

Qualified Retirement Plan

# Defined Contribution Basic Plan Document 01

Money Purchase Pension and  
Simplified 401(k) Profit Sharing Plans



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### DEFINITIONS

When used in the Plan with initial capital letters, the following words and phrases will have the meanings set forth below unless the context indicates that other meanings are intended.

### ACP TEST SAFE HARBOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Means Matching Contributions described in Plan Section 3.01(F) or Plan Section 3.03(B).

### ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE (ACP)

Means the average of the Contribution Percentages of the Eligible Participants in a group of either Highly Compensated Employees or non-Highly Compensated Employees.

### ACTUAL DEFERRAL PERCENTAGE (ADP)

Means, for a specified group of Participants (either Highly Compensated Employees or non-Highly Compensated Employees) for a Plan Year, the average of the ratios (calculated separately for each Participant in such group) of 1) the amount of Employer Contributions actually paid to the Fund on behalf of such Participant for the Plan Year to 2) the Participant's Compensation for such Plan Year. For purposes of calculating the ADP, Employer Contributions on behalf of any Participant will include: 1) any Elective Deferrals (other than Catch-up Contributions or Elective Deferrals subsequently distributed as a permissible withdrawal) made pursuant to the Participant's salary deferral election or pursuant to automatic Elective Deferral enrollment, if applicable (including Excess Elective Deferrals of Highly Compensated Employees), but excluding a) Excess Elective Deferrals of Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees that arise solely from Elective Deferrals made under the Plan or plans of this Employer and b) Elective Deferrals that are taken into account in the Actual Contribution Percentage test (provided the ADP test is satisfied both before and after exclusion of these Elective Deferrals); and 2) if elected by the Employer, Qualified Nonelective Contributions and/or Qualified Matching Contributions. For purposes of computing Actual Deferral Percentages, an Employee who would be a Participant but for the failure to make Elective Deferrals will be treated as a Participant on whose behalf no Elective Deferrals are made.

### ADOPTING EMPLOYER

Means any corporation, sole proprietor, or other entity named in the Adoption Agreement and any successor who by merger, consolidation, purchase, or otherwise assumes the obligations of the Plan. The Adopting Employer will be a named fiduciary for purposes of ERISA section 402(a).

### ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Means the document executed by the Adopting Employer through which it adopts the Plan and thereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the Plan.

### ADP TEST SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Means any Basic Matching Contributions, Enhanced Matching Contributions, and Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions under either the Safe Harbor CODA provisions or the QACA provisions.

### ALTERNATE PAYEE

Means any Spouse, former Spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant who is recognized by a Domestic Relations Order as having a right to receive all, or a portion of, the benefits payable under the Plan with respect to such Participant.

### ANNUAL ADDITIONS

Means the sum of the following amounts credited to a Participant for the Limitation Year:

- a. Employer Contributions;
- b. Nondeductible Employee Contributions;
- c. Forfeitures;
- d. amounts allocated to an individual medical account, as defined in Code section 415(l)(2), that is part of a pension or annuity plan maintained by the Employer, and amounts derived from contributions paid or accrued that are attributable to post-retirement medical benefits, allocated to the separate account of a key employee (as defined in Code section 419A(d)(3)), under a welfare benefit fund (as defined in Code section 419(e)), maintained by the Employer;
- e. amounts allocated under a simplified employee pension plan;
- f. Excess Contributions (including amounts recharacterized); and
- g. Excess Aggregate Contributions.

### ANNUITY STARTING DATE

Means the first day of the first period for which an amount is paid as an annuity or in any other form.

### AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT (ACA)

Means a Plan whereby certain Employees are automatically enrolled as Contributing Participants as described in Plan Section 3.01(E)(1).

## **BASIC MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Matching Contributions made pursuant to the Safe Harbor CODA formula described in Adoption Agreement Section Three, in an amount equal to (i) 100 percent of the amount of the Employee's Elective Deferrals that do not exceed three-percent of the Employee's Compensation for the Plan Year, plus (ii) 50 percent of the amount of the Employee's Elective Deferrals that exceed three-percent of the Employee's Compensation but that do not exceed five-percent of the Employee's Compensation, if applicable.

## **BASIC PLAN DOCUMENT**

Means this Pre-approved Defined Contribution Basic Plan Document 01.

## **BENEFICIARY**

Means the individual(s) or entity(ies) designated pursuant to Plan Section Five.

## **BREAK IN ELIGIBILITY SERVICE**

Means a 12-consecutive month period that coincides with an Eligibility Computation Period during which an Employee fails to complete more than 500 Hours of Service (or such lesser number of Hours of Service specified in the Adoption Agreement for this purpose) or such Period of Severance specified in the Elapsed Time definition, if applicable.

## **BREAK IN VESTING SERVICE**

Means a Plan Year (or other vesting computation period described in the definition of Year of Vesting Service) during which an Employee fails to complete more than 500 Hours of Service (or such lesser number of Hours of Service specified in the Adoption Agreement for this purpose) or such Period of Severance specified in the Elapsed Time definition, if applicable.

## **CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Elective Deferrals made pursuant to Plan Section Three that are in excess of an otherwise applicable Plan limit and that are made by Participants who are age 50 or older by the end of their taxable year. An otherwise applicable Plan limit is a limit in the Plan that applies to Elective Deferrals without regard to Catch-up Contributions, such as the limits on Annual Additions, the dollar limitation on Elective Deferrals under Code section 402(g) (not counting Catch-up Contributions), the limit imposed by the Actual Deferral Percentage (ADP) test under Code section 401(k)(3), or any other allowable limit imposed by the Employer. Catch-up Contributions for a Participant for a taxable year may not exceed (1) the dollar limit on Catch-up Contributions under Code section 414(v)(2)(B)(i) for the taxable year or (2) when added to other Elective Deferrals, an amount that would enable the Employer to satisfy other statutory or regulatory requirements (e.g., income tax withholding, FICA and FUTA withholding). The dollar limit on Catch-up Contributions in Code section 414(v)(2)(B)(i) was \$5,500 for taxable years beginning in 2012. The \$5,500 limit is adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury, in multiples of \$500, for cost-of-living increases under Code section 414(v)(2)(C). Different limits apply to Catch-up Contributions under SIMPLE 401(k) Plans.

## **CODE**

Means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended from time to time.

## **COMPENSATION**

### **A. General Definition** – The following definition of Compensation will apply.

As elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement (and if no election is made, W-2 wages will apply), Compensation will mean one of the following:

1. W-2 wages – Compensation is defined as information required to be reported under Code sections 6041, 6051, and 6052 (wages, tips, and other compensation as reported on Form W-2). Compensation is further defined as wages within the meaning of Code section 3401(a) and all other payments of compensation to an Employee by the Employer (in the course of the Employer's trade or business) for which the Employer is required to furnish the Employee a written statement under Code sections 6041(d), 6051(a)(3), and 6052. Compensation must be determined without regard to any rules in Code section 3401(a) that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code section 3401(a)(2)).
2. 3401(a) wages – Compensation is defined as wages within the meaning of Code section 3401(a), for the purposes of income tax withholding at the source but determined without regard to any rules that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code section 3401(a)(2)).
3. 415 safe-harbor compensation.
  - a. The term Compensation includes:
    - i. Wages, salaries, fees for professional services, and other amounts received (without regard to whether or not an amount is paid in cash) for personal services actually rendered in the course of employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan, to the extent that the amounts are includible in gross income (or to the extent amounts would have been received and includible in gross income but for an election under Code sections 125(a), 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k), or 457(b)). These amounts include, but are not limited to, commissions paid to salespersons, compensation for services on the basis of a percentage of profits, commissions on insurance premiums, tips, bonuses, fringe benefits, and reimbursements or other expense allowances under a nonaccountable plan as described in Treasury Regulation section 1.62-2(c).



- ii. In the case of an Employee who is an Employee within the meaning of Code section 401(c)(1) and regulations promulgated under Code section 401(c)(1), the Employee's earned income (as described in Code section 401(c)(2) and regulations promulgated under Code section 401(c)(2)), plus amounts deferred at the election of the Employee that would be includible in gross income but for the rules of Code sections 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k), or 457(b).
  - iii. Amounts described in Code section 104(a)(3), 105(a), or 105(h), but only to the extent that these amounts are includible in the gross income of the Employee.
  - iv. Amounts paid or reimbursed by the Employer for moving expenses incurred by an Employee, but only to the extent that at the time of the payment it is reasonable to believe that these amounts are not deductible by the Employee under Code section 217.
  - v. The value of a nonstatutory option (that is an option other than a statutory option as defined in Treasury Regulation section 1.421-1(b)) granted to an Employee by the Employer, but only to the extent that the value of the option is includible in the gross income of the Employee for the taxable year in which granted.
  - vi. The amount includible in the gross income of an Employee upon making the election described in Code section 83(b).
  - vii. Amounts that are includible in the gross income of an Employee under the rules of Code sections 409A or 457(f)(1)(A) or because the amounts are constructively received by the Employee.
- b. The term Compensation does not include:
- i. Contributions (other than elective contributions described in Code sections 402(e)(3), 408(k)(6), 408(p)(2)(A)(i), or 457(b)) made by the Employer to a plan of deferred compensation (including a simplified employee pension described in Code section 408(k) or a simple retirement account described in Code section 408(p), and whether or not qualified) to the extent that the contributions are not includible in the gross income of the Employee for the taxable year in which contributed. In addition, any distributions from a plan of deferred compensation (whether or not qualified) are not considered as Compensation for Code section 415 purposes, regardless of whether such amounts are includible in the gross income of the Employee when distributed.
  - ii. Amounts realized from the exercise of a nonstatutory option (that is an option other than a statutory option as defined in Treasury Regulation section 1.421-1(b)), or when restricted stock or other property held by an Employee either becomes freely transferable or is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (see Code section 83 and regulations promulgated under Code section 83).
  - iii. Amounts realized from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of stock acquired under a statutory stock option (as defined in Treasury Regulation section 1.421-1(b)).
  - iv. Other amounts that receive special tax benefits, such as premiums for group term life insurance (but only to the extent that the premiums are not includible in the gross income of the Employee and are not salary reduction amounts that are described in Code section 125).
  - v. Other items of remuneration that are similar to any of the items listed in paragraphs (b)(i) through (b)(iv) above.

For any Self-Employed Individual covered under the Plan, Compensation will mean Earned Income.

- B. Determination Period And Other Rules** – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement or required by law or regulation, where an Employee becomes an eligible Participant on any date after the first day of the applicable Determination Period, Compensation will include only that Compensation paid to the Employee during the portion of the Determination Period in which they were an eligible Participant, unless otherwise required by either the Code or ERISA (e.g., full year compensation used in the calculation of the minimum allocation in a Top-Heavy Plan). In addition, if an Employee either becomes or ceases to be a member of an ineligible class of Employees, Compensation will include only that Compensation paid to the Employee during the portion of the Determination Period in which they were an eligible Participant. Except as otherwise provided in this Plan (e.g., continued coverage of disabled Participants), Compensation received by an Employee during a Determination Period in which the Employee does not perform services for the Employer will be disregarded.

Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Compensation will include a) any amount that is contributed by the Employer pursuant to a salary reduction agreement and that is not includible in the gross income of the Employee under Code sections 125, 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), or 403(b); b) compensation deferred under an eligible deferred compensation plan within the meaning of Code section 457(b) (deferred compensation plans of state and local governments and tax-exempt organizations); and c) employee contributions (under government plans) described in Code section 414(h)(2) but will not include deemed Code section 125 compensation.

