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Appointment of Successor Trustee

File No. 7023.74538

Brian L. Hoffman and Neale M. Hoffman, husband and wife is/are the grantor(s), First American Title Insurance Company is the trustee and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Sterling Capital Mortgage Company is the beneficiary under that certain deed of trust dated 11/14/02 and recorded on 12/05/02 under SKAGIT County, Washington Auditor's File No. 200212050128.

The present beneficiary under said deed of trust appoints Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., a Washington corporation, whose address is P.O. Box 997, Bellevue, WA 98009-0997, as successor trustee under the deed of trust with all powers of the original trustee.

The undersigned present beneficiary warrants and represents that, as of the date this Appointment of Successor Trustee has been executed and acknowledged, it is the holder of the obligation secured by the subject deed of trust and is not holding the same as security for a different obligation.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, By Heather Smith as Attorney in Fact by Power of Attorney recorded 1/7/2010 under Auditor's File No. 201001070106

STATE OF WASHINGTON))ss COUNTY OF KING)

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Heather Smith is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument, on oath stated that (he/she) was authorized to execute the instrument and acknowledged it as the Attorney In Fact of Wells Fargo Bank, NA to be the free and voluntary act of such party for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated: May 24, 2010

ALINA EMEN STATE OF WASHINGTON NOTARY PUBLIC MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

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NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. P.O. BOX 997 BELLEVUE, WA 98009-0997 425-586-1900 FAX 425-586-1997 Notary Public in and for the State of Washington

Residing at Bellevue

My appointment expires 9/22/2012

Client: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

Borrower: HOFFMAN, BRIAN L and NEALE M