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STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OWNER AND CONTRACTOR
ON THE BASIS OF A STIPULATED PRICE

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THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of the 1st day of October in the year 1998 DEPUTY
by and between Douglas County, Nevada (hereinafter called OWNER) and High Sierra Trees
and Landscaping, LLC (hereinafter called CONTRACTOR).

OWNER and CONTRACTOR, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth,
agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - WORK

1.01 CONTRACTOR shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract
Documents. The Work is generally described as follows:

Johnson Lane Water Tank - Site Design & Landscape Project

ARTICLE 2 - THE PROJECT

2.01 The Project for which the Work under the Contract Documents may be the whole or
only a part is generally described as follows:

ARTICLE 3 - ENGINEER

3.01 The Project has been designed by: **George Chapman, R.L.A.**
Landmark Design Group
3785 Lake Almanor Drive
Lake Almanor CA 96137
(530) 596-6225

who is hereinafter called LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT for Douglas County Community Development
Department who is hereinafter called ENGINEER and who is to act as OWNER's representative,
assume all duties and responsibilities, and have the rights and authority assigned to ENGINEER
in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the
Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 4 - CONTRACT TIMES

4.01. *Time of the Essence*

A. All time limits for Milestones, if any, Substantial Completion, and completion and
readiness for final payment as stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the
Contract.

4.02 *Dates for Substantial Completion and Final Payment*

A. The Work will be substantially completed on or before November 9, 1998, and
completed and ready for final payment in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General
Conditions on or before November 16, 1998.

4.03 Liquidated Damages

A. CONTRACTOR and OWNER recognize that time is of the essence of this Agreement and that OWNER will suffer financial loss if the Work is not completed within the times specified in paragraph 4.02 above, plus any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with Article 12 of the General Conditions. The parties also recognize the delays, expense and difficulties involved in proving in a legal or arbitration proceeding the actual loss suffered by OWNER if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, OWNER and CONTRACTOR agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty) CONTRACTOR shall pay OWNER three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each day that expires after the time specified in paragraph 4.02 for Substantial Completion until the Work is substantially complete. After Substantial Completion, if CONTRACTOR shall neglect, refuse or fail to complete the remaining Work within the time specified in paragraph 4.02 for completion and readiness for final payment or any proper extension thereof granted by OWNER, CONTRACTOR shall pay OWNER two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each day that expires after the time specified in paragraph 4.02 for completion and readiness for final payment until the Work is completed and ready for final payment.

B. In the event that the CONTRACTOR fails to pay OWNER the specified liquidated damages amount within thirty (30) days of CONTRACTOR's being notified of said damages, OWNER may deduct the amount of the assessed liquidated damages from the final payment or retention withheld pursuant to Article 14 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 5 - CONTRACT PRICE

5.01 OWNER shall pay CONTRACTOR for completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents an amount in current funds equal to the sum of the amounts determined below:

A. for all Unit Price Work, an amount equal to the sum of the established Unit Price for each separately identified item of Unit Price Work times the estimated quantity of that item, as indicated in the attached Bid Schedule;

B. as provided in paragraph 11.03 of the General Conditions estimated quantities are not guaranteed, and determinations of actual quantities and classification are to be made by ENGINEER as provided in paragraph 9.08 of the General Conditions. Unit prices have been computed as provided in paragraph 11.03 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 6 - PAYMENT PROCEDURES

6.01 *Submittal and Processing of Payments*

A. CONTRACTOR shall submit Applications for Payment in accordance with Article 14 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by ENGINEER as provided in the General Conditions.