For purposes of applying the limitations of Plan Section 3.12, Compensation for a Limitation Year is the Compensation actually paid or made available in gross income during such Limitation Year. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Compensation for a Participant who is permanently and totally disabled (as defined in Code section 22(e)(3)) is the Compensation such Participant would have received for the Limitation Year if the Participant had been paid at the rate of Compensation paid immediately before becoming permanently and totally disabled. Compensation paid or made available during such Limitation Year will include any elective deferral (as defined in Code section 402(g)(3)) and any amount that is contributed or deferred by the Employer at the election of the Employee and that is not includible in the gross income of the Employee by reason of Code sections 125, 132(f), or 457.

If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, amounts under Code section 125 include any amounts not available to a Participant in cash in lieu of group health coverage (deemed Code section 125 compensation). An amount will be treated as an amount under Code section 125 only if the Employer does not request or collect information regarding the Participants' other health coverage as part of the enrollment process for the health plan.

Payments made after Severance from Employment will be either included or excluded from Compensation within the meaning of Compensation as described in Part A of the definition of Compensation in the Plan's Definition section, depending on the category of such payments. Whether or not such payment is included or excluded is based on the definition below and the elections made by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement. Such payments, if included, must meet the following requirements:

1. Payments described in paragraph (2) below will be included in the definition of Compensation (within the meaning of Compensation as described in Part A of this definition of Compensation). In addition, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, payments described in paragraphs (3) and (4) below will be excluded from the definition of Compensation (within the meaning of Compensation as described in Part A of this definition of Compensation). Payments described in paragraph (2) and payments described in paragraphs (3) or (4), if included in the definition of Compensation, must also meet the following requirements:
  - a. Those amounts are paid by the later of 1) 2½ months after Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan or 2) the end of the Limitation Year that includes the date of Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan; and
  - b. Those amounts would have been included in the definition of Compensation if they were paid before the Employee's Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan.
2. Regular Pay. An amount is described in this paragraph (2) if
  - a. The payment is regular compensation for services during the Employee's regular working hours, or compensation for services outside the Employee's regular working hours (such as overtime or shift differential), commissions, bonuses, or other similar payments; and
  - b. The payment would have been paid to the Employee prior to a Severance from Employment if the Employee had continued in employment with the Employer.
3. Leave Cashouts. An amount is described in this paragraph (3) if
  - a. The payment is for unused accrued bona fide sick, vacation, or other leave, but only if the Employee would have been able to use the leave if employment had continued.
4. Deferred Compensation. An amount is described in this paragraph (4) if
  - a. The payment is an amount received by an Employee pursuant to a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan, but only if the payment would have been paid to the Employee at the same time if the Employee had continued in employment with the Employer and only to the extent that the payment is includible in the Employee's gross income.
5. Other post-severance payments. Any payment that is not described in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) above is not considered Compensation under paragraph (1) above if paid after Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan, even if it is paid within the time period described in paragraph (1) above. Thus, Compensation does not include severance pay, or parachute payments within the meaning of Code section 280G(b)(2), if they are paid after Severance from Employment with the Employer maintaining the Plan, and does not include post-severance payments under a nonqualified unfunded deferred compensation plan unless the payments would have been paid at that time without regard to the Severance from Employment. Any payments not described above are not considered Compensation if paid after Severance from Employment, even if they are paid within 2½ months following Severance from Employment.

**C. Compensation for ADP, ACP, and Code section 401(a)(4) Testing** – Compensation for purposes of ADP, ACP, and Code section 401(a)(4) testing will be W-2 wages unless another definition of Compensation is elected on the Adoption Agreement for allocation and other general purposes or another definition is required by law or regulation. Notwithstanding the preceding, a Plan Administrator has the option from year to year to use a different definition of Compensation for testing purposes provided the definition of Compensation satisfies Code section 414(s) and the corresponding regulations. In addition, for the Plan Year in which an Employee enters the Plan, the Employee's Compensation that is taken into account for purposes of ADP, ACP, and Code section 401(a)(4) testing may be limited to the Employee's Compensation from the Entry Date on which the Employee became a Participant in the Plan, applicable to the particular type of contribution.

**D. Limits On Compensation** – The annual Compensation of each Participant taken into account in determining allocations will not exceed \$200,000, as adjusted for cost-of-living increases in accordance with Code section 401(a)(17)(B). Annual Compensation means Compensation during the Plan Year or such other consecutive 12-month period over which Compensation is otherwise determined under the Plan (Determination Period). The cost-of-living adjustment in effect for the calendar year applies to annual Compensation for the Determination Period that begins with or within such calendar year.

If a Determination Period consists of fewer than 12 months, the annual Compensation limit is an amount equal to the otherwise applicable annual Compensation limit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the short Determination Period, and the denominator of which is 12.

If Compensation for any prior Determination Period is taken into account in determining an Employee's allocations or benefits for the current Determination Period, the Compensation for such prior Determination Period is subject to the applicable annual Compensation limit in effect for that prior period.

**E. SIMPLE 401(k) Rules** – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if an Eligible Employer has established a SIMPLE 401(k) plan, Compensation means, for purposes of the definition of Eligible Employer and for purposes of Plan Sections 3.01(l) and 3.02, the sum of the wages, tips, and other compensation from the Employer subject to federal income tax withholding (as described in Code section 6051(a)(3)) and the Employee's Elective Deferral contributions made under this or any other 401(k) plan, and, if applicable, elective deferrals under a Code section 408(p) SIMPLE IRA plan, a SARSEP plan, a Code section 403(b) annuity contract, and compensation deferred under a Code section 457 plan, required to be reported by the Employer on Form W-2 (as described in Code section 6051(a)(8)). Compensation also includes amounts paid for domestic service (as described in Code section 3401(a)(3)). For Self-Employed Individuals, Compensation means net earnings from self-employment determined under Code section 1402(a) before subtracting any contributions made under this Plan on behalf of the individual. The provisions of the Plan implementing the limit on Compensation under Code section 401(a)(17) apply to the Compensation in Plan Sections 3.01(l) and 3.02.

- F. Safe Harbor CODA Rules** – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if an Adopting Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to apply the Safe Harbor CODA provisions to this Plan, Compensation means Compensation as defined in this Definitions section of the Plan and, if applicable, the definition of Compensation for allocation and other general purposes selected in the Adoption Agreement, except, for purposes of Plan Section 3.03, no dollar limit, other than the limit imposed by Code section 401(a)(17), applies to the Compensation of a non-Highly Compensated Employee. Specifically, Compensation for ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions follows the definition of Compensation applicable to Elective Deferrals and Compensation for ACP Test Safe Harbor Contributions follows the definition of Compensation applicable to Matching Contributions provided such definitions are reasonable definitions within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.414(s)-1(d)(2), do not discriminate in favor of Highly Compensated Employees pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.414(s)-1(d)(3), and permit each Participant to elect sufficient Elective Deferrals to receive the maximum amount of Matching Contributions (determined using the definition of Compensation described in the preceding sentence) available to the Participant under the Plan.
- G. Elective Deferrals** – Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, a Participant may only make Elective Deferrals from Compensation within the meaning of Compensation as described in Part A of this definition of Compensation. Elective Deferrals may not be withheld from pay that is excluded from Compensation under the Plan for Elective Deferral purposes.
- H. QACA Rules** – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if an Adopting Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to apply the QACA provisions to the Plan, Compensation means Compensation as defined in the Definitions section of the Plan and, if applicable, the definition of Compensation for allocation and other general purposes selected in the Adoption Agreement except, for purposes of Plan Section 3.01(F), no dollar limit, other than the limit imposed by Code section 401(a)(17), applies to the Compensation of a non-Highly Compensated Employee. Specifically, Compensation for QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions follows the definition of Compensation applicable to Elective Deferrals and Compensation for QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions follows the definition of Compensation applicable to Matching Contributions provided such definitions are reasonable definitions within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.414(s)-1(d)(2), do not discriminate in favor of Highly Compensated Employees pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.414(s)-1(d)(3), and permit each Participant to elect to make sufficient Elective Deferrals to receive the maximum amount of Matching Contributions (determined using the definition of Compensation described in the preceding sentence) available to the Participant under the Plan or any other alternative definition permitted pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS.
- I. Differential Wage Payments** – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if the Employer chooses to provide Differential Wage Payments to individuals who are active duty members of the uniformed services, such individuals will be treated as Employees of the Employer making the Differential Wage Payment and the Differential Wage Payment will be treated as Compensation for purposes of applying the Code. Accordingly, Differential Wage Payments must be treated as Compensation as described in Part A of this definition of Compensation. Differential Wage Payments will also be treated as Compensation for contribution, allocation, and other general Plan purposes, unless excluded from the Plan's definition of Compensation on the Adoption Agreement. In addition, the Plan will not be treated as failing to meet the requirements of any provision described in Code section 414(u)(1)(C) by reason of any contribution or benefit that is based on Differential Wage Payments only if all Employees of the Employer (as determined under Code sections 414(b), (c), (m), and (o)) performing service in the uniformed services described in Code section 3401(h)(2)(A) are entitled to receive Differential Wage Payments on reasonably equivalent terms and, if eligible to participate in the Plan, to make contributions based on the payments on reasonably equivalent terms applying the provisions of Code section 410(b)(3), (4), and (5). Such contributions or benefits may be taken into account for purposes of nondiscrimination testing as long as they do not cause the Plan to fail the nondiscrimination requirements.

## **CONTRIBUTING PARTICIPANT**

Means a Participant who has enrolled as a Contributing Participant pursuant to either Plan Sections 3.01 or 3.10 and on whose behalf the Employer is contributing Elective Deferrals to the Plan (or is making Nondeductible Employee Contributions).

## **CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE**

Means the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the Participant's Contribution Percentage Amounts to the Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year.

## **CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE AMOUNTS**

Means the sum of the Nondeductible Employee Contributions, Matching Contributions (other than Matching Contributions forfeited due to a permissible withdrawal), and Qualified Matching Contributions (to the extent not taken into account for purposes of the ADP test) made under the Plan on behalf of the Participant for the Plan Year. Such Contribution Percentage Amounts will not include Matching Contributions that are forfeited either to correct Excess Aggregate Contributions or because the contributions to which they relate are Excess Deferrals, Excess Contributions, Excess Aggregate Contributions, or Excess Annual Additions that are distributed.

The Employer may elect, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, to use either Qualified Nonelective Contributions or Elective Deferrals, or both, in the Contribution Percentage Amounts. Elective Deferrals may only be included in the Contribution Percentage Amounts if the Plan passes the ADP test both before and after the exclusion of such Elective Deferrals.

## **CUSTODIAN**

Means an entity appointed in a separate custodial agreement by the Adopting Employer to hold the assets of the trust as Custodian or any duly appointed successor. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan and the terms of the custodial agreement, the terms of the Plan will control.

## **DEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means any qualified voluntary employee contributions (as defined in Code section 219(e)(2)) made after December 31, 1981, in a taxable year beginning after such date and made for a taxable year beginning before January 1, 1987, and allowable as a deduction under Code section 219(a) for such taxable year.

**DEEMED IRA**

Means a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA established under the Plan.

**DEEMED IRA CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means any contribution (other than a mandatory contribution within the meaning of Code section 411(c)(2)(C)) that is made to the Plan by a Deemed IRA Participant and with respect to which the Deemed IRA Participant has designated the contribution as a contribution to which Code section 408(q) applies.

**DEEMED IRA PARTICIPANT**

Means a Participant, or if indicated in the Adoption Agreement, any Employee or group of Employees eligible to make contributions under the Plan and on whose behalf the Employer is contributing Deemed IRA Contributions.

