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OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORP.

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MORRIS W. GIBSON
RECORDER

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

FIRSTAR BANK N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO Firststar Bank Milwaukee National Association ("Firststar"), a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, 1555 N. RiverCenter Drive, Suite 301, Milwaukee, WI 53212 hereby constitutes and appoints Option One Mortgage Corporation ("Option One"), a California Corporation, and in its name, aforesaid Attorney-In-Fact, by and through any officers appointed by the Board of Directors of Option One, to execute and acknowledge in writing or by facsimile stamp all documents customarily and reasonably necessary and appropriate for the tasks described in items (1) through (4) below; provided however, that the documents described below may only be executed and delivered by such Attorneys-In-Fact if such documents are required or permitted under the terms of the related servicing agreements and no power is granted hereunder to take any action that would be adverse to the interests of the Trustee or the Holders. This Power of Attorney is being issued in connection with Option One's responsibilities to service certain mortgage loans (the "Loans") held by Firststar in it's capacity as Trustee under a Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated December 1, 1998 relating to Series SAL 1998-NC7 among Option One and Salomon Brothers Mortgage Securities VII, Inc. These Loans are comprised of Mortgages, Deeds of Trust, Deeds to Secure Debt and other forms of Security Instruments (collectively the "Security Instruments") and the Notes secured thereby.

1. Demand, sue for, recover, collect and receive each and every sum of money, debt, account and interest (which now is, or hereafter shall become due and payable) belonging to or claimed by Firststar, and to use or take any lawful means for recovery by legal process or otherwise.
2. Transact business of any kind regarding the Loans, and obtain an interest therein and/or buildings thereon, as Firststar's act and deed, to contract for, purchase, receive and take possession and evidence of title in and to the property and/or to secure payment of a promissory note or performance of any obligation or agreement.
3. Execute bonds, notes, mortgages, deeds of trust and other contracts, agreements (including subordination agreements) and instruments regarding the Borrowers and/or the Property, including but not limited to the execution of releases, satisfactions, assignments, and other instruments pertaining to mortgages or deeds of trust, and execution of deeds and associated instruments, if any, conveying the Property, in the interest of Firststar.
4. Endorse on behalf of the undersigned all checks, drafts and/or other negotiable instruments made payable to the undersigned.

Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of MARCH, 2000

(SEAL)

FIRSTAR BANK N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO
Firststar Bank Milwaukee National Association, as Trustee
for the Registered Holders of Salomon Brothers
Mortgaged Securities VII, Series SAL 1998-NC7

Witness STEVEN J. PETERSON

By: CHARLES F. PEDERSEN, Vice President

Witness MATT VAN LANEN

By: JOHN R. HORVATH, Vice President

Attest: LORI E. SANDVIK, Asst. Secretary

FOR CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE)

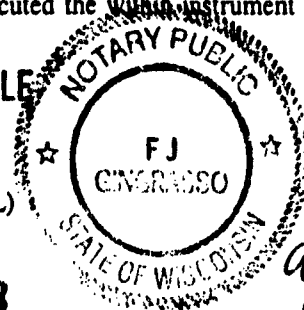
On this 9th day of MARCH, 2000, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared CHARLES F. PEDERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT and LORI E. SANDVIK, personally known to me (or proved to me by satisfactory evidence) to be the persons who executed the within instrument as Vice Presidents and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the corporation that executed the within instrument, and known to me to be the persons who executed the within instrument on behalf of the corporation therein named, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the within instrument pursuant to its by-laws or a resolution of its Board of Directors.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

HOLD FOR FIRST AMERICAN TITLE

Signature F. J. GINGIASSO
Notary Name F. J. GINGIASSO
My commission expires: My Commission Expires 7/23/2000

(NOTARY SEAL)



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