STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA County of Minnehaha

On this <u>8th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2002</u>, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared <u>Stephen T. Pate</u>, 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 purposes 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

B. THOMAS
NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL
SOUTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires 6-2-2003

Notary Public — South Dakota

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