**DEEMED SEVERANCE FROM EMPLOYMENT**

Means an individual is deemed to cease to be an Employee for purposes of Code section 414(u)(12)(B) during any period the individual is performing service in the uniformed services as defined in Code section 3401(h)(2)(A).

**DEFINED CONTRIBUTION DOLLAR LIMITATION**

Means \$40,000, as adjusted under Code section 415(d).

**DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY**

Means the individual who is designated by the Participant (or the Participant's surviving Spouse) as the Beneficiary of the Participant's interest under the Plan and who is the designated beneficiary under Code section 401(a)(9) and Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-4.

**DETERMINATION DATE**

Means for any Plan Year after the first Plan Year, the last day of the preceding Plan Year. For the first Plan Year of the Plan, Determination Date means the last day of that year.

**DETERMINATION PERIOD**

Means, except as provided elsewhere in this Plan, the Plan Year unless the Adopting Employer has selected another period in the Adoption Agreement.

**DIFFERENTIAL WAGE PAYMENT**

Means a payment defined in Code section 3401(h)(2) that is made by the Employer to an individual performing service in the uniformed services.

**DIRECT IN-PLAN ROTH ROLLOVER**

Means a Direct Rollover of all or a portion of a Recipient's Vested Individual Account (other than Roth Elective Deferrals or Roth rollover contributions) to a Roth rollover account established for the Recipient.

**DIRECT ROLLOVER**

Means a payment by the Plan to the Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Recipient (or, if necessary pursuant to Plan Section 5.01(B)(1), an individual retirement account (IRA) under Code sections 408(a), 408(b), or 408A (for Roth Elective Deferrals), as selected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement).

**DISABILITY**

Unless the Adopting Employer has elected a different definition in the Adoption Agreement or as otherwise provided in the Plan, Disability means the inability to engage in any substantial, gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or that has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. The permanence and degree of such impairment will be supported by medical evidence satisfactory to the Plan Administrator.

**DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR YEAR**

Means a calendar year for which a minimum distribution is required. For distributions beginning before the Participant's death, the first Distribution Calendar Year is the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year that contains the Participant's Required Beginning Date. For distributions beginning after the Participant's death, the first Distribution Calendar Year is the calendar year in which distributions are required to begin pursuant to Plan Section 5.05(D). The required minimum distribution for the Participant's first Distribution Calendar Year will be made on or before the Participant's Required Beginning Date. The required minimum distribution for other Distribution Calendar Years, including the required minimum distribution for the Distribution Calendar Year in which the Participant's Required Beginning Date occurs, will be made on or before December 31 of that Distribution Calendar Year.

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER**

Means any judgment, decree, or order (including approval of a property settlement agreement) that:

- a. relates to the provision of child support, alimony payments, or marital property rights to a Spouse, former Spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant, and
- b. is made pursuant to state domestic relations law (including applicable community property laws).

**DOL**

Means Department of Labor.

## **EARLIEST RETIREMENT AGE**

Means, for purposes of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity provisions of the Plan, the earliest date on which, under the Plan, the Participant could elect to receive retirement benefits.

## **EARLY RETIREMENT AGE**

Means the age and years of service, if applicable, specified in the Adoption Agreement. The Plan will not have an Early Retirement Age if none is specified in the Adoption Agreement.

## **EARNED INCOME**

Means the net earnings from self-employment in the trade or business with respect to which the Plan is established, for which personal services of the individual are a material income-producing factor. Net earnings will be determined without regard to items not included in gross income and the deductions allocable to such items. Net earnings are reduced by contributions by the Employer to a qualified plan to the extent deductible under Code section 404.

Net earnings will be determined with regard to the deduction allowed to the Employer by Code section 164(f).

For purposes of applying the limitations of Code section 415, in the case of an Employee who is an Employee within the meaning of Code section 401(c)(1) and regulations promulgated under Code section 401(c)(1), the Employee's earned income (as described in Code section 401(c)(2) and regulations promulgated under Code section 401(c)(2)), will include amounts deferred at the election of the Employee that would be includible in gross income but for the rules of Code sections 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 402(k), or 457(b).

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Means the date the Plan (or amendment or restatement of the Plan) becomes effective as indicated in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding, unless otherwise provided in this Basic Plan Document, the Effective Date of mandatory Plan changes made available by legislative and regulatory guidance not previously included in the Plan will be the later of the original Effective Date of the Plan or the first day the legislative or regulatory change became effective, as indicated by a Plan amendment if a written amendment was required for such change. For optional changes resulting from the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 and other legislative and regulatory guidance, the Effective Date will be the date the Plan began to operate in accordance with such optional change, as indicated by a Plan amendment if a written amendment was required for such change.

## **ELAPSED TIME**

Means

- A. Special Rules Where Elapsed Time Method is Being Used** – If elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, the Elapsed Time method of determining service will apply. When this definition applies, for purposes of determining an Employee's initial or continued eligibility to participate in the Plan or the Vested interest in the Participant's Individual Account balance derived from Employer Contributions, an Employee will receive credit for all Periods of Service. An Employee will also receive credit for any Period of Severance of less than 12 consecutive months. Fractional periods of a year will be expressed in terms of months or days.

The definition of Break in Service in this Elapsed Time definition will replace the definitions of Break in Eligibility Service and Break in Vesting Service found in the Definitions section of the Plan.

Break in Service is a Period of Severance of at least 12 consecutive months.

In the case of an individual who is absent from work for maternity or paternity reasons, the 12-consecutive month period beginning on the first anniversary of the first date of such absence will not constitute a Break in Service. For purposes of this Elapsed Time definition, an absence from work for maternity or paternity reasons means an absence 1) by reason of the pregnancy of the individual, 2) by reason of the birth of a child of the individual, 3) by reason of the placement of a child with the individual in connection with the adoption of such child by such individual, or 4) for purposes of caring for such child for a period beginning immediately following such birth or placement.

Each Qualifying Participant will share in Employer Contributions for the Periods of Service beginning on the date the Employee commences participation under the Plan and ending on the first day of a Period of Severance or the date on which such Employee is no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees.

If the Employer is a member of an affiliated service group (under Code section 414(m)), a controlled group of corporations (under Code section 414(b)), a group of trades or businesses under common control (under Code section 414(c)), or any other entity required to be aggregated with the Employer pursuant to Code section 414(o), service will be credited for any employment for any period of time for any other member of such group. Service will also be credited for any individual required under Code section 414(n) or Code section 414(o) to be considered an Employee of any Employer aggregated under Code sections 414(b), (c), or (m).

- B. Changes In Methods of Crediting Service** – The Plan may be amended to change the method of crediting service between the Hours of Service method of determining service and the Elapsed Time method provided each Employee with respect to whom the method of crediting service is changed is afforded the protection described in Treasury Regulation section 1.410(a)-7(g) and other applicable rules promulgated by the IRS.

## **ELECTION PERIOD**

Means the period that begins on the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 35 and ends on the date of the Participant's death. If a Participant separates from service before the first day of the Plan Year in which age 35 is attained, with respect to the account balance as of the date of separation, the Election Period will begin on the date of separation.

## **ELECTIVE DEFERRALS**

Means any Employer Contributions made either as a Pre-Tax Elective Deferral or as a Roth Elective Deferral to the Plan at the election of the Participant or pursuant to automatic Elective Deferral enrollment, in lieu of cash compensation, and will include contributions made pursuant to a salary reduction agreement. With respect to any taxable year, a Participant's Elective Deferrals are the sum of all Employer contributions made on behalf of such Participant pursuant to an election to defer under any qualified cash or deferred arrangement as described in Code section 401(k), any simplified employee pension plan cash or deferred arrangement as described in Code section 408(k)(6), any SIMPLE IRA Plan described in Code section 408(p), any plan as described under Code section 501(c)(18), or any Employer contributions made on the behalf of a Participant for the purchase of an annuity contract under Code section 403(b) pursuant to a salary reduction agreement. Elective Deferrals will not include any deferrals properly distributed as Excess Annual Additions. In addition, Elective Deferrals will not include contributions made to the Plan as Elective Deferrals under an EACA or QACA that are subsequently distributed from the Plan in accordance with the permissible withdrawal provisions found in Plan Section 5.01(A)(2).

No Participant will be permitted to have Elective Deferrals made under this Plan, or any other qualified plan maintained by the Employer, during any taxable year of the Participant, in excess of the dollar limitation contained in Code section 402(g) in effect at the beginning of such taxable year. Elective Deferrals under an EACA or QACA that are subsequently distributed from the Plan in accordance with the permissible withdrawal provisions found in Plan Section 5.01(A)(2) will not be included for purposes of calculating the dollar limitation contained in Code section 402(g). In the case of a Participant age 50 or over by the end of the taxable year, the dollar limitation described in the preceding sentence is increased by the amount of Elective Deferrals that can be Catch-up Contributions. The dollar limitation contained in Code section 402(g) was \$17,000 for taxable years beginning in 2012. This limit is adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury, in multiples of \$500, for cost-of-living increases under Code section 402(g)(4).

If the Plan permits Roth Elective Deferrals, Elective Deferrals will be characterized as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, unless otherwise designated by a Contributing Participant.

## **ELIGIBLE AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT (EACA)**

Means an Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement, as described in Code section 414(w) and Plan Section 3.01(E)(2), where Employees are automatically enrolled as Contributing Participants in the Plan.

## **ELIGIBILITY COMPUTATION PERIOD**

Means, with respect to an Employee's initial Eligibility Computation Period, the 12-consecutive month period commencing on the Employee's Employment Commencement Date. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employee's subsequent Eligibility Computation Periods will be the Plan Year commencing with the Plan Year beginning during the Employee's initial Eligibility Computation Period. An Employee will not be credited with a Year of Eligibility Service before the end of the 12-consecutive month period regardless of when during such period the Employee completes the required number of Hours of Service. Eligibility Computation Period will not apply if the Elapsed Time method of determining service applies for eligibility purposes.

## **ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE**

Means, if the Employer has adopted a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan, any Employee who is entitled to make Elective Deferrals under the terms of the Plan. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Employer has elected to apply the Safe Harbor CODA or the QACA provisions of the Plan, Eligible Employee means an Employee that has met the eligibility criteria, if any, for Safe Harbor Contributions and is eligible to make Elective Deferrals under the Plan for any part of the Plan Year or who would be eligible to make Elective Deferrals but for a suspension due to a distribution described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2) or because of statutory limitations, such as Code sections 402(g) and 415.

## **ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER FOR SIMPLE 401(k) PLAN**

Means, with respect to any SIMPLE 401(k) Year, an Employer that had no more than 100 Employees who received at least \$5,000 of Compensation, or such lesser amount indicated in the Adoption Agreement, from the Employer for the preceding SIMPLE 401(k) Year and is therefore eligible to establish a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan. In applying the preceding sentence, all Employees of controlled groups of corporations under Code section 414(b), all Employees of trades or businesses (whether incorporated or not) under common control under Code section 414(c), all Employees of affiliated service groups under Code section 414(m), and Leased Employees required to be treated as the Employer's Employees under Code section 414(n), are taken into account. In addition, with respect to any SIMPLE 401(k) Year, an Employer may not make any contributions or otherwise provide any accrued benefits on behalf of an Eligible Employee under any other plan, contract, pension or trust maintained by the Employer.

An Eligible Employer that adopts a SIMPLE 401(k) and that fails to be an Eligible Employer for any subsequent SIMPLE 401(k) Year is treated as an Eligible Employer for the two SIMPLE 401(k) Years following the last SIMPLE 401(k) Year for which the Employer was an Eligible Employer. If the failure is due to any acquisition, disposition, or similar transaction involving an Eligible Employer, the preceding sentence applies only if the provisions of Code section 410(b)(6)(C)(i) are satisfied.

