

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

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(Company Contact)  
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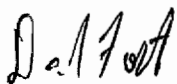
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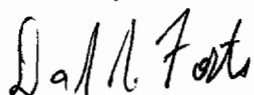
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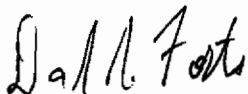
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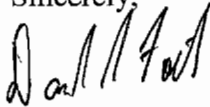
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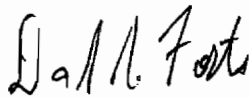
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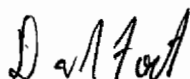
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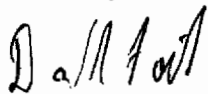
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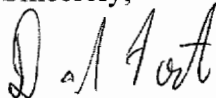
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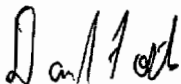
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