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Re: Performance Bond

Dear Commissioners:

Per the Compliance Notice dated March 26, 2004 in regard to Docket No. T-04208A-03-  
~~0688~~ ~~0068~~ and Decision No. 66838 dated March 12, 2004, enclosed please find one (1)  
original and ten (10) copies of Granite Telecommunications' Utility Bond # 104010490,  
in the amount of \$100,000.

Should you have any questions please contact me at the number below, ext. 5572.

Sincerely,

Suzanne L. Goldberg, Esq.  
Regulatory Compliance Analyst.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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cc: Compliance Section w/encl

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BOND NO. 104010490

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UTILITY BOND

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Granite Telecommunications, LLC as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, a Connecticut corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Arizona, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Arizona Corporate Commission in the amount of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America for the payment of which the Principal and Surety are hereby jointly and severally bound.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal, or any assigns of his fails to provide competitive retail telecommunications services so furnished, the said Surety will pay the same to the users of the Principal with the consent of the Arizona Corporation Commission as Trustee, an amount not exceeding the sum hereinabove specified, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that regardless of the number of years this bond shall continue in force and of the number of premiums which shall be payable or paid, the Surety shall not be liable thereunder for a larger amount, in the aggregate, than the amount of the bond.

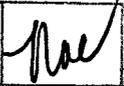
PROVIDED FURTHER, that should the Surety so elect, this bond may be canceled by the Surety as to subsequent liability by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing by certified mail to Obligee.

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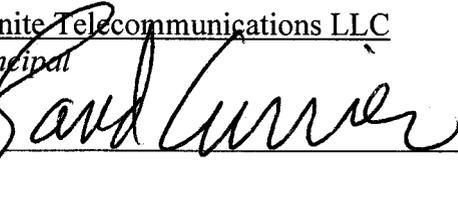
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Signed, dated and sealed this 22nd day of April, 2004

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Granite Telecommunications LLC  
Principal

By:



Travelers Casualty & Surety  
Company of America  
Surety

By:

  
Eva M. Santora, Attorney In Fact

**TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY  
Hartford, Connecticut 06183-9062**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY(S)-IN-FACT**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and having their principal offices in the City of Hartford, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut, (hereinafter the "Companies") hath made, constituted and appointed, and do by these presents make, constitute and appoint: Frederick Lamb, Eva M. Santora, Joanne Rivers, James Haughey, of Boston, Massachusetts, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, execute and acknowledge, at any place within the United States, the following instrument(s): by his/her sole signature and act, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking and any and all consents incident thereto and to bind the Companies, thereby as fully and to the same extent as if the same were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies, and all the acts of said Attorney(s)-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.**

This appointment is made under and by authority of the following Standing Resolutions of said Companies, which Resolutions are now in full force and effect:

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her.

VOTED: That the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary.

VOTED: That any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary, or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority.

**This Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority is signed and sealed by facsimile (mechanical or printed) under and by authority of the following Standing Resolution voted by the Boards of Directors of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, which Resolution is now in full force and effect:**

VOTED: That the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY have caused this instrument to be signed by their Senior Vice President and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed this 12th day of August, 2003.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

}SS. Hartford

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

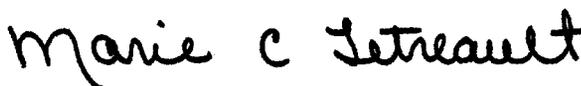
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY



By   
George W. Thompson  
Senior Vice President

On this 12th day of August, 2003 before me personally came GEORGE W. THOMPSON to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he/she is Senior Vice President of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he/she knows the seals of said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; and that he/she executed the said instrument on behalf of the corporations by authority of his/her office under the Standing Resolutions thereof.



  
My commission expires June 30, 2006 Notary Public  
Marie C. Tetreault

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY and FARMINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY, stock corporations of the State of Connecticut, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney and Certificate of Authority remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Standing Resolutions of the Boards of Directors, as set forth in the Certificate of Authority, are now in force.

Signed and Sealed at the Home Office of the Company, in the City of Hartford, State of Connecticut. Dated this 22 day of April, 2004.



By   
Kori M. Johanson  
Assistant Secretary, Bond