## **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT**

Means any Employee who is eligible to make a Nondeductible Employee Contribution or an Elective Deferral (if the Employer takes such contributions into account in the calculation of the Contribution Percentages), or to receive a Matching Contribution (including Forfeitures) or a Qualified Matching Contribution.

If a Nondeductible Employee Contribution is required as a condition of participation in the Plan, any Employee who would be a Participant in the Plan if such Employee made such a contribution will be treated as an Eligible Participant on behalf of whom no Nondeductible Employee Contributions are made.

**ELIGIBLE RETIREMENT PLAN**

Means, for purposes of the Direct Rollover provisions of the Plan, an individual retirement account described in Code sections 408(a) or 408A, an individual retirement annuity described in Code section 408(b), a SIMPLE IRA described in Code section 408(p), an annuity plan described in Code section 403(a), an annuity contract described in Code section 403(b), an eligible plan under Code section 457(b) that is maintained by a state, political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state (and that agrees to separately account for amounts transferred into such plan from this Plan), or a qualified plan described in Code section 401(a) that accepts the Recipient's Eligible Rollover Distribution. The definition of Eligible Retirement Plan will also apply in the case of a distribution to a surviving Spouse, or to a Spouse or former Spouse who is the Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, as defined in Code section 414(p).

If any portion of an Eligible Rollover Distribution is attributable to payments or distributions from a designated Roth account, an Eligible Retirement Plan with respect to such portion will include only another designated Roth account of the individual from whose account the payments or distributions were made, or a Roth IRA of such individual.

**ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTION**

Means any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the Recipient, except that an Eligible Rollover Distribution does not include

- a. any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (paid at least annually) made for the life (or Life Expectancy) of the Recipient or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the Recipient and the Recipient's Designated Beneficiary, or for a specified period of ten years or more;
- b. any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Code section 401(a)(9) and the corresponding regulations;
- c. the portion of any other distribution that is not includible in gross income (determined without regard to the exclusion for net unrealized appreciation with respect to employer securities);
- d. any hardship distribution described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2);
- e. any other distribution(s) that is reasonably expected to total less than \$200 during a year; and
- f. contributions made to the Plan as Elective Deferrals under an EACA or QACA that are subsequently distributed from the Plan as permissible withdrawals.

For distributions made after December 31, 2001, a portion of a distribution will not fail to be an Eligible Rollover Distribution merely because the portion consists of after-tax employee contributions that are not includible in gross income. However, such portion may be transferred only to an individual retirement account or annuity described in Code section 408(a) or (b), or a Roth individual retirement account or annuity described in Code Section 408A (a Roth IRA), a SIMPLE IRA described in Code section 408(p), or to a qualified defined contribution plan described in Code section 401(a), 403(a), or 403(b) that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred, including separately accounting for the portion of such distribution that is includible in gross income and the portion of such distribution that is not so includible.

**EMPLOYEE**

Means any person employed by an Employer maintaining the Plan or by any other employer required to be aggregated with such Employer under Code sections 414(b), (c), (m), or (o).

The term Employee will also include any Leased Employee deemed to be an Employee of any Employer described in the previous paragraph as provided in Code sections 414(n) or (o).

**EMPLOYER**

Means the Adopting Employer and Participating Employers. A partnership is considered to be the Employer of each of the partners and a sole proprietorship is considered to be the Employer of a sole proprietor.

**EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION**

Means the amount contributed by the Employer each year as determined under this Plan. The term Employer Contribution will include Elective Deferrals made to the Plan unless such contributions are intended to be excluded for purposes of either the Plan or any act under the Code, ERISA, or any additional rules, regulations, or other pronouncements promulgated by either the IRS or DOL.

**EMPLOYER MONEY PURCHASE PENSION CONTRIBUTION**

Means an Employer Contribution made pursuant to the Money Purchase Pension Plan Adoption Agreement Section titled "Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions." The Employer must make Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions without regard to current or accumulated earnings or profits.

**EMPLOYER PREVAILING WAGE CONTRIBUTION**

Means an Employer Contribution made pursuant to the Adoption Agreement Section titled "Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions." The Employer may make Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions without regard to current or accumulated earnings or profit.

**EMPLOYER PROFIT SHARING CONTRIBUTION**

Means an Employer Contribution made pursuant to the Adoption Agreement Section titled "Employer Profit Sharing Contributions." Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer may make Employer Profit Sharing Contributions without regard to current or accumulated earnings or profits.

**EMPLOYMENT COMMENCEMENT DATE**

Means, with respect to an Employee, the date such Employee first performs an Hour of Service for the Employer.

**ENHANCED MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Matching Contributions described in Code section 401(k)(12)(B)(iii) and made pursuant to the Safe Harbor CODA formula elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement.

**ENTRY DATES**

Means the first day of the Plan Year and the first day of the seventh month of the Plan Year coinciding with or following the date the Employee satisfies the eligibility requirements of Plan Section 2.01 for the applicable contribution source, unless the Adopting Employer has specified different dates in the Adoption Agreement. If this is an initial adoption of the Plan by the Employer, the initial Effective Date will also be considered an Entry Date.

**ERISA**

Means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended from time to time.

**EXCESS AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means, with respect to any Plan Year, the excess of

- a. the aggregate Contribution Percentage Amounts taken into account in computing the numerator of the Contribution Percentage actually made on behalf of Highly Compensated Employees for such Plan Year, over
- b. the maximum Contribution Percentage Amounts permitted by the ACP test (determined by hypothetically reducing contributions made on behalf of Highly Compensated Employees in order of their Contribution Percentages, beginning with the highest of such percentages).

Such determination will be made after first determining Excess Elective Deferrals pursuant to the definition provided herein and then determining Excess Contributions pursuant to the definition provided herein.

**EXCESS ANNUAL ADDITIONS**

Means the excess of the Participant's Annual Additions for the Limitation Year over the Maximum Permissible Amount.

**EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means, with respect to any Plan Year, the excess of

- a. the aggregate amount of Employer Contributions actually taken into account in computing the ADP of Highly Compensated Employees for such Plan Year, over
- b. the maximum amount of such contributions permitted by the ADP test (determined by hypothetically reducing contributions made on behalf of Highly Compensated Employees in order of the ADPs, beginning with the highest of such percentages).

**EXCESS ELECTIVE DEFERRALS**

Means those Elective Deferrals that either 1) are made during the Participant's taxable year and exceed the dollar limitation under Code section 402(g) (increased, if applicable, by the dollar limitation on Catch-up Contributions defined in Code section 414(v)) for such year; or 2) are made during a calendar year and exceed the dollar limitation under Code section 402(g) (increased, if applicable, by the dollar limitation on Catch-up Contributions defined in Code section 414(v)) for the Participant's taxable year beginning in such calendar year, counting only Elective Deferrals made under this Plan and any other plan, contract, or arrangement maintained by the Employer. Excess Elective Deferrals will be treated as Annual Additions under the Plan, unless such amounts are distributed no later than the first April 15 following the close of the Participant's taxable year.

**FIDUCIARY**

Means a person who exercises any discretionary authority or control with respect to management of the Plan, renders investment advice as defined in ERISA section 3(21), or has any discretionary authority or responsibility regarding the administration of the Plan. The Employer and such other individuals either appointed by the Employer or deemed to be fiduciaries as a result of their actions shall serve as Fiduciaries under this Plan and fulfill the fiduciary responsibilities described in Part 4, Title I of ERISA including discharging their duties with respect to the Plan solely in the interest of the Participants and Beneficiaries and with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.

**FORFEITURE**

Means that portion of a Participant's Individual Account derived from Employer Contributions that the Participant is not entitled to receive (i.e., the nonvested portion).

**FUND**

Means the Plan assets held by the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) for the Participants' exclusive benefit.

**HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION**

Means the average compensation for the three consecutive years of service with the Employer that produces the highest average.

**HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE**

Means any Employee who 1) was a five-percent owner at any time during the year or the preceding year, or 2) for the preceding year had Compensation from the Employer in excess of \$80,000 and, if elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, was in the top-paid group for the preceding year. The \$80,000 amount is adjusted at the same time and in the same manner as under Code section 415(d), except that the base period is the calendar quarter ending September 30, 1996.



For this purpose the applicable year of the Plan for which a determination is being made is called a determination year and the preceding 12-month period is called a look-back year unless the Adopting Employer has made a calendar year data election in the Adoption Agreement. If a calendar year data election is made, the look-back year will be the calendar year ending within the Plan Year for purposes of determining who is a Highly Compensated Employee (other than as a five-percent owner).

A highly compensated former employee is based on the rules applicable to determining Highly Compensated Employee status as in effect for that determination year, in accordance with Treasury Regulation section 1.414(q)-1T, A-4, Notice 97-45 and any subsequent guidance issued by the IRS.

The determination of who is a Highly Compensated Employee, including but not limited to the determinations of the number and identity of Employees in the top-paid group and the Compensation that is considered, will be made in accordance with Code section 414(q) and the corresponding regulations. Adoption Agreement elections to include or exclude items from Compensation that are inconsistent with Code section 414(q) will be disregarded for purposes of determining who is a Highly Compensated Employee.

## **HOURS OF SERVICE**

Means

1. Each hour for which an Employee is paid, or entitled to payment, for the performance of duties for the Employer. These hours will be credited to the Employee for the computation period in which the duties are performed.
2. Each hour for which an Employee is paid, or entitled to payment, by the Employer on account of a period of time during which no duties are performed (irrespective of whether the employment relationship has terminated) due to vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity (including Disability), layoff, jury duty, military duty, or leave of absence. No more than 501 Hours of Service will be credited under this paragraph for any single continuous period (whether or not such period occurs in a single computation period). Hours under this paragraph will be calculated and credited pursuant to Labor Regulation Section 2530.200b-2, that is incorporated herein by this reference.
3. Each hour for which back pay, irrespective of mitigation of damages, is either awarded or agreed to by the Employer. The same Hours of Service will not be credited both under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), as the case may be, and under this paragraph (3). These hours will be credited to the Employee for the computation period or periods to which the award or agreement pertains rather than the computation period in which the award, agreement, or payment is made.
4. Solely for purposes of determining whether a Break in Eligibility Service or a Break in Vesting Service has occurred in a computation period (the computation period for purposes of determining whether a Break in Vesting Service has occurred is the Plan Year or other vesting computation period described in the definition of a Year of Vesting Service (Period of Service, if applicable)), an individual who is absent from work for maternity or paternity reasons will receive credit for the Hours of Service that would otherwise have been credited to such individual but for such absence, or in any case in which such hours cannot be determined, eight Hours of Service per day of such absence. For purposes of this paragraph, an absence from work for maternity or paternity reasons means an absence 1) by reason of the pregnancy of the individual, 2) by reason of a birth of a child of the individual, 3) by reason of the placement of a child with the individual in connection with the adoption of such child by such individual, or 4) for purposes of caring for such child for a period beginning immediately following such birth or placement. The Hours of Service credited under this paragraph will be credited 1) in the Eligibility Computation Period or Plan Year or other vesting computation period described in the definition of a year of service in which the absence begins if the crediting is necessary to prevent a Break in Eligibility Service or a Break in Vesting Service in the applicable period, or 2) in all other cases, in the following Eligibility Computation Period or Plan Year or other vesting computation period described in the definition of a year of service.
5. Hours of Service will be credited for employment with other members of an affiliated service group (under Code section 414(m)), a controlled group of corporations (under Code section 414(b)), or a group of trades or businesses under common control (under Code section 414(c)) of which the Adopting Employer is a member, and any other entity required to be aggregated with the Employer pursuant to Code section 414(o) and the corresponding regulations.