6.02 *Progress Payments; Retainage*

A. OWNER shall make progress payments on account of the Contract Price on the basis of CONTRACTOR's Applications for Payment as recommended by ENGINEER, on or about the Friday following either the first or third Thursday of each month, depending upon the timing of submittals and approvals, as provided in paragraphs 6.02.A.1 and 6.02.A.2 below. All such payments will be measured by the schedule of values established in paragraph 2.07.A of the

General Conditions (and in the case of Unit Price Work based on the number of units completed) or, in the event there is no schedule of values, as provided in the General Requirements:

1. Prior to Substantial Completion, progress payments will be made in an amount equal to the percentage indicated below, but, in each case, less the aggregate of payments previously made and less such amounts as ENGINEER shall determine or OWNER may withhold, in accordance with paragraph 14.02 of the General Conditions:

a. 90% of Work completed (with balance being retainage). If Work has been 50% completed as determined by ENGINEER, and if the character and progress of the Work have been satisfactory to OWNER and ENGINEER, OWNER, on recommendation of ENGINEER, may determine that as long as the character and progress of the Work remain satisfactory to them, there will be no retainage on account of Work subsequently completed, in which case the remaining progress payments prior to Substantial Completion will be in an amount equal to 100% of the Work completed less the aggregate of payments previously made; and

b. 90% of cost of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Work (with the balance being retainage).

2. Upon Substantial Completion, OWNER shall pay an amount sufficient to increase total payments to CONTRACTOR to 90% of the Work completed, less such amounts as ENGINEER shall determine in accordance with paragraph 14.02.B.5 of the General Conditions and less 100 % of Engineer's estimate of the value of Work to be completed or corrected as shown on the tentative list of items to be completed or corrected attached to the certificate of Substantial Completion.

6.03 *Final Payment*

A. Upon final completion and acceptance of the Work in accordance with paragraph 14.07 of the General Conditions, OWNER shall pay the remainder of the Contract Price as recommended by ENGINEER as provided in said paragraph 14.07.

ARTICLE 7 - INTEREST

7.01 All moneys not paid when due as provided in Article 14 of the General Conditions shall bear interest at the rate allowed by law at the place of the project.

ARTICLE 8 - CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

8.01 In order to induce OWNER to enter into this Agreement CONTRACTOR makes the following representations:

A. CONTRACTOR has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents and the other related data identified in the Bidding Documents.

B. CONTRACTOR has visited the Site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.

C. CONTRACTOR is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state, and local Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.

D. CONTRACTOR has carefully studied all (if any): (1) reports of explorations and tests of subsurface conditions at or contiguous to the Site and all drawings of physical conditions in or relating to existing surface or subsurface structures at or contiguous to the Site (except Underground Facilities) which have been identified in the Supplementary Conditions as provided in paragraph 4.02 of the General Conditions and (2) reports and drawings of a Hazardous Environmental Condition, if any, at the Site which has been identified in the Supplementary Conditions as provided in paragraph 4.06 of the General Conditions.

CONTRACTOR accepts the determination set forth in paragraph SC-4.2 of the Supplementary Conditions of the extent of the "technical data" contained in such reports and drawings upon which CONTRACTOR is entitled to rely as provided in paragraph 4.2 of the General Conditions. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that such reports and drawings are not Contract Documents and may not be complete for CONTRACTOR's purposes. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that OWNER and ENGINEER do not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information and data shown or indicated in the Contract Documents with respect to Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the site.

E. CONTRACTOR has obtained and carefully studied (or assumes responsibility for having done so) all additional or supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the Site which may affect cost, progress, or performance of the Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures of construction, if any, expressly required by the Contract Documents to be employed by CONTRACTOR, and safety precautions and programs incident thereto.

NOTE: if the reports and/or drawings referred to in A-8.01.D do not exist, delete the phrase "additional or supplementary" in the first sentence of A-8.01.E.

F. CONTRACTOR does not consider that any further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents.

G. CONTRACTOR is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by OWNER and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.

H. CONTRACTOR has correlated the information known to CONTRACTOR, information and observations obtained from visits to the Site, reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents and all additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, and data with the Contract Documents.

I. CONTRACTOR has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies that CONTRACTOR has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to CONTRACTOR.

J. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.

