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POWER OF ATTORNEY

OF

MARIAN E. BESS

(GRANTOR)

TO

THURMAN ELDRIDGE

(ATTORNEY-IN-FACT)

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The undersigned hereby nominates, constitutes and appoints

Thurman Eldridge whose address is 8119 Lakeshore Dr., Gary, Indiana as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact to do and perform for me and in my name on my behalf the following:

(1) **Banking and Financial Transactions** - (a) To open accounts, in my name in any bank, or trust company, savings and loan company, insurance company, credit union, or any other banking or savings institution, and to deposit into such accounts, or into accounts now existing or hereafter established in my name and his name, with rights of survivorship, any money, checks, notes, drafts, acceptances or other evidences of indebtedness payable to or belonging to me, including but not being limited to, checks or drafts issued by the Treasurer of the United States or any other official, bureau, department or agency of the United States Government or by the Treasurer or similar official of any state, or any other official, bureau, department or agency of any State, municipality or other government body; and to disburse, withdraw or receive from such accounts, all or any part of the balance therein; (b) to make such endorsements and to sign such documents as may be required in connection with deposit into any of such accounts; (c) to sign checks, withdrawals, drafts, receipts or other documents as may be required in connection with disbursement or withdrawal from or receipt of such accounts.

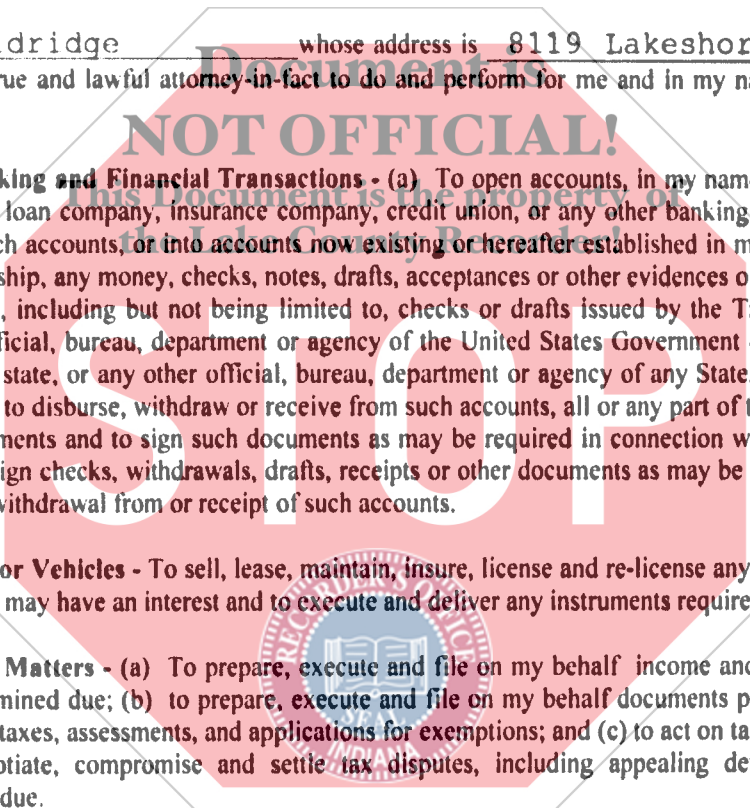
(2) **Motor Vehicles** - To sell, lease, maintain, insure, license and re-license any motor vehicle which I may own or in which I may have an interest and to execute and deliver any instruments required so to do.

(3) **Tax Matters** - (a) To prepare, execute and file on my behalf income and other tax returns and pay any amount determined due; (b) to prepare, execute and file on my behalf documents pertaining to real estate and personal property taxes, assessments, and applications for exemptions; and (c) to act on tax matters where it may be necessary to negotiate, compromise and settle tax disputes, including appealing determinations of value assessments and taxes due.

(4) **Securities Transactions** - (a) To purchase or otherwise acquire and to sell or otherwise dispose of, securities, including but not limited to stocks, bonds, notes, and other securities or evidences of indebtedness, all at such price and on such terms as my attorney-in-fact may determine; (b) to vote any such securities in my name, in person or by proxy; and (c) to receive dividends and other distributions on such securities.

(5) **Transfer of Interest in Real Estate** - To sell, convey, lease, grant an option to purchase, or otherwise transfer, for such consideration and upon such terms as my attorney-in-fact shall deem advisable, including a contract for conditional sale, and also to execute and deliver any deed, sales agreement, lease, contract and any other documents(s) in such manner and form as may be necessary or required for my attorney-in-fact to transfer all or any part of my interest in real estate as follows:

(a) Any and all real estate in which I hold, or may hereafter acquire, an interest.



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IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE POWERS I give my attorney-in-fact power and authority to do for me those things which such attorney deems expedient to and necessary to effectuate the intent of this instrument, as fully as I could do personally for myself, reserving unto myself, however, the power to act on my own behalf and also to revoke the powers given by this instrument.

Any act or thing lawfully done by my attorney-in-fact under this instrument shall be binding on me and on my heirs, assigns and legal representatives.

All persons, firms, corporations, banks, savings and loan associations and courts to whom this instrument may be delivered may rely on its being in effect and unrevoked by me unless I shall have executed a proper instrument of revocation and recorded it, or caused it to be recorded, in the Office of the Recorder of Lake County, State of Indiana.

A. This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incapacity, nor by lapse of time, it being my intention that this instrument constitute a durable power of attorney under the Indiana Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act.

Signed this 4th day of February, 1997, in one counterpart, which shall be considered the original.

Linda Ann Matton
2/4/97

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Mariane E. Bess
Grantor: MARIANE BESS
311-32-1169
Grantor Soc. Sec. No.
6560 Birch Place
Gary, Indiana 46403
Grantor's Address

STATE OF INDIANA)
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Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 4th day of February, 1997, personally appeared the Grantor named above, and acknowledged the execution of this Power of Attorney to be the voluntary act and deed of the Grantor, for the uses and purposes therein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

LINDA ANN MATTON
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXP. SEPT 2, 2000
My Commission Expires: _____

Linda Ann Matton
Notary Public
Resident of: Lake County