Hours of Service will also be credited for any individual considered an Employee for purposes of this Plan under Code sections 414(n) or 414(o) and the corresponding regulations.

6. Where the Employer maintains the plan of a predecessor employer, service for such predecessor employer will be treated as service for the Employer. If the Employer does not maintain the plan of a predecessor employer, service for such predecessor employer will not be treated as service for the Employer unless specifically elected in the Adoption Agreement.
7. The above method for determining Hours of Service may be altered as specified in the Adoption Agreement.
8. Hours of Service will apply unless the Adopting Employer has indicated in the Adoption Agreement that a method other than Hours of Service will be used for determining service.

## **INDIRECT ROLLOVER**

Means a rollover contribution received by this Plan from an Employee that previously received a distribution from this Plan or another plan rather than having such amount directly rolled over to this Plan from the distributing plan.

## **INDIRECT IN-PLAN ROTH ROLLOVER**

Means an Indirect Rollover of an Eligible Rollover Distribution from a Recipient's Individual Account (other than from Roth Elective Deferrals or Roth rollover contributions) to a Roth rollover account established for the Recipient.

## **INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT**

Means the account established and maintained under this Plan for each Participant in accordance with Plan Section 7.02(A).

**INITIAL PERIOD**

Means the period for each Eligible Employee that begins on the date the Eligible Employee first participates in the QACA and ends on the last day of the Plan Year that starts after the date the Eligible Employee first participates in the QACA.

**INITIAL PLAN DOCUMENT**

Means the plan document that initially established the Plan.

**IN-PLAN ROTH ROLLOVER**

Means any contribution made either as a Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover or an Indirect In-Plan Roth Rollover.

**INSURER**

Means an insurance company that issues one or more annuity contracts or insurance policies under the Plan. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan and the terms of an annuity contract or insurance policy issued under the Plan by the Insurer, the terms of the Plan will control. Where appropriate, references to the Trustee throughout the Plan will apply to an Insurer.

**INVESTMENT FIDUCIARY**

Means the Employer, a Trustee with full trust powers, any individual Trustee(s), or any investment manager, as applicable, that under the terms of the Plan is vested with the responsibility and authority to select investment options for the Plan and to direct the investment of the assets of the Fund. In no event will a Custodian or a Trustee who does not have the authority or discretion to select the appropriate investments for the Fund be an Investment Fiduciary for any purpose whatsoever.

**INVESTMENT FUND**

Means a subdivision of the Fund established pursuant to Plan Section 7.01(B).

**IRA OWNER**

Means an Employee who has established a Deemed IRA.

**IRA TRUSTEE (OR CUSTODIAN)**

Means the bank or savings and loan association, as defined in Code section 408(n), or any person who has the approval of the IRS to act as Trustee, or their successor.

**IRS**

Means Internal Revenue Service.

**KEY EMPLOYEE**

Means, for Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2001, any Employee or former Employee (including any deceased Employee) who at any time during the Plan Year that includes the Determination Date is an officer of the Employer and whose annual compensation is greater than \$130,000 (as adjusted under Code section 416(i)(1) for Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2002), a five-percent owner of the Employer, or a one-percent owner of the Employer who has annual compensation of more than \$150,000. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, for Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 2001, Compensation will also include elective amounts that are not includible in the gross income of the Employee by reason of Code section 132(f)(4).

In determining whether a plan is top-heavy for Plan Years beginning before January 1, 2002, Key Employee means any Employee or former Employee (including any deceased Employee) who at any time during the five-year period ending on the Determination Date, is an officer of the Employer having annual compensation that exceeds 50 percent of the dollar limitation under Code section 415(b)(1)(A), an owner (or considered an owner under Code section 318) of one of the ten largest interests in the Employer if such Participant's compensation exceeds 100 percent of the dollar limitation under Code section 415(c)(1)(A), a five-percent owner of the Employer, or a one-percent owner of the Employer who has annual compensation of more than \$150,000. Annual compensation means compensation as defined in Part A of the definition of Compensation in this Definition section, but including amounts contributed by the Employer pursuant to a salary reduction agreement that are excludable from the Employee's gross income in Code sections 125, 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B) or 403(b). The determination period is the Plan Year containing the Determination Date and the four preceding Plan Years.

The determination of who is a Key Employee will be made in accordance with Code section 416(i)(1) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations.

**LEASED EMPLOYEE**

Means any person (other than an Employee of the recipient Employer) who, pursuant to an agreement between the recipient Employer and any other person ("leasing organization"), has performed services for the recipient Employer (or for the recipient Employer and related persons determined in accordance with Code section 414(n)(6)) on a substantially full-time basis for a period of at least one year, and such services are performed under primary direction or control by the recipient Employer. Contributions or benefits provided to a Leased Employee by the leasing organization that are attributable to services performed for the recipient Employer will be treated as provided by the recipient Employer.

A Leased Employee will not be considered an Employee of the recipient if 1) such Leased Employee is covered by a money purchase pension plan providing a) a nonintegrated employer contribution rate of at least ten-percent of compensation, as defined in Part A of the definition of Compensation in this Definition section, but including amounts contributed pursuant to a salary reduction agreement, that are excludable from the Leased Employee's gross income under Code sections 125, 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), or 403(b), b) immediate participation, and c) full and immediate vesting; and 2) Leased Employees do not constitute more than 20 percent of the recipient's non-Highly Compensated Employee work force.

**LIFE EXPECTANCY**

Means life expectancy as computed by using the Single Life Table in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9, Q&A 1.

**LIMITATION YEAR**

Means the Plan Year, unless the Adopting Employer has selected another 12-consecutive month period in the Adoption Agreement. All qualified plans maintained by the Employer must use the same Limitation Year. If the Limitation Year is amended to a different 12-consecutive month period, the new Limitation Year must begin on a date within the Limitation Year in which the amendment is made.

If a Plan is terminated effective as of a date other than the last day of the Plan's Limitation Year, the Plan is treated as if the Plan was amended to change its Limitation Year. As a result of this deemed amendment, the Code section 415(c)(1)(A) dollar limit must be prorated under the short Limitation Year rules.

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTION COMPUTATION PERIOD**

Means the applicable period of time over which a Participant's Compensation and Elective Deferrals and/or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if applicable, are taken into account for purposes of determining all Matching Contributions that are made to the Plan on behalf of such Participant. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Matching Contribution Computation Period is the Plan Year.

**MATCHING CONTRIBUTION**

Means an Employer Contribution made to this or any other defined contribution plan on behalf of a Participant on account of an Elective Deferral or a Nondeductible Employee Contribution made by such Participant under a plan maintained by the Employer. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Adopting Employer has elected to apply the Safe Harbor CODA or Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement provisions of the Plan, Matching Contributions means contributions made by the Employer on account of an Eligible Employee's Elective Deferrals. For Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 1998, Matching Contributions made by self-employed Participants (as defined in Code section 401(c)) will not be treated as Elective Deferrals.

**MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE AMOUNT**

Means the maximum Annual Addition that may be contributed or allocated to a Participant's Individual Account under the Plan for any Limitation Year.

For Limitation Years beginning before January 1, 2002, the Maximum Permissible Amount will not exceed the lesser of

- a. the Defined Contribution Dollar Limitation, or
- b. 25 percent of the Participant's Compensation for the Limitation Year.

For Limitation Years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, except for Catch-up Contributions, the Maximum Permissible Amount will not exceed the lesser of

- a. \$40,000, as adjusted for cost-of-living increases under Code section 415(d), or
- b. 100 percent of the Participant's Compensation (within the meaning of Compensation as described in Part A of the definition of Compensation in this Definition section) for the Limitation Year.

The compensation limitation referred to in (b) will not apply to any contribution for medical benefits after separation from service (within the meaning of Code section 401(h) or 419A(f)(2)) that is otherwise treated as an Annual Addition.

If a short Limitation Year is created because of an amendment changing the Limitation Year to a different 12-consecutive month period, the Maximum Permissible Amount will not exceed the Defined Contribution Dollar Limitation multiplied by the following fraction:

$$\frac{\text{Number of months in the short Limitation Year}}{12}$$

**MONTHS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE**

Means the period of consecutive months, as specified in the Adoption Agreement, beginning on the Employee's date of hire, and ending on the last day of the initial period specified in the Adoption Agreement, during which an Employee completes at least the number of Hours of Service specified in the Adoption Agreement, if applicable. The method used to determine the Months of Eligibility Service must be administered in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. Employees do not complete the initial Months of Eligibility Service until they complete the required number of Hours of Service, if applicable, and reach the end of the period of consecutive months.

**NONDEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means any contribution, other than Roth Elective Deferrals, made to the Plan by or on behalf of a Participant that is included in the Participant's gross income in the year in which made and that is maintained under a separate account to which earnings and losses are allocated.

**NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE**

Means the age specified in the Adoption Agreement. If the Employer enforces a mandatory retirement age, the Normal Retirement Age is the lesser of that mandatory age or the age specified in the Adoption Agreement. If no age is specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Normal Retirement Age will be age 59½ if the Plan is a profit sharing plan or age 62 if the Plan is a money purchase pension plan.

**OWNER-EMPLOYEE**

Means an individual who is a sole proprietor or who is a partner owning more than ten-percent of either the capital or the profits interest of the partnership.

**PARTICIPANT**

Means any Employee or former Employee of the Employer who has met the Plan's age and service requirements, has entered the Plan, and who is or may become eligible to receive a benefit of any type from this Plan or whose Beneficiary may be eligible to receive any such benefit.

**PARTICIPANT'S BENEFIT**

Means the Participant's Individual Account as of the last Valuation Date in the calendar year immediately preceding the Distribution Calendar Year (valuation calendar year) increased by the amount of any contributions made and allocated or Forfeitures allocated to the Participant's Individual Account as of dates in the valuation calendar year after the Valuation Date and decreased by distributions made in the valuation calendar year after the Valuation Date and the value of any Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract. The Participant's Benefit for the valuation calendar year includes any amounts rolled over or transferred to the Plan either in the valuation calendar year or in the Distribution Calendar Year if distributed or transferred in the valuation calendar year.

**PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER**

Means an employer who is either a Related Participating Employer or an Unrelated Participating Employer.

**PERMISSIVE AGGREGATION GROUP**

Means the Required Aggregation Group of plans plus any other plan or plans of the Employer that, when considered as a group with the Required Aggregation Group, would continue to satisfy the requirements of Code sections 401(a)(4) and 410.

**PERIOD OF SERVICE**

Means the aggregate of all time periods beginning on the Employee's date of hire or rehire and ending on the date a Break in Service begins. The first day of employment or reemployment is the first day the Employee performs an Hour of Service. If the Plan is using the Elapsed Time method of determining eligibility service, this definition of Period of Service will replace the definitions of Year of Eligibility Service found in this Definitions section of the Plan. If the Plan is using the Elapsed Time method of determining vesting service, this definition of Period of Service will replace the definition of and Year of Vesting Service found in this Definitions section of the Plan.

**PERIOD OF SEVERANCE**

Means a continuous period of time during which the Employee is not employed by the Employer. Such period begins on the Severance from Service Date.

**PLAN**

Means the pre-approved defined contribution plan adopted by the Employer that is intended to satisfy the requirements of Code section 401 and ERISA section 501. The Plan consists of this Basic Plan Document, the corresponding Adoption Agreement, the corresponding trust or custodial agreement, and any attachments or amendments, as completed and signed by the Adopting Employer, including any amendment provisions adopted prior to the Effective Date of the Plan that are not superseded by the provisions of this restated Plan.

