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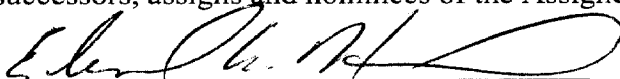
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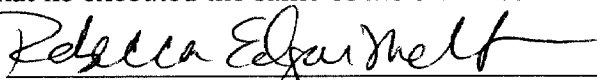
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(Signature):  Date: 5/1/01
Edward A. Hubbard

State of Texas)
County of TARRANT)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 1st day of May, 2001, personally appeared Edward A. Hubbard, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.


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