BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

In the Matter of)
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MARY LOU RICHTER, (PTA))
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FINAL ORDER FOLLOWING CONFERENCE HEARING

NOW, on this 15th day of October, 1994, comes on for conference hearing the Application of Mary Lou Richter (hereafter "Applicant") for certification as a physical therapist assistant.

Charlene K. Abbott, Licensing Administrator appeared on behalf of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (hereafter "Board"). Applicant appeared in person and by counsel, Evelyn Zabel Wilson, Topeka, Kansas. Ms. Abbott read a letter prepared by Jacqueline Rawlings, R.P.T., State Examining Committee on Physical Therapy, who was unable to attend. Cheryl Carpenter and Ken Davis, appeared on behalf of the Kansas Physical Therapy Association.

After reviewing the file and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings of fact and order:

1. Applicant has heretofore filed an Application for certification as a physical therapist assistant.

2. Up until July 1, 1994, K.S.A. 65-2906(c) provided that a person who desired to be certified as a physical therapist

assistant must have successfully completed a program in a school for physical therapist assistants approved by the State Board of Healing Art or be determined by the Board to possess equivalent qualifications based on training and experience.

3. The State Examining Committee for Physical Therapy has heretofore reviewed Applicant's Application and has recommended that Applicant not be allowed to apply and sit for the examination required to be certified as a physical therapist assistant.

4. As part of her Application, Applicant has submitted evidence that she has been employed since December, 1989 under the direction of a physical therapist.

5. The information submitted by Applicant does provide Applicant with equivalent qualifications to be allowed to apply and sit for the examination required for certification as a physical therapist assistant.

IT IS THEREFORE BY THE BOARD ORDERED that Applicant possesses equivalent qualifications, based on training and experience, to apply and sit for the examination required for certification as a physical therapist assistant, and if successfully passed, to be so certified.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this is the Final Order and is effectively upon service upon the parties. Any party may, within 15 days after service, file a Petition for Reconsideration. The filing of a Petition for Reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking administrative or judicial review.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 20th day of October, 1994.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS

LAWRENCE T. BUENING, JR.
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lawrence T. Buening, Jr., hereby certify that on the 20th day of October, 1994, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **FINAL ORDER FOLLOWING CONFERENCE HEARING** was deposited in the United States first class mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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