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AFTER RECORDING SEND TO: Prepared by McCain Germann First Mutual Bank 400 - 108th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004 71-428891-00

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE CO.

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Assignment of Deed of Trust

For Value Received, the undersigned as Beneficiary, hereby grants, conveys, assigns and transfers to, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, 3601 Minnesota Drive, MAC X4701-022, Bloomington, MN 55435, all beneficial interest under that certain Deed of Trust, dated December 13, 2002, executed by John M Bates and Jean M Bates, Husband and Wife, grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company, A Washington Corporation, Trustee and recorded on December 20, 2002 under Auditor's File No 200212200075 Records of Skagit County, Washington, describing land therein as:

SEE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

First Mutual Bank,

Dale L. Vargas, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF WASHINGTON } COUNTY OF KING } Ss.

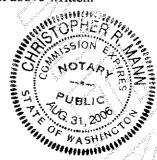
On this 19th of May 2003, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Dale L. Vargas, to me known to be the Assistant Vice President of First Mutual Bank, the corporation that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that she is authorized to execute the said instrument and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of said corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first above written.

Christopher R. Mann

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at King County.

My commission expires: 08-31-2006



The land referred to in this report/policy is situated in the State of Washington, County of Skagit, and is described as follows:

That portion of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 35 North, Range 5 East, W.M., lying Northerly of the North right-of-way line of County Road known as R.D. Minkler Road; EXCEPT that portion thereof lying North of the South right-of-way line of Highway 17-A conveyed to the State of Washington by Deed dated February 28, 1948, filed March 26, 1948, as Auditor's File No. 416170, and recorded in Volume 225 of Deeds, Page 344, AND EXCEPT road rights-of-way; AND ALSO EXCEPTING an undivided 1/2 interest in any coal that may be in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 as reserved by Deed recorded December 19, 1928, under Auditor's File No. 218993, AND FURTHER EXCEPTING from said above-described main tract, the following described tract:

Beginning at the intersection of the West line of Sims Road, conveyed to Skagit County by Deed dated May 29, 1939, recorded November 10, 1939, under Auditor's File No. 318850, and the North line of the Old Minkler Highway; thence North along the West line of said Sims Road, 420 feet; thence West parallel to the North line of the Old Minkler Highway, a distance of 420 feet; thence South parallel with the West line of said Sims Road, 420 feet, more or less, to the North line of the Old Minkler Road; thence East along said North line to the point of beginning.

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