**PLAN ADMINISTRATOR**

The Adopting Employer will be the Plan Administrator unless the managing body of the Adopting Employer designates a person or persons other than the Adopting Employer as the Plan Administrator and so notifies the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable). The managing body of the Adopting Employer may also appoint a successor Plan Administrator. The Adopting Employer will also be the Plan Administrator if the person or persons so designated ceases to be the Plan Administrator and a successor Plan Administrator is not appointed. The Adopting Employer may establish an administrative committee that will carry out the Plan Administrator's duties. Members of the administrative committee may allocate the Plan Administrator's duties among themselves. If the managing body of the Adopting Employer designates a person or persons other than the Adopting Employer as Plan Administrator, such person or persons will serve at the pleasure of the Adopting Employer and will serve pursuant to such procedures as such managing body may provide. Each such person will be bonded as may be required by law. The term Plan Administrator will include any person authorized to perform the duties of the Plan Administrator and properly identified to the Trustee or Custodian as such. Where the Adopting Employer dies, becomes incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to fulfill its duties, and neither the Adopting Employer nor the managing body of the Adopting Employer will or can appoint a successor Plan Administrator within a reasonable period of time thereafter, the Plan Administrator may appoint a successor Plan Administrator. Where the Plan Administrator will not or cannot appoint a successor Plan Administrator, a majority of Participants in the Plan will have the authority to appoint a successor Plan Administrator but will not be obligated to do so if engaging a majority of Participants would result in unreasonable time, expense, or administrative burden. The Pre-approved Document Provider will in no case be designated as the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator will be a named Fiduciary of the Plan for purposes of ERISA section 402(a), and the Plan Administrator must ensure that the authority over the portion of the Fund subject to the trust requirements of ERISA section 403(a) is assigned to a Trustee(subject to the proper and lawful directions of the Plan Administrator), or an investment manager.

**PLAN SEQUENCE NUMBER**

Means the three-digit number the Adopting Employer assigned to the Plan in the Adoption Agreement. The Plan Sequence Number identifies the number of qualified retirement plans the Employer maintains or has maintained. The Plan Sequence Number is 001 for the Employer's first qualified retirement plan, 002 for the second, etc.

**PLAN YEAR**

Means the 12-consecutive month period that coincides with the Adopting Employer's tax year or such other 12-consecutive month period as is designated in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding, a Plan Year may be a period less than 12 months, as defined in the Adoption Agreement.

**PRE-AGE 35 WAIVER**

A Participant who will not yet attain age 35 as of the end of any current Plan Year may make a special Qualified Election to waive the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity for the period beginning on the date of such election and ending on the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant will attain age 35. Such election will not be valid unless the Participant receives an explanation of the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity in such terms as are comparable to the explanation required in Plan Section 5.10(D)(1). Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity coverage will be automatically reinstated as of the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 35. Any new waiver on or after such date will be subject to the full requirements of Plan Section 5.10.

**PRE-APPROVED DOCUMENT PROVIDER**

Means the entity specified in the Adoption Agreement that makes this pre-approved plan document available to employers for adoption.

**PRE-APPROVED PLAN**

Means a plan, the form of which is the subject of a favorable opinion letter from the IRS.

**PRE-TAX ELECTIVE DEFERRALS**

Means Elective Deferrals that are not included in a Contributing Participant's gross income at the time deferred.

**PRESENT VALUE**

Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, for purposes of establishing the Present Value of benefits under a defined benefit plan to compute the top-heavy ratio, any benefit will be discounted only for mortality and interest based on the interest rate and mortality table specified for this purpose in the defined benefit plan.

**PRIMARY BENEFICIARY**

Means an individual named as a Beneficiary under the Plan who has an unconditional right to all or a portion of a Participant's Individual Account upon the Participant's death.

**PRIOR PLAN DOCUMENT**

Means a plan document that was replaced by adoption of this Plan document as indicated in the Adoption Agreement.

**PROJECTED ANNUAL BENEFIT**

Means the annual retirement benefit (adjusted to an actuarially equivalent Straight Life Annuity if such benefit is expressed in a form other than a Straight Life Annuity or Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity) to which the Participant would be entitled under the terms of the Plan, assuming that

- a. the Participant will continue employment until Normal Retirement Age under the Plan (or current age, if later), and
- b. the Participant's Compensation for the current Limitation Year and all other relevant factors used to determine benefits under the Plan will remain constant for all future Limitation Years.

**QACA ACP TEST SAFE HARBOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Matching Contributions described in Plan Section 3.01(F)(3).

**QACA ADP TEST SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means any QACA Basic Matching Contributions, QACA Enhanced Matching Contributions, and QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions.

**QACA BASIC MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Matching Contributions made pursuant to the QACA formula described in Adoption Agreement Section Three, in an amount equal to 1) 100 percent of the amount of the Employee's Elective Deferrals that do not exceed one-percent of the Employee's Compensation for the Plan Year, plus 2) 50 percent of the amount of the Employee's Elective Deferrals that exceed one-percent of the Employee's Compensation but do not exceed six-percent of the Employee's Compensation for the Plan Year, if applicable.

**QACA ENHANCED MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Matching Contributions described in Code section 401(k)(12)(B)(iii) and made pursuant to the QACA formula elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement.

**QACA SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Employer Contributions made pursuant to the QACA Safe Harbor provisions in Plan Section 3.01(F).

**QACA SAFE HARBOR NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Employer Contributions made in an amount equal to at least three-percent of each Participant's Compensation on behalf of each Eligible Employee, unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement. Such contributions will be made without regard to whether a Participant makes an Elective Deferral or a Nondeductible Employee Contribution.

**QUALIFIED AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENT (QACA)**

Means a Plan whereby Eligible Employees are automatically enrolled as Contributing Participants in the Plan and that requires Employer Contributions to the Plan as outlined in Plan Section 3.01(F) and Code sections 401(k)(13) and 401(m)(12) in order to be deemed to satisfy certain nondiscrimination testing requirements.

## QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER

### A. In General – Means a Domestic Relations Order

1. that creates or recognizes the existence of an Alternate Payee's rights to, or assigns to an Alternate Payee the right to, receive all or a portion of the benefits payable with respect to a Participant under the Plan, and
2. with respect to which the requirements described in the remainder of this section are met.

### B. Specification of Facts – A Domestic Relations Order will be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order only if the order clearly specifies

1. the name and last known mailing address (if any) of the Participant and the name and mailing address of each Alternate Payee covered by the order,
2. the amount or percentage of the Participant's benefits to be paid by the Plan to each such Alternate Payee, or the manner in which such amount or percentage is to be determined,
3. the number of payments or period to which such order applies, and
4. each plan to which such order applies.

### C. Additional Requirements – In addition to paragraph (B) above, a Domestic Relations Order will be considered a Qualified Domestic Relations Order only if such order

1. does not require the Plan to provide any type or form of benefit, or any option not otherwise provided under the Plan,
2. does not require the Plan to provide increased benefits, and
3. does not require benefit to an Alternate Payee that are required to be paid to another Alternate Payee under another order previously determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

### D. Exception for Certain Payments – A Domestic Relations Order will not be treated as failing to meet the requirements above solely because such order requires that payment of benefits be made to an Alternate Payee

1. on or after the date on which the Participant attains (or would have attained) the earliest retirement age as defined in Code section 414(p)(4)(B),
2. as if the Participant had retired on the date on which such payment is to begin under such order, and
3. in any form in which such benefits may be paid under the Plan to the Participant (other than in a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity) with respect to the Alternate Payee and their subsequent spouse.

## QUALIFIED ELECTION

Means a waiver of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or a Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity. Any waiver of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or a Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity will not be effective unless 1) the Participant's Spouse consents to the election (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL), 2) the election designates a specific Beneficiary, including any class of beneficiaries or any contingent beneficiaries, that may not be changed without spousal consent (or the Spouse expressly permits designations by the Participant without any further spousal consent), 3) the Spouse's consent acknowledges the effect of the election, and d) the Spouse's consent is witnessed by a Plan representative or notary public. Additionally, a Participant's waiver of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity will not be effective unless the election designates a form of benefit payment that may not be changed without spousal consent (or the Spouse expressly permits designations by the Participant without any further spousal consent). If it is established to the satisfaction of a Plan representative that there is no Spouse or that the Spouse cannot be located, a waiver by the Participant will be deemed a Qualified Election. In addition, if the Spouse is legally incompetent to give consent, the Spouse's legal guardian, even if the guardian is the Participant, may give consent. If the Participant is legally separated or the Participant has been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and the Participant has a court order to such effect, spousal consent is not required unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order provides otherwise.

Any consent by a Spouse obtained under this provision (or establishment that the consent of a Spouse may not be obtained) will be effective only with respect to such Spouse. A consent that permits designations by the Participant without any requirement of further consent by such Spouse must acknowledge that the Spouse has the right to limit consent to a specific Beneficiary, and a specific form of benefit where applicable, and that the Spouse voluntarily elects to relinquish either or both of such rights. A revocation of a prior waiver may be made by a Participant without the consent of the Spouse at any time before the commencement of benefits. The number of revocations will not be limited. No consent obtained under this provision will be valid unless the Participant has received notice as provided in Plan Section 5.10(D).

## QUALIFIED JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITY

Means an immediate annuity for the life of the Participant with a survivor annuity for the life of the Spouse that is not less than 50 percent and not more than 100 percent of the amount of the annuity that is payable during the joint lives of the Participant and the Spouse and that is the amount of benefit that can be purchased with the Participant's vested account balance. The percentage of the survivor annuity under the Plan will be 50 percent, unless a different percentage is elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement.

## QUALIFIED MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Means Matching Contributions that are nonforfeitable when allocated to the Participants' Individual Accounts and that are distributable only in accordance with the distribution provisions (other than for hardships) applicable to Elective Deferrals.

**QUALIFIED NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Employer Contributions (other than Matching Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions, or Employer Profit Sharing Contributions) allocated to Participants' Individual Accounts that the Participants may not elect to receive in cash until distributed from the Plan; that are nonforfeitable when allocated to the Participants' Individual Accounts; and that are distributable only in accordance with the distribution provisions (other than hardships) that are applicable to Elective Deferrals.

**QUALIFIED OPTIONAL SURVIVOR ANNUITY**

Means an annuity 1) for the life of the Participant with a survivor annuity for the life of the Spouse that is equal to the "applicable percentage" of the amount of the annuity that is payable during the joint lives of the Participant and the Spouse, and 2) that is the actuarial equivalent of a single annuity for the life of the Participant. If the survivor annuity provided by the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is less than 75 percent of the annuity payable during the joint lives of the Participant and the Spouse, the applicable percentage is 75 percent. If the survivor annuity provided by the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is greater than or equal to 75 percent, the applicable percentage is 50 percent.

**QUALIFIED PRERETIREMENT SURVIVOR ANNUITY**

Means a survivor annuity for the life of the surviving Spouse of the Participant if the payments are not less than the amounts that would be payable as a survivor annuity under the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity under the Plan in accordance with Code section 417(c).

**QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTING PARTICIPANT**

Means a Contributing Participant who satisfies the requirements described in Plan Section 3.02 to be entitled to receive a Matching Contribution (and Forfeitures, if applicable) for a Plan Year.

**QUALIFYING EMPLOYER REAL PROPERTY**

Means parcels of Employer real property that are subject to the requirements of ERISA section 407.

**QUALIFYING EMPLOYER SECURITY(IES)**

Means stock that is issued by the Employer and transferred to this Plan and that is subject to the requirements of ERISA section 407 and meets the requirements of ERISA section 407(d)(5).

