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CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

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The Reliance Insurance Company

(hereinafter called the Company)  
MORRIS W. CARTER  
RECORDER

hereby continues in force its Bond No. B2717965 in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$ 5,000.00 ), on behalf

of RYAN INCORPORATED CENTRAL

in favor of Town of Merrillville

for the (extended) term beginning on the 11 day of June, 1999,

and ending on the 11 day of June, 2000, subject to all the

covenants and conditions of said Bond, said bond and this and all continuations thereof being one continuous contract.

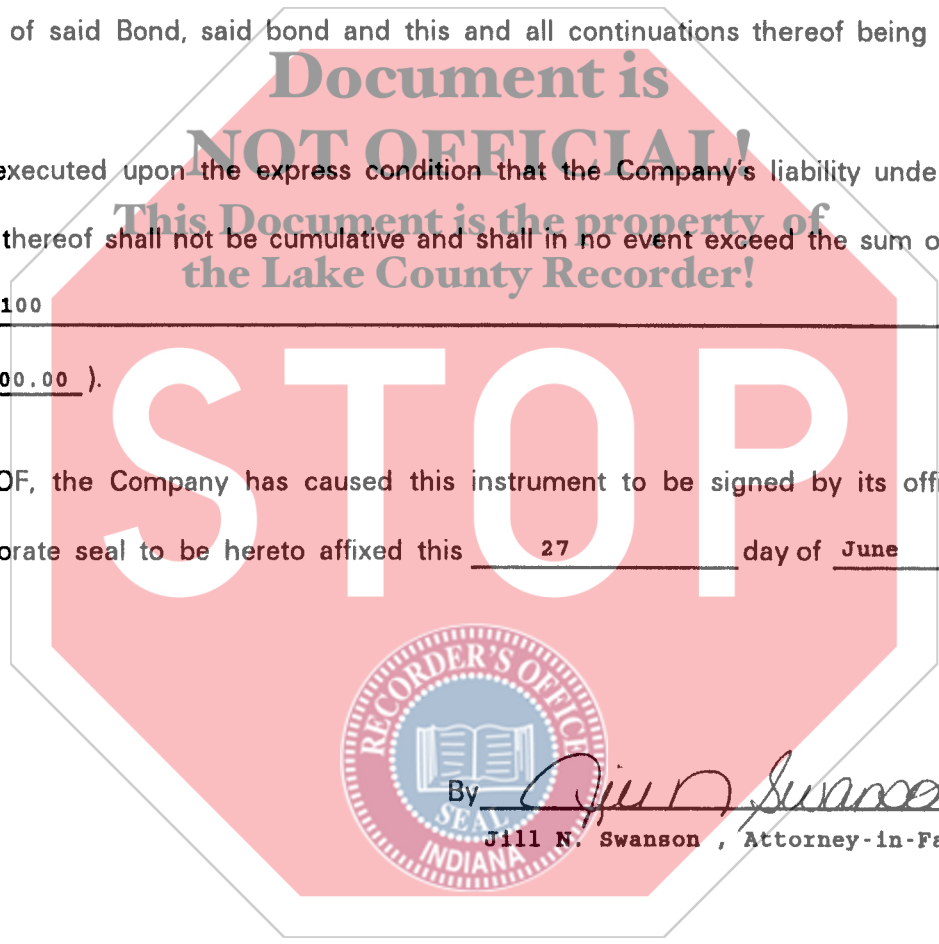
This Continuation is executed upon the express condition that the Company's liability under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Five Thousand and 00/100

Dollars (\$ 5,000.00 ).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be signed by its officers proper for the purpose and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 27 day of June

1999.



By Jill N. Swanson  
Jill N. Swanson, Attorney-in-Fact

Attest:

Theresa Coe

(STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF ANOKA ) ss:

On June 27, 1999, before me, A Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared Jill N. Swanson known to me to be the Attorney-in-Fact of the Reliance Insurance Company corporation described in and that executed the within and foregoing instrument and known to me to be the person who executed the said instrument in behalf of said corporation and he duly acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Barbara L. Kellar  
BARBARA L. KELLAR  
NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA  
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2000

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RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY  
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY  
RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and that RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY and UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, are corporations duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (herein collectively called "the Companies") and that the Companies by virtue of signature and seals do hereby make, constitute and appoint Laurie Pflug, Dennis G. Loots, Jerry Duimet, Jill N. Swanson, Richard G. Donovan, Ray C. Henningson, Jr., B. L. Keller, Susan Shapiro, of Minneapolis, Minnesota their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on their behalf, and as their act and deed any and all bonds and undertakings of suretyship and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof were signed by an Executive Officer of the Companies and sealed and attested by one other of such officers, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that their said Attorney(s)-in-Fact may do in pursuance hereof.

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of Article VII of the By-Laws of RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY, RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, and RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY which provisions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTION OF BONDS AND UNDERTAKINGS

1. The Board of Directors, the President, the Chairman of the Board, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President or Assistant Vice President or other officer designated by the Board of Directors shall have power and authority to (a) appoint Attorney(s)-in-Fact and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and (b) to remove any such Attorney(s)-in-Fact at any time and revoke the power and authority, given to them.
2. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority, subject to the terms and limitations of the Power of Attorney issued to them, to execute deliver on behalf of the Company, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.
3. Attorney(s)-in-Fact shall have power and authority to execute affidavits required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity or other conditional or obligatory undertakings and they shall also have power and authority to certify the financial statement of the Company and to copies of the By-Laws of the Company or any article or section thereof.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution adopted by the Executive and Finance Committees of the Boards of Directors of Reliance Insurance Company, United Pacific Insurance Company and Reliance National Indemnity Company by Unanimous Consent dated as of February 28, 1994 and by the Executive and Financial Committee of the Board of Directors of Reliance Surety Company by Unanimous Consent dated as of March 31, 1994.

"Resolved that the signatures of such directors and officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or any certificates relating thereto by facsimile, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such Power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company, in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this June 11, 1999.



RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY  
RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY  
UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY  
RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

*David T. Akers*

STATE OF Pennsylvania }  
COUNTY OF Philadelphia } ss.

On this, June 11, 1999, before me, Valencia Wortham, personally appeared David T. Akers, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of the Reliance Surety Company, and the Vice President of Reliance Insurance Company, United Pacific Insurance Company, and Reliance National Indemnity Company and that as such, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as its duly authorized officer.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notarial Seal  
Valencia Wortham, Notary Public  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County  
My Commission Expires Nov. 18, 2000



*Valencia Wortham*

Notary Public in and for the State of Pennsylvania  
Residing at Philadelphia

I, Anita Zippert, Secretary of RELIANCE SURETY COMPANY, RELIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, UNITED PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, and RELIANCE NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 27th day of June 1999.



*Anita Zippert*  
Secretary