Agenda Item No. ADD-ON PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	June 8, 2010	[]	Consent Ordinance	[X] []	Regular Public Hearing
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Submitted By:	Palm Tran				
Submitted for:	Palm Tran				
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) receive and file Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC's (PBMT) Waiver and Release of claims it may have against the County related to the County's demand for full payment, in the amount of \$750,000, against the Letter of Credit (LOC) furnished under PBMT's Contract for Supply of Paratransit Services (R-2004-2447), as amended, and the County's retention of all interest earned on the \$750,000; and B) authorize a payment in the amount of \$750,000 to PBMT, which sum represents the proceeds derived from the County's demand against the LOC.

Summary: On October 28, 2008, the Board authorized a demand for full payment, in the amount of \$750,000, against the LOC issued for PBMT, by the Bank of Montreal, Chicago (Bank) to the County, which LOC was required under the County's Contract for Supply of Paratransit Services with PBMT. The proceeds (\$750,000) derived from the demand were received by the County on November 4, 2008, and deposited into an interest bearing account. The proceeds have been in the possession of the County since. PBMT has recently provided a Performance Bond that complies with its contract with the County, and has requested that the \$750,000 being held by the County be paid to it. PBMT has agreed to forfeit any rights it may have to the interest earned on the \$750,000 and to waive and release the County from claims related to the County's demand against the LOC, and to indemnify the County against claims by the Bank of Montreal. As a result of the efforts taken by County to mitigate its damages arising out of PBMT's default and the partial termination of its contract, the County's damages were minimal and are less than the interest earned on the \$750,000. Countywide (DR)

Background and Justification: PBMT is one of the two major contractors providing paratransit services to Palm Beach County. Under its paratransit contract with the County, PBMT could provide either an annually renewable Performance Bond or LOC in the amount of \$750,000. PBMT chose to provide a LOC. In October of 2008, PBMT was notified that the County intended to partially terminate its contract with PBMT as a result of PBMT's default, and that PBMT had failed to provide a "renewed" LOC within the time period established under the contract. At the time, Palm Tran was concerned that a "new" LOC would not be received before the current LOC expired. To protect the County from that risk and to ensure that the County could recover its damages arising out of the partial termination, the County demanded payment for the full face amount (\$750,000) of the existing LOC. The Bank honored the County's demand and paid the \$750,000 to the County. The County deposited the funds into an interest bearing account. The damages sustained by County, as a result of PBMT's breach, were less than anticipated. PBMT has agreed to waive any claims it may have related to the County's demand against the LOC, and further agreed that the County is entitled to all of the interest earned on the LOC proceeds. In return, the County will not deduct from the LOC proceeds, its damages arising out of PBMT's breach. The County's damages were less than the interest earned on the LOC.

2.	Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC's Wa BCC Item R-2008-1983 - Authorizing Demar Contract Performance Bond issued by Hano	d for Payment Against Letter of Credit
Recommended By:	Department Director Assistant County Administrator	Jwe 3, 2010 Date 6/3/10 Date

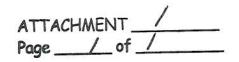
II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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C. Other Department Review: 0

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Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC Waiver and Release

In consideration of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County's (County) return to Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC (PBMT) of the proceeds derived from County's demand against the Irrevocable Standby letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS, dated January 8, 2008, as amended (referred to herein as the "LOC"), in the total amount of \$750,000.00, PBMT does hereby rescind, waive, acquit, relinquish, release and forever discharge the County and Palm Tran, Inc., including all of their respective officers, servants, agents and employees, from any and all causes of actions, claims or demands, of any kind or nature, whether legal or equitable, that PBMT and its principals, estate, successors, legal representatives, assigns or any other person or entity had, have or may have arising out of or related in any manner whatsoever to the County's demand for payment against or under the LOC, the presentment of County's demand for payment to the Bank of Montreal, Chicago, the County's receipt and acceptance of the proceeds derived from the LOC, including all interest, earnings, income or other advantage, of any kind or nature, which County received, is receiving or may receive.