**QUALIFYING LONGEVITY ANNUITY CONTRACT (QLAC)**

Means an annuity contract that is purchased from an insurance company for a Participant and that satisfies the requirements under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6, Q&A 17.

**QUALIFYING PARTICIPANT**

A Participant is a Qualifying Participant and is entitled to share in the Employer Contribution for any Plan Year if the Participant was a Participant on at least one day during the Plan Year and satisfies any additional conditions specified in the Adoption Agreement. The determination of whether a Participant is entitled to share in the Employer Contribution will be made as of the last day of each Plan Year.

**RECIPIENT**

Means an Employee or former Employee. In addition, the Employee's or former Employee's surviving Spouse and the Employee's or former Employee's Spouse or former Spouse who is the Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, as defined in Code section 414(p), are Recipients with regard to the interest of the Spouse or former Spouse.

**RELATED EMPLOYER**

Means an employer who, along with another employer, is a member of 1) a controlled group of corporations (as defined in Code section 414(b) as modified by Code section 415(h)), 2) a commonly controlled trade or business (as defined in Code section 414(c) as modified by Code section 415(h)) or 3) an affiliated service group (as defined in Code section 414(m) (and any other entity required to be aggregated with another employer pursuant to Treasury regulations under Code section 414(o))).

**RELATED PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER**

Means a Related Employer of the Adopting Employer who participates in the Plan. Unless the Employer elected in the Adoption Agreement to allow all Related Employers to participate in the Plan, a Related Employer of the Adopting Employer must execute a Participating Employer Attachment prior to participation in the Plan.

**REQUIRED AGGREGATION GROUP**

Means 1) each qualified plan of the Employer in which at least one Key Employee participates or participated at any time during the Plan Year containing the Determination Date or any of the four preceding Plan Years (regardless of whether the Plan has terminated), and 2) any other qualified plan of the Employer that enables a plan described in 1) to meet the requirements of Code section 401(a)(4) or 410.

**REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE**

Means, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70½ or retires, whichever is later, except that benefit distributions to a five-percent owner must commence by the April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70½. Notwithstanding the preceding, if required under transition rules provided under Treasury Regulation 1.401(a)(9), the Required Beginning Date means April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70½. However, if an amendment was previously made to the Plan pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.411(d)-4, Q&A-10(b), any Participant (other than a five-percent owner) attaining age 70½ after 1995 may elect by the April 1 of the calendar year following the year in which the Participant attained age 70½, (or by December 31, 1997, in the case of a Participant attaining age 70½ in 1996) to defer distributions until the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant retires.

An election to defer distributions will be deemed made by a Participant who does not request a minimum distribution by April 1 of the year following the year in which the Participant attains age 70½.

A Participant is treated as a five-percent owner for purposes of this section if such Participant is a five-percent owner as defined in Code section 416 at any time during the Plan Year ending with or within the calendar year in which such owner attains age 70½.

Once distributions have begun to a five-percent owner under this section, they must continue to be distributed, even if the Participant ceases to be a five-percent owner in a subsequent year.

Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Employer elected in the Adoption Agreement to offer Deemed IRAs, the definition of required beginning date and the distribution provisions of Plan Section 3.15 will apply to such Deemed IRAs.

### **ROTH ELECTIVE DEFERRALS**

Means Elective Deferrals that are includible in a Contributing Participant's gross income at the time deferred and have been irrevocably designated as Roth Elective Deferrals by the Contributing Participant in their deferral election.

### **ROTH IRA**

Means an individual retirement account as defined in Code section 408A.

### **SAFE HARBOR CODA**

Means a Plan that has elected to make contributions in accordance with Plan Section 3.03.

### **SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Employer Contributions made pursuant to either the Safe Harbor CODA provisions in Plan Section 3.03 or the QACA provisions in Plan Section 3.01(F).

### **SAFE HARBOR NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Means Employer Contributions made in an amount equal to at least three-percent of each Participant's Compensation on behalf of each Eligible Employee, unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement. Such contributions will be made without regard to whether a Participant makes an Elective Deferral or a Nondeductible Employee Contribution.

### **SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL**

Means an individual who has Earned Income for the taxable year from the trade or business for which the Plan is established, including an individual who would have had Earned Income but for the fact that the trade or business had no net profits for the taxable year.

### **SEPARATE FUND**

Means a subdivision of the Fund held in the name of a particular Participant or Beneficiary representing certain assets held for that Participant or Beneficiary. The assets that comprise a Participant's Separate Fund are those assets earmarked for the Participant and also those assets subject to the Participant's individual direction pursuant to Plan Section 7.22(B).

### **SEVERANCE FROM EMPLOYMENT**

Means when an Employee ceases to be an Employee of the Employer maintaining the Plan. An Employee does not have a Severance from Employment if, in connection with a change of employment, the employee's new employer maintains such plan with respect to the employee.

### **SEVERANCE FROM SERVICE DATE**

Means the date the Employee ceases to be employed by the Employer, or if earlier, the 12-month anniversary of the date on which the Employee was otherwise first absent from service.

### **SIMPLE 401(k) YEAR**

Means the calendar year and applies only if the Employer has adopted a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan.

### **SIMPLE IRA**

Means an individual retirement account that satisfies the requirements of Code sections 408(p) and 408(a).

### **SPOUSE**

Means the Spouse or surviving Spouse of the Participant, provided that a former Spouse will be treated as the Spouse or surviving Spouse and a current Spouse will not be treated as the Spouse or surviving Spouse to the extent provided under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

### **STRAIGHT LIFE ANNUITY**

Means an annuity payable in equal installments for the life of the Participant that terminates upon the Participant's death.

### **TAXABLE WAGE BASE**

Means, with respect to any taxable year, the contribution and benefit base in effect in Section 230 of the Social Security Act at the beginning of the Plan Year.



**TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

Means that the employment status of an Employee ceases for any reason other than death. An Employee who does not return to work for the Employer on or before the expiration of an authorized leave of absence from such Employer will be deemed to have incurred a Termination of Employment when such leave ends.

**TOP-HEAVY PLAN**

Means a Plan determined to be a Top-Heavy Plan for any Plan Year pursuant to Plan Section 7.19.

**TRADITIONAL IRA**

Means an individual retirement account as defined in Code section 408(a).

**TRUSTEE**

Means, if applicable, an individual, individuals, or corporation appointed in a separate trust agreement by the Adopting Employer as Trustee or any duly appointed successor. A corporate Trustee must be a bank, trust company, broker, dealer, or clearing agency as defined in Labor Regulation section 2550.403(a)-1(b). In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Plan and the terms of the separate trust agreement, the terms of the Plan will control.

**UNRELATED PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER**

Means an employer who is not a Related Employer of the Adopting Employer and who executes a Participating Employer Attachment. An employer who is a Related Employer of a Participating Employer but not of the Adopting Employer will not be considered an Unrelated Participating Employer unless it also executes a Participating Employer Attachment.

**VALUATION DATE**

Means the valuation date or dates as specified in the Adoption Agreement. If no date is specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Valuation Date will be the last day of the Plan Year and each additional date designated by the Plan Administrator that is selected in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner when the assets of the Fund are valued at their then fair market value. Notwithstanding the preceding, for purposes of calculating the top-heavy ratio, the Valuation Date will be the last day of the initial Plan Year and the last day of the preceding Plan Year for each subsequent Plan Year.

**VESTED**

Means nonforfeitable, that is, an unconditional and legally enforceable claim against the Plan that is obtained by a Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary to that part of an immediate or deferred benefit under the Plan that arises from a Participant's Years of Vesting Service.

**VESTED ACCOUNT BALANCE**

Means the aggregate value of the Participant's Vested account balances derived from Employer and Nondeductible Employee Contributions (including rollovers and transfers), whether Vested before or upon death, including the proceeds of insurance contracts, if any, on the Participant's life. This definition will apply to a Participant who is vested in amounts attributable to Employer Contributions, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, or both at the time of death or distribution.

**YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE**

Means a 12-consecutive month period that coincides with an Eligibility Computation Period during which an Employee completes at least 1,000 Hours of Service (or such lesser number of Hours of Service specified in the Adoption Agreement), or such period specified in the Period of Service definition, if applicable. Employees are not credited with a Year of Eligibility Service until they complete the required number of Hours of Service and reach the end of the 12-consecutive month period, or are employed at the end of the Period of Service, if applicable.

The Plan may be amended to change the method of crediting service between the Hours of Service method of determining service and the Elapsed Time method provided each Employee with respect to whom the method of crediting service is changed is afforded the protection described in Treasury Regulation section 1.410(a)-7(g) and other applicable rules promulgated by the IRS.

**YEAR OF VESTING SERVICE**

Means a Plan Year during which an Employee completes at least 1,000 Hours of Service (or such lesser number of Hours of Service specified in the Adoption Agreement for this purpose), or such period specified in the Period of Service definition, if applicable. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if the Adopting Employer so indicates in the Adoption Agreement, vesting will be computed by reference to the 12-consecutive month period beginning with the Employee's Employment Commencement Date and each successive 12-month period commencing on the anniversaries thereof, or some other 12-consecutive month period.

Years of Vesting Service will not include any period of time excluded from Years of Vesting Service in the Adoption Agreement. However, if an Employee becomes ineligible to participate in the Plan because they are no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees, but has not incurred a Break in Vesting Service, such Employee will continue to accumulate Years of Vesting Service.

In the event the Plan Year is changed to a new 12-month period, Employees will receive credit for Years of Vesting Service, in accordance with the preceding provisions of this definition, for each of the Plan Years (the old and new Plan Years) that overlap as a result of such change.

The Plan may be amended to change the method of crediting service between the Hours of Service method of determining service and the Elapsed Time method provided each Employee with respect to whom the method of crediting service is changed is afforded the protection described in Treasury Regulation section 1.410(a)-7(g) and other applicable rules promulgated by the IRS.

## SECTION ONE: EFFECTIVE DATES

Pursuant to the DEFINITIONS section of the Plan, the Effective Date means the date the Plan becomes effective as indicated in the Adoption Agreement. However, certain provisions of the Plan may have effective dates different from the Plan Effective Date, if, for example, the Plan is amended after the Effective Date.

## SECTION TWO: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### 2.01 ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

Each Employee, except an Employee who belongs to a class of Employees excluded from participation as indicated in the Adoption Agreement, will be eligible to participate in this Plan upon satisfying the age and eligibility service requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement. If no age is specified in the Adoption Agreement, there will not be an age requirement. If no option for eligibility service is selected, no eligibility service will be required.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if the Adoption Agreement does not give Employers the option to restrict participation of certain classes of Employees, the following Employees will be excluded from participation in the Plan.

- A. Union Employees** – Employees included in a unit of Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Employer and Employee representatives, if retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining and if two-percent or less of the Employees who are covered pursuant to that agreement are professionals as defined in Treasury Regulation section 1.410(b)-9. For this purpose, the term “Employee representatives” does not include any organization in which more than half of the members are Employees who are owners, officers, or executives of the Employer.
- B. Non-resident Aliens** – Employees who are non-resident aliens (within the meaning of Code section 7701(b)(1)(B)) who received no earned income (within the meaning of Code section 911(d)(2)) from the Employer that constitutes income from sources within the United States (within the meaning of Code section 861(a)(3)).
- C. Acquired Employees** – Employees who became Employees as the result of certain acquisitions or dispositions as described under Code section 410(b)(6)(C). Such Employees will be excluded from participation during the transition period beginning on the date of the change in the members of the group and ending on the last day of the first Plan Year that begins after the date of the change. A transaction under Code section 410(b)(6)(C) is an asset or stock acquisition, merger, or similar transaction involving a change in the employer of the employees of a trade or business.

