

Unlicensed Plumbing Contractor Bond

(Applies to all persons other than licensed master plumbers.)

To be completed by your surety company.

Bond No. 55190670

VSW, Inc. LLC D.B.A. Valley Soft Water of
Company Name, if none, the plumbing contractor's name.

2521 Pebble Lake Road Fergus Falls MN 56537 (218) 739-4994
Plumbing Company Address City State Zip Telephone No.

as principal, and United Fire & Casualty
Surety Company Name

118 2nd Ave. SE P.O. Box 73909 Cedar Rapids, IA (800) 343-9130
Surety Company Address City State Zip Telephone No.

a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Minnesota, as Surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to the State of Minnesota, as Obligee, in the sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) for the payment of which, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns firmly by these presents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that, if the undersigned Principal or such persons authorized to perform plumbing under the Principal's supervision performs plumbing in compliance with the plumbing code as required pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4715, then this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise, it shall remain in full force and effect for a period not to exceed one year ending December 31st. The period of this bond is January 1st, 2003 through December 31, 2003. During the term of this obligation, the Principal and Surety will pay unto the Obligee, or as otherwise directed by the Obligee, the amount needed to correct noncomplying plumbing work, not to exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) for the benefit of persons injured or suffering financial loss by reason of failure to comply with the requirements of the plumbing code, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4715.

FURTHERMORE, it is understood and agreed that:

1. The aggregate liability of the Surety hereunder pertains to all claims arising during the period defined above.
2. In the event the bond does not provide for correction of all noncomplying plumbing work, the bond paid by the undersigned Surety does not relieve the undersigned Principal of liability for correcting noncomplying plumbing work by said Principal or persons working under said Principal's supervision.
3. This bond is a continuous obligation which may be canceled at any time as to further liability upon the Surety's giving at least fifteen (15) days written notice to the Commissioner of Health. In the event of cancellation, the Surety shall not be discharged from any liability already accrued under this bond, or which shall accrue hereunder before the expiration of the fifteen (15) day notice period.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of March, 2003.

Valley Soft Water
Dean G. Erlandson
Print - Plumbing Contractor Name

Surety Corporation United Fire & Casualty

[Signature]
Signature Principal

By [Signature]
Attorney in Fact

- The reverse side of this form must also be completed and the Power Of Attorney attached.
- The bond form must be accompanied by a \$40 fee, payable to the Minnesota Department of Health. Checks returned for nonpayment will be charged a \$20 fee (M.S. 332.50, Subd. 2).



Minnesota Department of Health
121 East Seventh Place, Suite 220
P.O. Box 64975
St. Paul, MN 55164-0975
651/215-0836

Minnesota Relay Service (Greater MN): 297-5353
1/800/627-3529
Minnesota Relay Service (Metro): 297-5353

Office Use Only: Fee \$40 / check 7723
Deposit Date: MAR 14 2003
Deposit No.: 165



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You must complete A or B and C

A. Acknowledgement of Individual or Partnership Contractor

State of Minnesota }
County of _____ } ss.

On this _____ day of _____, _____, personally came _____ to me well known to be the identical person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing bond and he/she/they acknowledged the same to be his/her/their own free act and deed.

Notary Public _____ / / _____ Date

(SEAL)

My commission expires _____ / / _____
Date

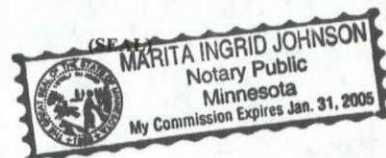
B. Acknowledgement of Corporate Contractor

State of Minnesota }
County of Grant } ss.

On this 10 day of March, 2003, personally came Dean G. Erlandson who being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is Limited Partner of Valley Soft Water, LTD, a Limited Liability corporation; and that said instrument was executed in behalf of the corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; that he/she acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of the corporation.

Marita Ingrid Johnson 3, 10, 03
Notary Public _____ Date

My commission expires 1, 31, 05
Date



C. Acknowledgement of Corporate Surety

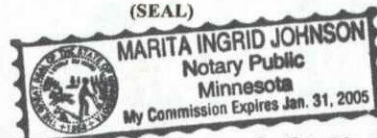
State of Minnesota }
County of Grant } ss.

On this 10 day of March, 2003, personally came Brian Wille, and _____ to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is the attorney in fact, of United Fire & Casualty, the corporation whose name is affixed to the foregoing instrument; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of the said corporation; and that said instrument was executed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors and said _____ acknowledged that he/she executed said instrument as attorney in fact as the free act and deed of said corporation.

Marita Ingrid Johnson 3, 10, 03
Notary Public _____ Date

My commission expires 1, 31, 05
Date

(SEAL)



Notice to Individual Applicants: Under Minnesota Statutes 13.41, all data, except your name and address, submitted in this application are considered private until you are issued a credential. When you become credentialed, all data in this application become public, except your social security number.

Notice to Corporate Applicants: Under Minnesota Statutes 13.41, all data submitted in this application are public, except for the social security number of any responsible person, which is private.



UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY

HOME OFFICE - CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Original on file at Home Office of Company - See Certification)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa, and having its principal office in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa, does make, constitute and appoint DONALD D. WILLIAMS, OR BRIAN WELLE, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY

of PO BOX 476 FERGUS FALLS MN 56538

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf all lawful bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature as follows: \$500,000

and to bind UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given are hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Authority hereby granted shall expire MARCH 13th 2004 unless sooner revoked.

This power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-Law duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on April 18, 1973.

"Article V - Surety Bonds and Undertakings."

Section 2, Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact. "The President or any Vice President, or any other officer of the Company, may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Company in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. The signature of any officer authorized hereby, and the Corporate seal, may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or special power of attorney or certification of either authorized hereby; such signature and seal, when so used, being adopted by the Company as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Company, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Company thereto. The President or any Vice President, the Board of Directors or any other officer of the Company may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its vice president and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 13th day of MARCH, A.D. 2002



UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY

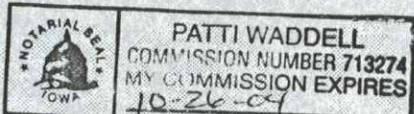
By *Paul A. Fambie*
Vice President

State of Iowa, County of Linn, ss:

On this 13th day of MARCH 2002, before me personally came RANDY A. RAMLO to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa; that he is a Vice President of the UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

Patti Waddell
Notary Public

My commission expires OCTOBER 26, 2004



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned officer of the UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Section of the by-laws of said Company as set forth in said Power of Attorney, with the ORIGINALS ON FILE IN THE HOME OFFICE OF SAID COMPANY, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said originals, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the said Company this _____ day of _____ 20____



[Signature]
Secretary