PBMT affirmatively represents that there is no other agreement, duty, right or interest vested in a third party that would preclude or interfere with the County's payment of the LOC proceeds, in the total amount of \$750,000.00, to PBMT or PBMT's receipt of the proceeds from County. PBMT agrees that the County's demand for payment against or under the LOC was in compliance with the terms and conditions of the LOC and PBMT's Paratransit Contract with the County (No. 04-029R/DP), as amended (also referred to herein as "the Contract"). PBMT agrees that the County is entitled to and shall retain all interest, earnings and income derived from the County's receipt, possession, and use of the proceeds derived from the LOC.

PBMT further agrees to save, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County and Palm Tran, Inc., and all of their respective officers, employees, servants and agents, from and against any claim by any person or entity, including but not limited to the Bank of Montreal, Chicago, its assignees, nominees or legal representatives, of any kind or nature, asserting a right to the proceeds derived from the LOC or any interest, income or earnings thereon.

PBMT acknowledges that it has been adequately and fully compensated for the release, waiver, and indemnification obligations described herein, and understands that the County will not offset or deduct from the LOC proceeds, any damages arising out of County's partial termination of the Contract effective as of November 24, 2008, or any other charge or administrative expense related to the County's demand against the LOC or County's receipt and possession of the proceeds of the LCO.

Date

Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC

By:_

Cullen F. Meathe, President of Yellow Cab Service Corporation of Florida, Inc., the Managing Member of Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC

Witnesses:

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

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Meeting Date:	October 28, 2008	[]	Consent	[X]	Regular
Department:	Palm Tran	[]	Ordinance	[]	Public Hearing
Submitted By:	Palm Tran				
Submitted for:	Palm Tran				
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Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) authorize a demand for full payment in the total amount of \$750,000.00 against, under and in compliance with the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS dated January 8, 2008, as amended by Amendment No. 1 dated April 16, 2008 and Amendment No. 2 dated July 15, 2008, issued by the Bank of Montreal, Chicago, in the amount of \$750,000 and the presentment of the demand for payment to the Bank of Montreal, Chicago; B) direct the Chair, on behalf of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, to send a letter to the Bank of Montreal, Chicago (Bank) presenting the County's demand for payment against, under and in compliance with the Bank's Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS and to provide any other information or document required by the Bank to honor the County's demand for payment; and C) authorize the Palm Beach County Office of Financial Management and Budget (OFMB) to prepare budget amendments necessary to account for the Letter of Credit transactions.

Summary: On November 23, 2004, the Board awarded a seven (7) year contract to Palm Beach Metro Transportation L.L.C. (PBMT), to provide paratransit services within the County. PBMT has failed to perform as required under the Contract and Palm Tran, through the Director of Purchasing, has advised PBMT of such on several occasions. PBMT has incurred liquidated damages in excess of \$100,000.00 in a 12 month period which constitutes substandard performance under the Contract's requirements, exceeded the limitation on the number of at-fault accidents in 10 of the previous 12 months, and had more than 1 road call per 10,000 miles of service in 9 out of the prior 12 months. Recently, on the 8th of September, PBMT was again notified that it was not performing as required. PBMT and Palm Tran staff met to discuss a partial termination of the Contract, but were unable to agree upon a mutually acceptable resolution. Thereafter, the Director of Purchasing notified PBMT that it was in default of the Contract and demanded that PBMT cure its performance failures. The Director also notified PBMT that it had not furnished a Letter of Credit (LOC) in accordance with the Contract requirements. The current LOC expires on October 31, 2008 and a renewed LOC has not been received. The Contract requires that an annually renewable LOC be furnished at least 60 days in advance of the expiration date of the then current LOC. The Director also advised PBMT that if the defaults were not cured, the County currently intended to initiate a partial termination (i.e., the removal of 15 routes or approximately 150 hours of service). PBMT has failed to cure, and as a result of the September 29th discussion, Palm Tran is concerned that PBMT may seek to "cancel the contract" in its entirety. Palm Tran will need the funds covered by the LOC, which expires on the 31st of October, to recover its damages such as the excess costs of service. The Bank of Montreal, Chicago has advised staff that it must receive a written demand for payment from the Board and presentment of the original LOC, as amended, by the 31st of October to issue the proceeds under the LOC. It is necessary for the County to demand payment against the LOC, in its total amount, to ensure that the County has sufficient funds to cover the excess cost of performance of a partial breach, or a total breach if PBMT advises that it no longer will perform the Contract. In the event costs exceed the Letter of Credit amount of \$750,000, Palm Tran will return to the Board for additional funding. Staff further recommends, at this time, that the funds obtained from the Letter of Credit be placed in a separate interest bearing account and not be comingled with any other County funds. COUNTYWIDE (DR)

