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GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

STATE OF NEVADA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS )

I, JAMES KENNETH HICKEY, the undersigned, of Douglas County, Nevada, constitute and appoint JAMES MICHAEL HICKEY, DANIEL ROYCE HICKEY and THOMAS BRENT HICKEY of Douglas County, State of Nevada, my true and lawful attorneys-in fact, in my name, place and stead, on my behalf, and for my use and benefit:

A. To exercise or perform any act, power, duty, right or obligation whatsoever that I now have, or may subsequently acquire the legal right, power or capacity to exercise or perform, in connection with, arising from or relating to any person, item, transaction, business, real or personal property, tangible or intangible thing or any matter whatsoever;

B. To request, ask, demand, sue for, recover, collect, receive and hold and possess all such sums of money, debts, dues commercial paper, checks, drafts, accounts, deposits, legacies, bequests, devises, notes, interests, stock certificates, bonds, dividends, certificates of deposit, annuities, pension and retirement benefits, insurance benefits and proceeds, documents of title, choses in action, real and personal property, and intangible and tangible rights and demands, liquidated or unliquidated, as now are, or shall subsequently become, owned by, or due, owing, payable or belonging to, me, or in which I have or may subsequently acquire interest, to have, use and take all lawful means and equitable and legal remedies, procedures and writs in my name for their collection and recovery, and to adjust, sell, compromise and agree for them, and to make, execute and deliver for me, on my behalf, and in my name, all endorsements, releases, receipts or other sufficient discharges for them;

C. To lease, purchase exchange and acquire, and to agree, bargain and contract for the lease, purchase, exchange and acquisition of, and to accept, take, receive and possess any real or personal property, tangible or intangible rights or interests, on such terms and conditions, and under such covenants, as attorney-in-fact shall deem proper;

D. To maintain, repair, improve, manage, insure, rent, lease, sell, convey, subject to liens, mortgage, subject to deeds of trust and hypothecate, and in any way or manner deal with any part of any real or personal property, tangible or intangible rights or interests, that I now own or may subsequently acquire, in my behalf, and in my name and under such terms and conditions,

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and under such covenants, as attorney-in-fact shall deem proper;

E. To conduct, engage in and transact any and all lawful business of whatever nature or kind, on my behalf, and in my name; and

F. To make, receive, sign endorse, execute, acknowledge, deliver and possess such applications, contracts, agreements, options, covenants, conveyances, deeds, trust deeds, security agreements, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, assignments, insurance policies, bills of lading, warehouse receipts, documents of title, bills, bonds, debentures, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, letters of credit, notes, stock certificates, proxies, warrants, commercial paper, receipts, withdrawal receipts and deposit instruments relating to accounts or deposits in, or certificates of deposit of, banks, savings and loan or other institutions or associations, proofs of loss, evidences of debts, releases, satisfaction of mortgages, liens, judgments, security agreements and other debts and obligations, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary or proper in the exercise of the rights and powers granted.

I grant to my attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do, take and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, proper and necessary to be done, in the exercise of any of the rights and powers granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution, revocation, ratifying and confirming all that attorney-in-fact, or a substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers granted.

This instrument is to be construed and interpreted as a general power of attorney. The enumeration of specific items, rights or powers is not intended to, nor does it, limit or restrict, and is not to be construed or interpreted as limiting or restriction, the general powers granted to attorney-in-fact.

The rights, powers, and authority of attorney-in-fact granted shall commence and be in full force and effect from the date of this instrument. Such rights, powers and authority shall remain in full force and effect thereafter until revoked in writing by me.

Dated this 15 day of September, 2004.

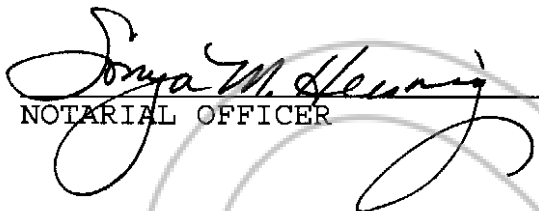
  
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On September 15, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notarial Officer in and for said County and State, personally appeared JAMES KENNETH HICKEY known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.

Signed and sworn to before me  
on this 15 day of September, 2004.

  
NOTARIAL OFFICER

