STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) POWER OF ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE)

I, the undersigned BERTHA L. CROUT, a resident of the County of Greenville, State of South Carolina, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby nominate, designate and appoint EDYTHE C. NEWTON or YVONNE C. SMITH as my Attorneys-in-fact to act absolutely in my name, place and stead.

This Power of Attorney includes the absolute and unchallengeable power and authority for EDYTHE C. NEWTON or YVONNE C. SMITH to buy, sell, trade, lease, exchange, mortgage, or in any manner acquire or make disposition of any of my real and personal property which I now own or may hereafter acquire by deed, bill of sale, devise or otherwise.

My said Attorneys-in-fact are to act in my name, place and stead to the same degree and in a manner as if I were transacting these business matters personally.

This Power of Attorney further carries the absolute authority of EDYTHE C. NEWTON or YVONNE C. SMITH to collect and receive any and all accounts, income, receivable and all assets of any and every nature for me in my behalf and to disburse to any and all creditors such sums as may be legally and properly due or that may become legally and properly due for any items of personal or business benefits. My said Attorneys-in-fact may also make any investments or reinvestments for my use or benefit.

I do hereby confirm any and all acts of any or every nature performed by my designated Attorneys-in-fact within this state or any other state jurisdiction or nation. All acts of my Attorneys-in-fact shall likewise be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

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