Background and Policy Issues: (Continued on page 3)

Attachments:

1. Letter from the Board of County Commissioners Demanding Payment Against, Under and in Compliance with the Bank of Montreal, Chicago Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS 2. Copy of Original Letter of Credit and Amendments

Recommended By:	Oct. 23, 2008
Approved By: Assistant County Administrator	/0/23/08
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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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Background and Policy Issues: Palm Tran, through the Director of Purchasing, has notified PBMT on four (4) occasions (January 24, 2006, September 13, 2006, March 25, 2008 and September 8, 2008) of failures that constitute service failures and performance defaults. PBMT has in each instance promised to correct all deficiencies, but has failed to do so and to come into compliance with the Contract requirements. PBMT, County and Purchasing staff met on September 29, 2008, to discuss PBMT's failures and a partial termination of the Contract, but were unable to agree upon a mutually acceptable resolution of the issues. PBMT failed to provide a written response to the County's suggestion that the Contract be partially terminated on the 1st of October as it had represented it would do. Thereafter, on the 9th of October, the Director of Purchasing notified PBMT that PBMT was in default of the Contract and demanded that PBMT cure all defaults within 10 days after receipt of the notice. The Director also notified PBMT that it had not provided a compliant Letter of Credit (LOC) and directed PBMT to furnish a compliant LOC within 10 days. PBMT has not cured the default nor has it furnished a compliant LOC. Despite PBMT's ongoing promises to improve performance, PBMT has not provided the scheduled resources so as to meet the Contract's vehicle composition requirements since January 24, 2006.

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FAX: (561) 355-3990

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DEMAND FOR PAYMENT

October 28, 2008

TO: Bank of Montreal, Chicago c/o 234 Simcoe Street 3rd Floor Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1T4

Attn: Standby Letters of Credit Unit

NOTICE TO BANK OF MONTREAL, CHICAGO: PAYMENT PAYABLE IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS IS DUE UPON PRESENTMENT OF THIS DEMAND.

Pursuant to your Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS, issued on January 8, 2008 and Amendment No. 1 issued on April 16, 2008 and Amendment No. 2 issued on July 15, 2008 (hereinafter the "Letter of Credit"), established by Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC, as Applicant, in favor of Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, as beneficiary, demand is hereby made that Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand United States Dollars (\$750,000.00) at your Bank be transferred via wire transfer in immediately available funds to:

WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. VIA JACKSONVILLE OFFICE ABA #063000021 CONSOLIDATED ACCT. # 2155001070034 FOR CREDIT TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL D 2000 are 1002

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Bank of Montreal, Chicago, Illinois

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Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS

Amendment no. 2 Dated July 15, 2008

Beneficiary: PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 50 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, SUITE 110 WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415, United States

Applicant: PALM BEACH METRO TRANSPORTATION, LLC 24957 BREST ROAD TAYLOR, MI 48180 United States

We amend our Standby Letter of Credit subject to the following terms and conditions. This amendment forms an integral part of the original instrument. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Amended Terms:

Explry date has been amended to: October 31, 2008

Unless otherwise instructed herein, all correspondence and inquiries regarding this transaction should be directed to our Customer Service Center at the above address, telephone: 1-877-801-0414. Please indicate our reference number in all your correspondence or telephone inquiries.