ARTICLE 9 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

9.01 Contents

A. The Contract Documents consist of the following:

1. This Agreement (pages AG-1 to AG-8, inclusive);
2. Performance Bond (pages 1 to 3, inclusive);
3. Payment Bonds (pages 1 to 3, inclusive);
4. Other Bonds (pages _____ to _____, inclusive);
 - a. _____ (pages _____ to _____, inclusive);
 - b. _____ (pages _____ to _____, inclusive);
 - c. _____ (pages _____ to _____, inclusive);
5. General Conditions (pages ___ to ___, inclusive, not attached);
6. Supplementary Conditions (pages SC-1 to SC-_____, inclusive, not attached);
7. Specifications as listed in table of contents of the Project Manual (not attached);
8. Drawings (not attached) consisting of a cover sheet and sheets numbered 1 through 4, inclusive with each sheet bearing the following general title John. Ln. Water Tank - Douglas County Nevada;
9. Addenda (numbers _____ to _____, inclusive);
10. Exhibits to this Agreement (enumerated as follows):
 - a. Notice to Proceed (pages _____ to _____ inclusive, not attached)
 - b. CONTRACTOR's Bid (pages BF-1 to BF- _____, inclusive, not attached).
 - c. Documentation submitted by CONTRACTOR prior to Notice of Award (pages _____ to _____, inclusive, not attached).
11. The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Agreement and are not attached hereto:
 - a. Written Amendments
 - b. Work Change Directives
 - c. Change Order(s)
12. Part 2 and Part 3 of the "Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno, Carson City, City of Yerington," 1996 Edition, incorporated by reference.

B. The documents listed in paragraph 9.01.A are attached to this Agreement (except as expressly noted otherwise above).

C. There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 9.

D. The Contract Documents may only be amended, modified or supplemented as provided in paragraph 3.05 of the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 10 - MISCELLANEOUS

10.01 *Terms*

A. Terms used in this will have the meanings indicated in the General Conditions.

10.02. *Assignment of Contract*

A. No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and, specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents.

10.03 *Successors and Assigns*

A. OWNER and CONTRACTOR each binds itself, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

10.04 *Severability*

A. Any provision or part of the Contract Documents held to be void or unenforceable under any Law or Regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon OWNER and CONTRACTOR, who agree that the Contract Documents shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

10.05 *Other Provisions*

A. If applicable, in the event that there is any litigation relative to the interpretation or enforcement of this agreement or any of the Contract Documents, the prevailing party shall be entitled to a reasonable Attorney's fee, together with costs of suit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and CONTRACTOR have signed this Agreement in triplicate. One counterpart each has been delivered to OWNER, CONTRACTOR and ENGINEER. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed, initialed or identified by OWNER and CONTRACTOR or identified by ENGINEER on their behalf.

This Agreement will be effective on Oct 9, 1998.

DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA - OWNER

Jacques Etchegoyhen
Jacques Etchegoyhen, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

STATE OF NEVADA)

)ss.

COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

One the 9th day of October, 1998, Jacques Etchegoyhen, Chairman of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, personally appeared before me, Barbara J. Reed, Douglas County Clerk, and acknowledged to me that, in conformance with the direction of the Board of Douglas County Commissioners' meeting of Oct. 1, 1998, he executed the above instrument on behalf of Douglas County, a political subdivision of the State of Nevada.

Barbara J. Reed by Linda Cendon
Barbara J. Reed, Douglas County Clerk Chief Deputy Clerk

CONTRACTOR:

High SIERRA TREES & LANDSCAPE LLC.

By: [Signature]
(Authorized Representative)

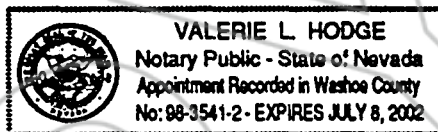
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STATE OF NEVADA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

On this 22 day of October, in the year 1998 before me,
_____/ Notary Public, personally known to me (or proved to me on the
basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to this
instrument, and acknowledge that he (she/they) executed it.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

[Signature]
Notary's Signature
My Commission Expires: 7-8-02



Address for giving notices to Owner:

Eric Teitelman
Engineering Manager/County Engineer
Douglas County Community Development
P.O. Box 218
Minden, NV 89423

Address for giving notices to Contractor:

NV License No. _____

Agent for service of process:

CONSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE BOND

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

CONTRACTOR (Name and Address):
HIGH SIERRA TREES & LANDSCAPING, LLC
11915 S. VIRGINIA
RENO, NEVADA 89511

SURETY (Name and Address of Principal Place of Business): FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY
4250 EXECUTIVE SQ. #200
LA JOLLA, CA. 92037

OWNER (Name and Address):
DOUGLAS COUNTY
1594 ESERALDA AVE.
MINDEN, NEVADA 89423

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Date: NOVEMBER 4, 1998
Amount: 35,006.00
Description (Name and Location):
JOHNSON LANE WATERTANK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT
MINDEN, NEVADA

BOND

Date (Not earlier than Construction Contract Date): NOVEMBER 4, 1998
Amount: 35,006.00
Modifications to this Bond Form: NONE

Surety and Contractor, intending to be legally bound hereby, subject to the terms printed on the following two pages, do each cause this Performance Bond to be duly executed on its behalf by its authorized officer, agent or representative.

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: HIGH SIERRA TREES & LANDSCAPING, LLC (Corp. Seal)
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Name and Title:
*KEITH VENTER'S
SALES MANG.*

Space provided below for signatures of additional parties, if required) RENO, NEVADA 89502

SURETY
Company: FRONTIER INSURANCE CO. (Corp. Seal)
Signature: *Velma J. Rowland*

Name and Title: VELMA J. ROWLAND
(Attach Power of Attorney) ATTORNEY-IN-FACT & NV.
RESIDENT AGENT, 1005 TERMINAL WAY #120
RENO, NEVADA 89502

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: _____ (Corp. Seal)
Signature: _____
Name and Title: _____

SURETY
Company: _____ (Corp. Seal)
Signature: _____
Name and Title: _____
(Attach Power of Attorney)

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1. The CONTRACTOR and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the OWNER for the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. If the CONTRACTOR performs the Construction Contract, the Surety and the CONTRACTOR shall have no obligation under this Bond, except to participate in conferences as provided in Subparagraph 3.1.

3. If there is no OWNER Default, the Surety's obligation under this Bond shall arise after:

3.1 The OWNER has notified the CONTRACTOR and the Surety at its address described in Paragraph 10 below, that the OWNER is considering declaring a CONTRACTOR Default and has requested and attempted to arrange a conference with the CONTRACTOR and the Surety to be held not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice to discuss methods of performing the Construction Contract. If the OWNER, the CONTRACTOR and the Surety agree, the CONTRACTOR shall be allowed a reasonable time to perform the Construction Contract, but such an agreement shall not waive the OWNER's right, if any, subsequently to declare a CONTRACTOR Default; and

3.2 The OWNER has declared a CONTRACTOR Default and formally terminated the CONTRACTOR's right to complete the contract. Such CONTRACTOR Default shall not be declared earlier than twenty days after the CONTRACTOR and the Surety have received notice as provided in Subparagraph 3.1; and

3.3 The OWNER has agreed to pay the Balance of the Contract Price to:

3.3.1 The Surety in accordance with the terms of the Contract;

3.3.2 Another contractor selected pursuant to paragraph 4.3 to perform the Contract.

4. When the OWNER has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 3, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take one of the following actions:

4.1 Arrange for the CONTRACTOR, with consent of the OWNER, to perform and complete the Construction Contract; or

4.2 Undertake to perform and complete the Construction Contract itself, through its agents or through independent contractors; or

4.3 Obtain bids or negotiated proposals from qualified contractors acceptable to the OWNER for a contract for performance and completion of the Construction Contract, arrange for a contract to be prepared for execution by the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR selected with the OWNER's concurrence, to be secured with performance and payment bonds executed by a qualified surety equivalent to the bonds issued on the Construction Contract, and pay to the OWNER the amount of damages as described in Paragraph 6 in excess of the Balance of the Contract Price incurred by the OWNER resulting from the CONTRACTOR's default; or

4.4 Waive its right to perform and complete, arrange for completion, or obtain a new CONTRACTOR and with reasonable promptness under the circumstances:

