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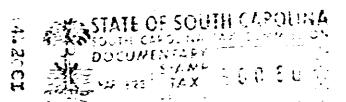
POWER OF ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

PEARSON AND MATTIE JANE PEARSON, legal residents of the Town of Ware Place, County of Greenville, State of South Carolina, have made, constituted and appointed and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint our niece, ESTELLE D. KING, whose address is Post Office Box 445, Route 3, Pelzer, South Carolina 29669, our true and lawful attorney to act in, manage, and conduct all our estate and all our affairs, and for that purpose for us and in our name, place, and stead, and for our use and benefit, and as our act and deed, to do and execute, or to concur with persons jointly interested with us therein in the doing or executing of, all or any of the following acts, deeds, and things, that is to say:

(1) To buy, receive, lease, accept, or otherwise acquire; to sell, convey, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, quitclaim, or otherwise encumber or dispose of; or to contract or agree for the acquisition, disposal, or encumbrance of; any property whatsoever or any custody, possession, interest, or right therein, upon such terms as our said attorney shall think proper; (2) to take, hold, possess, invest, lease, or let, or otherwise manage any or all of our property or any interest therein; to eject, remove, or relieve tenants or other persons from, and recover possession of, such property by all lawful means and to maintain, protect, preserve, insure, remove, store, transport, repair, rebuild, modify, or improve the same or any part thereof; (3) to make, do and transact all and every kind of business of whatsoever nature or kind, including the receipt, recovery, collection, payment, compromise, settlement and adjustment of all accounts, legacies, bequests, interest, dividends, annuities, demands, debts, taxes and obligations, which may now or hereafter be due, owing, or payable to us; (4) to make, endorse, accept, receive, sign, seal, execute, acknowledge, and deliver deeds, assignments, agreements, certificates, hypothecations, checks, notes, bonds, vouchers, receipts, and such other instruments in writing of whatever kind and nature as may be necessary, convenient, or proper in the premises; (5) to deposit and withdraw for the purposes hereof, in either our said attorney's name or the name of either of us or jointly in all our names, in or from any banking institution any funds, negotiable paper, or monies which may come into our said attorney's hands as such attorney or which we now or hereafter may have on deposit or be entitled to; (6) to institute, prosecute, defend, compromise, arbitrate, and dispose of legal, equitable, or administrative hearings, actions, suits, attachments, arrests, distresses or other proceedings, or otherwise engage in litigation in connection with the premises; (7) to act as our attorney or proxy in respect to any stocks, shares, bonds, or other investments, rights or interests, we may now or hereafter hold; (8) to engage and dismiss agents, counsel, and employees, and to appoint and remove at pleasure any substitute for, or agent of our said attorney, in respect to all or any of the matters or things herein mentioned and upon such terms as our attorney shall think fit; (9) to execute vouchers in our behalf for any and all allowances and reimbursements properly payable to us by the United States, including but not restricted to allowances and reimbursements for transportation of dependents or for shipment of household effects as authorized by law and applicable regulations, and to receive, endorse, and collect the proceeds of checks payable to the order of the undersigned drawn on the Treasury of the United States; (10) to prepare, execute, and file income and other tax returns, and other governmental reports,

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