Regards, Muccout Authorized Signature(s) AM DEVI CI 111 () Page 1 of 1 0376 К

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Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS

Amendment no. 1 Dated April 16, 2008

Beneficiary: PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 50 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, SUITE 110 WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415, United States

Applicant: PALM BEACH METRO TRANSPORTATION, LLC 24957 BREST ROAD TAYLOR, MI 48180 United States

We amend our Standby Letter of Credit subject to the following terms and conditions. This amendment forms an integral part of the original instrument. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Amended Terms:

Expiry date has been amended to: July 15, 2008

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Attn: Kathleen M. Scarlett, Director, Palm Beach County Purchasing

Unless otherwise instructed herein, all correspondence and inquiries regarding this transaction should be directed to our Customer Service Center at the above address, telephone: 1-877-801-0414. Please indicate our reference number in all your correspondence or telephone inquiries.

Regards, mmm Authorized Signature(s

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Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No.: BMCH202563OS

Date Issued: January 8, 2008

Beneficiary: Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Attn: Kathleen M. Scarlett, Director Purchasing Palm Beach County 50 South Military Trail, Suite 110 West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Applicant: Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC 24957 Brest Road Taylor, MI 48180

Amount: Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100's United States Dollars (USD750,000.00)

Expiry Date: April 15, 2008

We hereby open our Clean Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS in favor of Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners ("County") for the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100's United States Dollars (USD750,000.00) effective immediately.

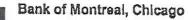
This Letter of Credit is issued pursuant to that certain Contract No. 04-029R/DP between Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC, as Contractor, and Palm Beach County, Florida dated November 23, 2004 (the "Contract") however, this Letter of Credit is Independent of that contract and reference herein is for information only.

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Funds under this Letter of Credit are available to the County hereunder not exceeding in aggregate the amount of this Letter of Credit against the County's demand for payment on us mentioning our Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS.

We hereby engage with you that demand for payment presented under and In compliance with the terms of this Letter of Credit on or prior to the expiration date will be duly honoured upon presentation to Bank of Montreal, Chicago c/o 234 Simcoe Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1T4, Attn: Standby Letters of Credit Unit.

Kindly address all correspondence regarding this Letter of Credit to the attention of the Letter of Credit Department, mentioning specifically our Letter of Credit No. BMCH202563OS. Venue for any and all legal action necessary to enforce the terms of this Letter of Credit shall be Palm Beach County, Florida.

Except as is inconsistent with the express provisions hereof, this Letter of Credit is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practices for Documentary Credits (2007 Revisions) International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600.

Signing Officer BMCH202563OS 1. ...

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CONTRACT PERFORMANCE BOND

Bond #1823283

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BY THIS BOND, WE, Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC, as Principal, and The Hanover Insurance Company, a Corporation, as Surety, whose address is 440 Lincoln Street, Worcester, MA 01653, are bound to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter called COUNTY, in the sum of \$750,000.00, for payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally.

THE CONDITION OF THIS BOND is that if Principal:

- 1. Performs the Contract dated November 23, 2004 between Principal and COUNTY, Contract No. R2004-2447, as amended by Amendments 1 through 3 dated April 5, 2005, April 10, 2006 and November 20, 2007, respectively, the Contract being made a part of this bond by reference, in the time and manner prescribed in the Contract; and
- 2. Pays COUNTY all losses, damages, expenses, costs and attorney's fees, including appellate proceedings, the COUNTY sustains because of a default by Principal under the Contract; and
- 3. Performs the guarantee of all work and materials furnished under the Contract for the duration of the Contract;

Then this bond is void; otherwise it remains in full force.

Whenever Principal shall be, and declared by COUNTY to be in default under the Contract, the COUNTY having performed COUNTY's obligation relating to the notice of default under the Contract, the Surety may promptly remedy the default or shall promptly:

- (1) Complete the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions; or
- (2) Obtain a bid or bids for completing the Contract in accordance with its terms and conditions, and upon determination by Surety of the lowest responsible bidder, or if the COUNTY elects, upon determination by the COUNTY and the Surety jointly of the lowest responsible bidder, arrange for a contract between such bidder and COUNTY, and make available as the work progresses (even though there should be a default or succession of defaults under the Contract or Contracts for completion arranged under this paragraph) sufficient funds to pay the costs of completion, less the balance of the Contract price; but not exceeding, including other costs and damages for which the Surety may be liable hereunder, the amount set forth in the first paragraph hereof. The term "balance of the Contract price" as used in this paragraph, shall mean the total amount payable by COUNTY to Principal under the Contract and any amendments thereto, less the amount properly paid by COUNTY to the Principal.