4.4.1 After investigation, determine the amount for which it may be liable to the OWNER and, as soon as practicable after the amount is determined, tender payment therefor to the OWNER; or

4.4.2 Deny liability in whole or in part and notify the OWNER citing reasons therefor.

5. If the Surety does not proceed as provided in paragraph 4 with reasonable promptness, the Surety shall be deemed to be in default on this Bond fifteen days after receipt of an additional written notice from the OWNER to the Surety demanding that the Surety perform its obligations under this Bond, and the OWNER shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the OWNER. If the Surety proceeds as provided in paragraph 4.4, and the OWNER refuses the payment tendered or the Surety has denied liability, in whole or in part, without further notice the OWNER shall be entitled to enforce any remedy available to the OWNER.

6. After the OWNER has terminated the CONTRACTOR's right to complete the Construction Contract, and if the Surety elects to act under paragraph 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3, above, then the responsibilities of the Surety to the OWNER shall not be greater than those of the CONTRACTOR under the Construction Contract, and the responsibilities of the OWNER to the Surety shall not be greater than those

of the OWNER under the Construction Contract. To the limit of the amount of this Bond, but subject to commitment by the OWNER of the Balance of the Contract Price to mitigation of costs and damages on the Construction Contract, the Surety is obligated without duplication for:

- 6.1 The responsibilities of the CONTRACTOR for correction of defective work and completion of the Construction Contract;
- 6.2 Additional legal, design professional and delay costs resulting from the CONTRACTOR's Default, and resulting from the actions or failure to act of the Surety under paragraph 4; and
- 6.3 Liquidated damages, or if no liquidated damages are specified in the Construction Contract, actual damages caused by delayed performance or nonperformance of the CONTRACTOR.

7. The Surety shall not be liable to the OWNER or others for obligations of the CONTRACTOR that are unrelated to the Construction Contract, and the Balance of the Contract Price shall not be reduced or set off on account of any such unrelated obligations. No right of action shall accrue on this Bond to any person or entity other than the OWNER or its heirs, executors, administrators, or successors.

8. The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

9. Any proceeding, legal or equitable, under this Bond may be instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located and shall be instituted within two years after CONTRACTOR Default or within two years after the CONTRACTOR ceased working or within two years after the Surety refuses or fails to perform its obligations under this Bond, whichever occurs first. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by Law, the Minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

10. Notice to the Surety, the OWNER or the CONTRACTOR shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page.

11. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such

statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

12. Definitions.

12.1 Balance of the Contract Price: The total amount payable by the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR under the Construction Contract after all proper adjustments have been made, including allowance to the CONTRACTOR of any amounts received or to be received by the OWNER in settlement of insurance or other claims for damages to which the CONTRACTOR is entitled, reduced by all valid and proper payments made to or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR under the Construction Contract.

12.2. Construction Contract: The agreement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.

12.3. CONTRACTOR Default: Failure of the CONTRACTOR, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to perform or otherwise to comply with the terms of the Construction Contract.

12.4. OWNER Default: Failure of the OWNER, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the CONTRACTOR as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

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CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: HIGH SIERRA TREES & LANDSCAPING, LLC. (Corp. Seal)
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Name and Title:
KEITH VENTERS
SALES MGR.

SURETY
Company: FRONTIER INSURANCE CO. (Corp. Seal)
Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT & NEVADA RESIDENT AGENT
Name and Title: VELMA J. ROWLAND
(Attach Power of Attorney) 1005 TERMINAL WAY #120
RENO, NEVADA 89502

Space provided below for signatures of additional parties, if required)

CONTRACTOR AS PRINCIPAL
Company: _____ (Corp. Seal)
Signature: _____
Name and Title: _____

SURETY
Company: _____ (Corp. Seal)
Signature: _____
Name and Title: _____
(Attach Power of Attorney)

1. The CONTRACTOR and the Surety, jointly and severally, bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to the OWNER to pay for labor, materials and equipment furnished for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

2. With respect to the OWNER, this obligation shall be null and void if the CONTRACTOR:

- 2.1 Promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due Claimants, and
- 2.2 Defends, indemnifies and holds harmless the OWNER from all claims, demands, liens or suits by any person or entity who furnished labor, materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Construction Contract, provided the OWNER has promptly notified the CONTRACTOR and the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) of any claims, demands, liens or suits and tendered defense of such claims, demands, liens or suits to the CONTRACTOR and the Surety, and provided there is no OWNER Default.

