



EXHIBIT A

Custodian Affidavit

(For use where ownership is evidenced by book entry at Federal Reserve Bank of _____ .)

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____)
SS.:

_____, being duly sworn deposes and says that s/he _____ is _____ of the _____, a banking corporation organized under and pursuant to the _____ laws of the _____ with its principal place of business at _____ (hereinafter called the "bank"); _____

That his/her duties involve supervision of activities of the bank as custodian and records relating thereto;

That the bank is custodian for certain securities of _____ with a place of business at _____ (hereinafter called _____ the "insurance company") pursuant to an agreement between the bank and the insurance company (NOTE: Insert Department of Insurance as party if securities are to be placed on deposit);

That it has caused certain of such securities to be credited to its book-entry account with the Federal Reserve Bank of _____ under the Federal Reserve book-entry procedure; and that the schedule attached hereto is a true and complete statement of the securities of the insurance company of which the bank was custodian as of the close of business on _____ which were in a "General" book-entry account maintained in the name of the bank on the books and records of the Federal Reserve Bank of _____ at such date;

That the bank has the same responsibility for the safe-keeping of such securities whether in the possession of the bank or in said "General" book-entry account as that responsibility is specifically set forth in the agreement between the bank as custodian and the insurance company; and

That, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, unless otherwise shown on the schedule, said securities were the property of said insurance company and were free of all liens, claims or encumbrances whatsoever.

(Signature of Affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: _____