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Western Surety Company

LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND

For County, City, Town or Village Only-Not Valid for Bonds Required by the State. Not Valid for Contract, Performance, Maintenance, Subdivision, Agent to Sell Hunting and Fishing Licenses or Utility Guarantee Bond.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. L & P-42931128

That we, Lowell Hicksgas, Inc.
of the Town of Lowell, State of Indiana, as Principal,
and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State
of Indiana, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the
All Cities, Towns, & Municipalities of Lake Co., In. Obligees, in the amount
(Valid only when a County, City, Town or Village is named as Obligee)
of Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$ 5,000),

lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said Obligee, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and our legal representatives, jointly and severally.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the Principal has been licensed Propane Gas Dealer

by the Obligee. NOW WHEREFORE, if the Principal shall faithfully perform the duties and comply with the laws and ordinances (including all amendments), pertaining to the license or permit, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect for a period commencing on the 22nd day of June, 2000, and ending on the 22nd day of June, 2001, unless renewed by continuation certificate.

This bond may be terminated at any time by the Surety upon sending notice in writing to the Obligee and to the Principal, in care of the Obligee or at such other address as the Surety deems reasonable, and at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the mailing of notice or as soon thereafter as permitted by applicable law, whichever is later, this bond shall terminate and the Surety shall be relieved from any subsequent acts or omissions of the Principal.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2000

Harold E. Shafiq Mgr.
Principal

Countersigned

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Thomas J. Rupp
Resident Agent

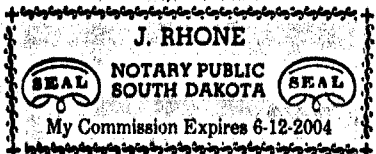
By Stephen T. Pate
Principal
President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA } ss (Corporate Officer)
County of Minnehaha }

On this 22nd day of June, 2000, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Stephen T. Pate, who acknowledged himself to be the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation, and that he as such officer, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

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



J. Rhone 12.00 e.p.
Notary Public, South Dakota

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL
(Individual or Partners)

STATE OF _____

County of _____

} ss

On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me personally appeared

_____ known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

My commission expires _____

Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF Indiana

County of Lake

} ss

On this 22nd day of June, 2000, before me,

personally appeared Harold Schaefer, who acknowledged himself to be the

_____ of _____, a corporation, and that he as such officer being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

My commission expires _____

June 17, 2001

Shawn A Holt

Notary Public

Western Surety Company

License or Permit No. _____

LICENSE AND PERMIT BOND

As

of

State of _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

Filed _____

Approved this _____

day of _____