Any changes in or under the Contract and compliance or noncompliance with any formalities connected with the Contract, or other changes to the Contract shall not affect Surety's obligation under this bond. The Principal shall be responsible for notification to Surety of all changes.

Surety expressly acknowledges its obligations and liabilities for liquidated damages suffered by COUNTY under the provisions of the Contract.

Dated on 26 2010

Attestation to Signature of Principal

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Print or Type Name

PRINCIPAL: Palm Beach Metro Transportation, LLC

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By

Cullan F. Meathe, Managing Member

(SEAL)

Address: 1635 Meathe Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33411

SURETY: The Hanover Insurance Company

Attestation as to Signature of Surety

Karen Brode Print or Type Name Signature

Elizabeth Case Account Manager Print Name and Title

(SEAL)

Address: Ralph C Wilson Agency 26026 Telegraph Rd., Suite 100 Southfield, MI 49033

Surety and Principal agree that the Surety must appear and remain on the U.S. Treasury Department's most current list (Federal Register) during the period the Contract Performance Bond is in effect, and be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida.

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CERTIFIED COPY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY and MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY, both being corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby constitute and appoint S.A. Vannelli, David B. Palmeri, Steven P. Howard John T. Poplawski, Elizabeth Case, John J. Barry and/or Victoria L. Galper

of Southfield, MI and each is a true and lawful Attorney(s)-In-fact to sign, execute; seal, acknowledge and deliver for, and on its behalf, and as its act and deed any place within the United States, or, if the following line be filled in, only within the area therein designated

any and all bonds, recognizances, undertakings, contracts of indemnity or other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, as follows: Any such obligations in the United States, not to exceed One Million dollars and No/100 (\$1,000,000) in any single instance

and said companies hereby ratify and confirm all and whatsoever said Attorney(s)-in-fact may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents. These appointments are made under and by authority of the following Resolution passed by the Board of Directors of said Companies which resolutions are still in effect:

"RESOLVED, That the President or any Vice President, in conjunction with any Assistant Vice President, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint Attorneys-In-fact of the Company, in its name and as its acts, to execute and acknowledge for and on its behalf as Surety any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, waivers of citation and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, with power to attach thereto the seal of the Company. Any such writings so executed by such Attorneys-In-fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company in their own proper persons." (Adopted October 7, 1981 - The Hanover Insurance Company; Adopted April 14, 1982 – Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company; Adopted September 7, 2001 - Citizens Insurance Company of America)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY, MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY and CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have caused these presents to be sealed with their respective corporate seals, duly attested by a Vice President and an Assistant Vice President, this 24th day of March, 2010.



THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY. CITIZENSINSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS COUNTY OF WORCESTER) ss.

day of March 2010., before me came the above named Vice President and Assistant Vice President of The Hanover Insurance On this 24^h Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, to me personally known to be the Individuals and officers described herein, and acknowledged that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the corporate seals of The Hanover Insurance Company Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, respectively, and that the said corporate seals and their signatures as officers were duly affixed and subscribed to said instrument by the authority and direction of said Corporations.

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Barbara Notary Public

I, the undersigned Assistant Vice President of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Power of Attorney issued by said Companies, and do hereby further certify that the said Powers of Attorney are still in force and effect.

This Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of The Hanover Insurance Company, Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company and Citizens Insurance Company of America.

"RESOLVED, That any and all Powers of Attorney and Certified Copies of such Powers of Attorney and certification in respect thereto, granted and executed by the President or any Vice President in conjunction with any Assistant Vice President of the Company, shall be binding on the Company to the same extent as if all signatures therein were manually affixed, even though one or more of any such signatures thereon may be facsimile." (Adopted October 7, 1981 - The Hanover Insurance Company; Adopted April 14, 1982 Massachusetts Bay Insurance Company; Adopted September 7, 2001 -Citizens Insurance Company of America)

GIVEN under my hand and the seals of said Companies, at Worcester, Massachusetts, this

My commission expires on November 3, 2011

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THE HANOVER INSURANCE COMPANY MASSACHUSETTS BAY INSURANCE COMPANY CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

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