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August 12, 2002

VIA FAX AND OVERNIGHT COURIER

Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC, 20549-0609

Re: Hollywood Entertainment Corporation

On behalf of each of Mark J. Wattles and James A. Marcum, the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, respectively, of Hollywood Entertainment Corporation (the "Company"), transmitted herewith for filing are Statements under Oath of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings required by Order No. 4-460 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call Donald J. Ekman at (503) 570-1603.

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Very truly yours,

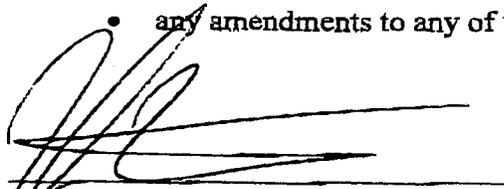
Donald J. Ekman
Executive Vice President of Legal Affairs

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding
Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Mark J. Wattles, state and attest that:

1. To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Hollywood Entertainment Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
2. I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
3. In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 filed with the Commission of Hollywood Entertainment Corporation;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Hollywood Entertainment Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
 - any amendments to any of the foregoing.



Mark J. Wattles
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
August 12, 2002

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day
of Aug., 2002.

Denise Snow Howland
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1/6/2005