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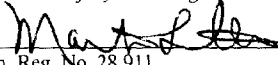
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I, Connie Jones do hereby certify that the above-identified ASSIGNOR, personally known to me to be the same person or persons who signed the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that the said instrument was signed and delivered as the free and voluntary act of the ASSIGNOR, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Jan., 2003

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