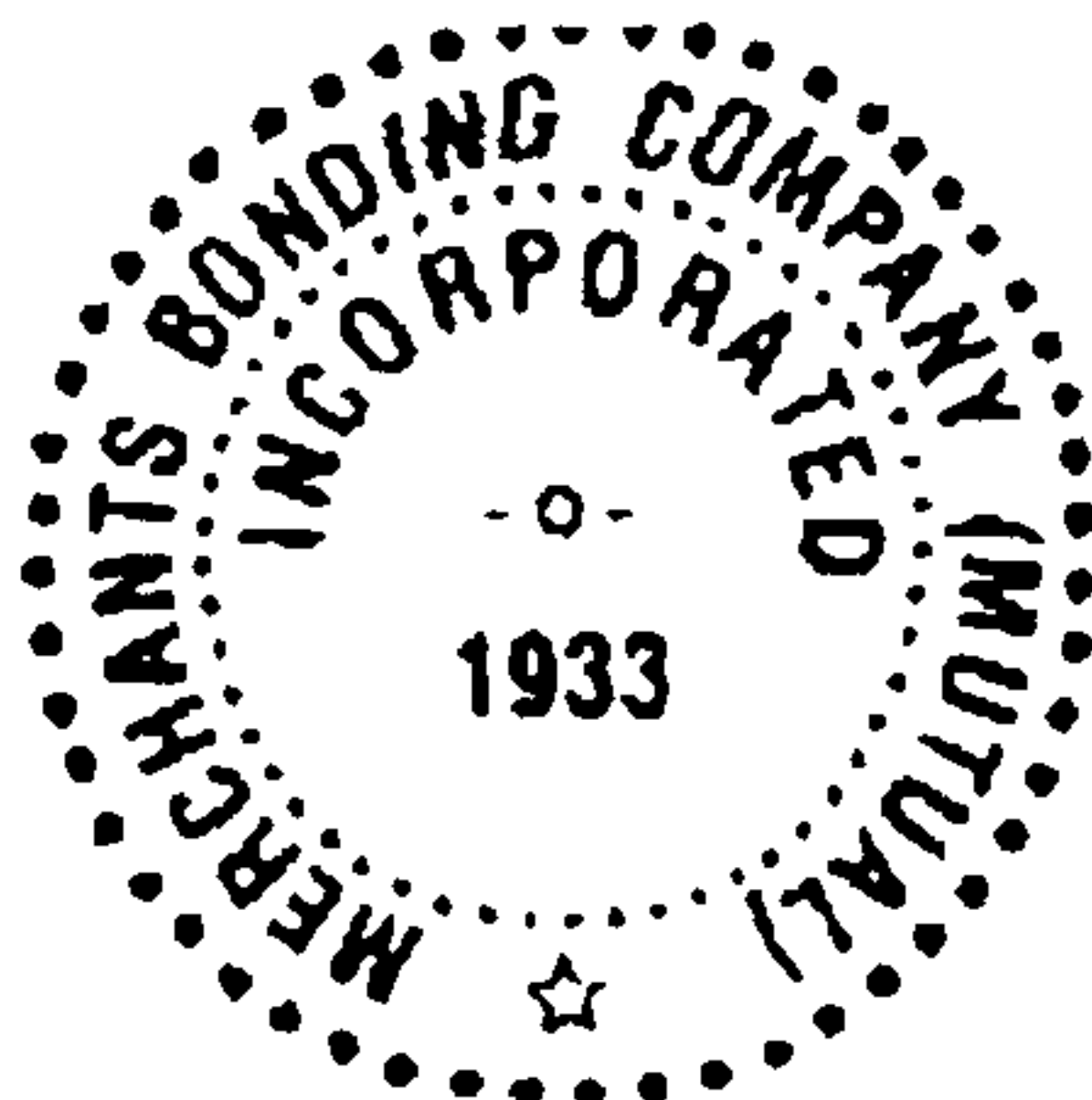
and to bind the **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)** thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**, and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Amended Substituted and Restated By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)** on November 16, 2002.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 8 - The Chairman of the Board or President or any Vice President or Secretary shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the Seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

ARTICLE II, SECTION 9 - The signature of any authorized officer and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed.

In Witness Whereof, **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)** has caused these presents to be signed by its President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 1st day of September, 2004.



**MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 1st day of September, 2004, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of the **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**, the corporation described in the foregoing instrument, and that the Seal affixed to the said instrument is the Corporate Seal of the said Corporation and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.

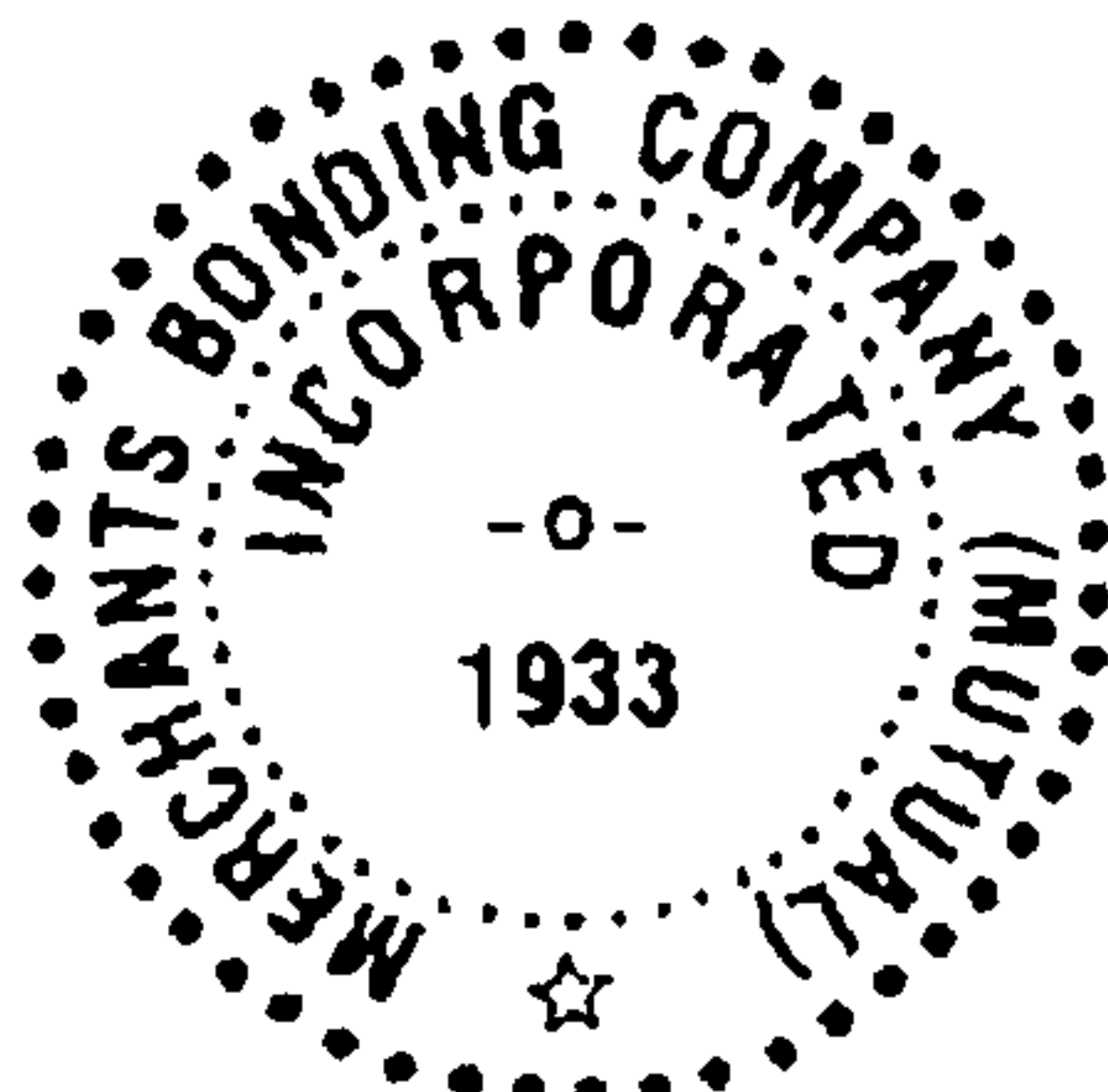


*Cindy Smyth*  
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the **POWER-OF-ATTORNEY** executed by said **MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)**, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Company on this 21st day of April, 2006.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

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