3. With respect to Claimants, this obligation shall be null and void if the CONTRACTOR promptly makes payment, directly or indirectly, for all sums due.

4. The Surety shall have no obligation to Claimants under this Bond until:

4.1 Claimants who are employed by or have a direct contract with the CONTRACTOR have given notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the OWNER, stating that a claim is being made under this Bond and, with substantial accuracy, the amount of the claim.

4.2 Claimants who do not have a direct contract with the CONTRACTOR:

4.2.1. Have furnished written notice to the CONTRACTOR and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the OWNER, within 90 days after having last performed labor or last furnished materials or equipment included in the claim stating, with substantial accuracy, the amount of the claim and the name of the party to whom the materials were furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was done or performed; and

4.2.2. Have either received a rejection in whole or in part from the CONTRACTOR, or not received within

30 days of furnishing the above notice any communication from the CONTRACTOR by which the CONTRACTOR has indicated the claim will be paid directly or indirectly; and

4.2.3. Not having been paid within the above 30 days, have sent a written notice to the Surety (at the address described in Paragraph 12) and sent a copy, or notice thereof, to the OWNER, stating that a claim is being made under this Bond and enclosing a copy of the previous written notice furnished to the CONTRACTOR.

5. If a notice required by Paragraph 4 is given by the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR or to the Surety, that is sufficient compliance.

6. When the Claimant has satisfied the conditions of Paragraph 4, the Surety shall promptly and at the Surety's expense take the following actions:

6.1 Send an answer to the Claimant, with a copy to the OWNER, within 45 days after receipt of the claim, stating the amounts that are undisputed and the basis for challenging any amounts that are disputed.

6.2 Pay or arrange for payment of any undisputed amounts.

7. The Surety's total obligation shall not exceed the amount of this Bond, and the amount of this Bond shall be credited for any payments made in good faith by the Surety.

8. Amounts owed by the OWNER to the CONTRACTOR under the Construction Contract shall be used for the performance of the Construction Contract and to satisfy claims, if any, under any Construction Performance Bond. By the CONTRACTOR furnishing and the OWNER accepting this Bond, they agree that all funds earned by the CONTRACTOR in the performance of the Construction Contract are dedicated to satisfy obligations of the CONTRACTOR and the Surety under this Bond, subject to the OWNER's priority to use the funds for the completion of the work.

9. The Surety shall not be liable to the OWNER, Claimants or others for obligations of the CONTRACTOR that are unrelated to the Construction Contract. The OWNER shall not be liable for payment of any costs or expenses of any Claimant under this Bond, and shall have under this Bond no obligations to make payments to, give notices on behalf of, or otherwise have obligations to Claimants under this Bond.

CONTRACTOR's subcontractors, and all other items for which a mechanic's lien may be asserted in the jurisdiction where the labor, materials or equipment were furnished.

10. The Surety hereby waives notice of any change, including changes of time, to the Construction Contract or to related subcontracts, purchase orders and other obligations.

11. No suit or action shall be commenced by a Claimant under this Bond other than in a court of competent jurisdiction in the location in which the work or part of the work is located or after the expiration of one year from the date (1) on which the Claimant gave the notice required by paragraph 4.1 or paragraph 4.2.3, or (2) on which the last labor or service was performed by anyone or the last materials or equipment were furnished by anyone under the Construction Contract, whichever of (1) or (2) first occurs. If the provisions of this Paragraph are void or prohibited by law, the minimum period of limitation available to sureties as a defense in the jurisdiction of the suit shall be applicable.

12. Notice to the Surety, the OWNER or the CONTRACTOR shall be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the signature page. Actual receipt of notice by Surety, the OWNER or the CONTRACTOR, however accomplished, shall be sufficient compliance as of the date received at the address shown on the signature page.

13. When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location where the construction was to be performed, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or the legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. The intent is, that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

14. Upon request by any person or entity appearing to be a potential beneficiary of this Bond, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly furnish a copy of this Bond or shall permit a copy to be made.

15. DEFINITIONS

15.1 Claimant: An individual or entity having a direct contract with the CONTRACTOR or with a subcontractor of the CONTRACTOR to furnish labor, materials or equipment for use in the performance of the Contract. The intent of this Bond shall be to include without limitation in the terms "labor, materials or equipment" that part of water, gas, power, light, heat, oil, gasoline, telephone service or rental equipment used in the Construction Contract, architectural and engineering services required for performance of the work of the CONTRACTOR and the

15.2 Contract: The agreement between the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR identified on the signature page, including all Contract Documents and changes thereto.

15.3 OWNER Default: Failure of the OWNER, which has neither been remedied nor waived, to pay the CONTRACTOR as required by the Construction Contract or to perform and complete or comply with the other terms thereof.

ROCK HILL, NEW YORK 12775-8000

(a Stock Company)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Men By These Presents: That FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York Corporation, having its principal office in Rock Hill, New York, pursuant to the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation on the 4th day of November, 1985.

"RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the President, or any Vice President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact to represent and act for and on behalf of the Company to execute bonds, undertakings, recognizances and other contracts of indemnity and writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and to attach thereto the corporate seal of the Company, in the transaction of its surety business;

"RESOLVED, that the signatures and attestations of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such Power of Attorney or to any certificate 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 when so affixed with respect to any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other contract of indemnity or writing obligatory in the nature thereof;

"RESOLVED, that any such Attorney-in-Fact delivering a secretarial certification that the foregoing resolutions still be in effect may insert in such certification the date thereof, said date to be not later than the date of delivery thereof by such Attorney-in-Fact."

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed in facsimile under and by the authority of the above Resolution.

DOES HEREBY MAKE, CONSTITUTE AND APPOINT: **VELMA J. ROWLAND**

Reno

Nevada

of _____, in the State of _____, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in its behalf, and as its act and deed, without power of redelegation, as follows:

Bonds guaranteeing the fidelity of persons holding places of public or private trust, guaranteeing the performance of contracts other than insurance policies; and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in all actions or proceedings or by law allowed; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$650,000.00) DOLLARS; and to bind FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY, and all the acts of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact pursuant to the authority herein given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

In Witness Whereof, FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY of Rock Hill, New York, has caused this Power of Attorney to be signed by its Vice President and its Corporate seal to be affixed this

15th day of December, 19 95

FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY



BY: [Signature]
DAVID E. CAMPBELL, Vice President

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN)

ss: 15th December 19 95

On this _____ day of _____, 19 95, before me, Treva Kensler, Notary Public, personally appeared David E. Campbell of FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY, personally known to me to be the individual and officer described herein, and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said, that he is the officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of the Company, and the Corporate Seal and signature as an officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the Corporation, and that the resolution of the Company, referred to in the preceding instrument, is now in force.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal at Rock Hill, New York, the day and year above written.



[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public
Corporation Acknowledgement

CERTIFICATION

I, JOSEPH P. LOUGHLIN, Secretary of FRONTIER INSURANCE COMPANY of Rock Hill, New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of this Corporation and the Powers of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the Resolution and the Powers of Attorney are in full force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of the corporation this 4TH day of

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[Signature]
JOSEPH P. LOUGHLIN, Secretary

COPY

REQUESTED BY
DOUGLAS COUNTY
IN OFFICIAL RECORDS OF
DOUGLAS CO., NEVADA

CERTIFIED COPY

The document to which this certificate is attached is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and on record in my office.

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DATE: November 19, 1998
S. ~~REED~~ Clerk of the 9th Judicial District Court
of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Douglas.

LINDA SLATER
RECORDER

By [Signature] Deputy

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