### 2.02 PLAN ENTRY

- A. Plan Restatement** – If this Plan is an amendment or restatement of a Prior Plan Document, each Employee who was a Participant under the Prior Plan Document before the Effective Date will continue to be a Participant in this Plan.
- B. Effective Date** – If this is an initial adoption of the Plan by the Employer, an Employee will become a Participant in the Plan as of the Effective Date if the Employee has met the eligibility requirements of Plan Section 2.01 as of such date. After the Effective Date, each Employee will become a Participant on the first Entry Date coinciding with or following the date the Employee satisfies the eligibility requirements of Plan Section 2.01 for the applicable contribution source, unless the Adopting Employer selects retroactive or next following Entry Dates in the Adoption Agreement.
- C. Notification** – The Plan Administrator shall notify each Employee who becomes eligible to be a Participant under this Plan and shall furnish the Employee with the enrollment forms or other documents that are required of Participants. Such notification will be in writing, or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS or DOL. The Employee will execute such forms or documents and make available such information as may be required in the administration of the Plan.

### 2.03 TRANSFER TO OR FROM AN INELIGIBLE CLASS

If an Employee who had been a Participant becomes ineligible to participate because they are no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees, but has not incurred a Break in Eligibility Service, such Employee will participate immediately following the date of reemployment upon their return to an eligible class of Employees. If such Employee incurs a Break in Eligibility Service, their eligibility to participate will be determined by Plan Section 2.04.

An Employee who is not a member of the eligible class of Employees will become a Participant immediately upon becoming a member of the eligible class, provided such Employee has satisfied the age and eligibility service requirements and would have otherwise previously become a Participant. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if such Employee has not satisfied the age and eligibility service requirements as of the date they become a member of the eligible class, such Employee will become a Participant on the first Entry Date coinciding with or following the date that the Employee has satisfied the age and eligibility service requirements.

### 2.04 ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE AFTER A BREAK IN ELIGIBILITY SERVICE OR UPON REHIRE

- A. Employee Not a Participant Before Break** – If an Employee incurs a Break in Eligibility Service before satisfying the Plan’s eligibility requirements, such Employee’s eligibility service before such Break in Eligibility Service will not be taken into account when determining the Employee’s eligibility to participate in the Plan following the Break in Eligibility Service.
- B. Employee a Participant Before Break or Termination of Employment** – If a Participant incurs a Break in Eligibility Service, such Participant will continue to participate in the Plan following such Break in Eligibility Service. If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment such Participant will participate immediately following the date of reemployment, except as set forth in Plan Section 2.04(C).

- C. Rehire Hold-Out Rule** – If elected in the Adoption Agreement, eligibility service that occurs before a Break in Eligibility Service will not be taken into account until the Participant (without regard to whether the Participant is Vested) has satisfied the Plan's eligibility service requirement after returning to employment. The eligibility service for purposes of the rehire hold-out rule will be measured in the same manner as the original Eligibility Computation Period, if applicable, except that it will commence on the Participant's reemployment commencement date. The reemployment commencement date is the first day on which the Participant is credited with an Hour of Service for the performance of duties after reemployment. If a Participant completes the eligibility service requirements following reemployment in accordance with this paragraph, their active participation will be reinstated as of the reemployment commencement date. Notwithstanding the preceding, Plan Section 2.04(B) will apply to Elective Deferrals.

## **2.05 DETERMINATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION**

The Plan Administrator will determine the eligibility of each Employee to be a Participant. This determination will be conclusive and binding upon all persons except as otherwise provided herein or by law.

## **2.06 TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT**

Nothing with respect to the establishment of the Plan or any action taken with respect to the Plan, nor the fact that a common law Employee has become a Participant will give to that Employee any right to employment or continued employment or to grant any other rights except as specifically set forth in this Plan document, ERISA, or other applicable law. In addition, the Plan will not limit the right of the Employer to discharge an Employee or otherwise deal with an Employee in a manner which may have an impact upon the Employee's rights under the Plan.

# **SECTION THREE: CONTRIBUTIONS**

## **3.01 ELECTIVE DEFERRALS**

Each Employee who satisfies the eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement for making either Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or Roth Elective Deferrals, if applicable, may begin making such Elective Deferrals to the Plan by enrolling as a Contributing Participant.

- A. Requirements to Enroll as a Contributing Participant** – Each Employee who satisfies the eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement for either Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals or Roth Elective Deferrals, if applicable, may enroll as a Contributing Participant with respect to the type of Elective Deferral for which they have satisfied the eligibility requirements, on the first Entry Date coinciding with or following the date the Employee satisfies the eligibility requirements, or if applicable, the first Entry Date following the date on which the Employee returns to the eligible class of Employees pursuant to Plan Section 2.03. A Participant who wishes to enroll as a Contributing Participant must deliver (either in writing or in any other form permitted by the IRS and the DOL) a salary reduction agreement (or agreement to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions) to the Plan Administrator except as set forth in Plan Section 3.01(E) below. Except for occasional, bona fide administrative considerations as set forth in the Treasury Regulations, contributions made pursuant to such election cannot precede the earlier of 1) the date on which services relating to the contribution are performed, and 2) the date on which the Compensation that is subject to the election would be payable to the Employee in the absence of an election to defer. Any limits on Elective Deferrals designated by the Employer in Adoption Agreement Section Three may be determined either periodically throughout the Plan Year (e.g., each payroll period) or at the end of the Plan Year provided that the determination is made in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.

Notwithstanding the dates set forth in Plan Section 3.01(A) as of which a Participant may enroll as a Contributing Participant, the Plan Administrator will have the authority to designate, in a nondiscriminatory manner, additional enrollment dates during the 12-month period beginning on the Effective Date (or the date that Elective Deferrals may commence, if later) in order that an orderly first enrollment might be completed. In addition, if the Adopting Employer has indicated in the Adoption Agreement that Participants may make separate deferral elections with respect to bonuses, Participants will be afforded a reasonable period of time before the issuance of such bonuses to elect to defer all, none, or part of them into the Plan. Such an election to defer all or part of a bonus will be independent of any other salary reduction agreement and will not constitute a modification to any pre-existing salary reduction agreement. If a Plan permits both Pre-Tax and Roth Elective Deferrals and the Participant fails to designate whether their Elective Deferrals are Pre-Tax or Roth Elective Deferrals, the Participant will be deemed to have designated the Elective Deferrals as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals.

Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if this Plan is subject to ERISA, the Employer shall deliver Elective Deferrals to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) as soon as such contributions can reasonably be segregated from the general assets of the Employer. In no event, however, will Elective Deferrals be deposited with the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) later than the 15<sup>th</sup> business day of the month following the month in which the Elective Deferrals would otherwise have been payable to a Participant in cash or by such other deadline determined under rules promulgated by the DOL. If this Plan is not subject to ERISA, the Employer shall deposit Elective Deferrals with the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) as of such time as is required by the IRS and DOL.

- B. Ceasing Elective Deferrals** – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may cease Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions) and thus withdraw as a Contributing Participant as of any such times established by the Plan Administrator in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner by revoking the authorization to the Employer to make Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions) on their behalf. A Participant who desires to withdraw as a Contributing Participant will give notice of withdrawal to the Plan Administrator at least 30 days (or such shorter period as the Plan Administrator will permit in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner) before the effective date of withdrawal. A Participant will cease to be a Contributing Participant upon their Termination of Employment or on account of termination of the Plan. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, each Employee who has entered into a salary reduction agreement under a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan may terminate such agreement at any time during the year.

- C. Return as a Contributing Participant After Ceasing Elective Deferrals** – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant who has withdrawn as a Contributing Participant (e.g., pursuant to Plan Section 3.01(B), a suspension due to a hardship distribution, or a suspension due to a distribution on account of a Deemed Severance from Employment) may not again become a Contributing Participant until such times established by the Plan Administrator in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.
- D. Changing Elective Deferral Amounts** – A Contributing Participant or a Participant who has met the eligibility requirements in the Adoption Agreement, but who has never made an affirmative election regarding Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions), may complete a new or modify an existing salary reduction agreement (or agreement to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions) to increase or decrease (within the limits placed on Elective Deferrals or Nondeductible Employee Contributions in the Adoption Agreement) the amount of their Compensation deferred into the Plan or change the type of their future Elective Deferrals (Roth or Pre-Tax), if applicable. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, such modification may be made as of such times established by the Plan Administrator in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. A modification that results in the amount of the Participant's Compensation being deferred into the Plan being zero (0) will be considered a cessation of deferrals under the Plan. A Contributing Participant who desires to make such a modification will complete and deliver (either in writing or in any other form permitted by the IRS and the DOL) a new salary reduction agreement (or agreement to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions to the Plan Administrator). The Plan Administrator may prescribe such uniform and nondiscriminatory rules as it deems appropriate to carry out the terms of this Plan Section 3.01(D).
- E. Automatic Contribution Arrangements and Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangements**
- 1. Automatic Contribution Arrangement (ACA)** – Each Employee who satisfies the eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement for Elective Deferrals will be given a reasonable opportunity to enroll as a Contributing Participant. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Adopting Employer so elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer will make ACA contributions as Elective Deferrals on behalf of those Employees who are eligible to participate. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Elective Deferrals will be made on behalf of those Employees who are hired on or after the Effective Date and have made a timely affirmative election to defer at a rate, including zero percent, that is less than the rate selected in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, Employees may modify a salary reduction agreement to prospectively increase or decrease the amount of their Elective Deferrals upon any adoption of or changes to the ACA elections in the Adoption Agreement. The Employer will apply a uniform policy to determine whether a Participant has made a timely affirmative election. A Contributing Participant may modify a salary reduction agreement to prospectively increase or decrease the amount of their Elective Deferrals. Elective Deferrals for such Employee will continue at the rate specified in the Adoption Agreement until 1) the Employee provides the Employer a salary reduction agreement (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and the DOL) to the contrary, or unless 2) the Employer reduces, ceases, or suspends Elective Deferrals made on behalf of Employees so as not to exceed the limits of the Code and other rules promulgated by the IRS (e.g., Code sections 401(a)(17), 402(g), and 415 or to comply with Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-3(c)(v)(B)), or 3) Elective Deferrals are increased in accordance with Plan Section 3.01(E)(3). Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement or as otherwise indicated in rules promulgated by the IRS, Elective Deferrals made to the Plan pursuant to the ACA provisions will be subject to any other Plan rules otherwise applicable to Elective Deferrals. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the initial default contribution rate will be three-percent and the Elective Deferrals will be pre-tax Elective Deferrals.

An Employer who adopts the ACA provisions will comply with the notice requirements described in item 4 below.

An Employer who adopts the ACA provisions as described in this Plan Section 3.01(E)(1) will establish uniform and nondiscriminatory procedures designed to ensure that all Employees who are eligible to participate or Contributing Participants are provided with an effective opportunity to make or modify their salary deferral elections. Such procedures will include, but are not limited to, the means by which notice will be provided to each Employee or Contributing Participant of their right to complete a salary reduction agreement specifying a different amount or percentage of Compensation (including no Compensation) to be contributed to the Plan and a reasonable period of time for completing such a salary reduction agreement.

- 2. Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA)** – Each Employee who satisfies the eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement for Elective Deferrals will be given a reasonable opportunity to enroll as a Contributing Participant. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Adopting Employer so elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer will make EACA contributions as Elective Deferrals on behalf of those Employees who are eligible to participate. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Elective Deferrals will be made on behalf of those Employees who are hired on or after the Effective Date and have made a timely affirmative election to defer at a rate, including zero percent, that is less than the rate selected in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, Employees may modify a salary reduction agreement to prospectively increase or decrease the amount of their Elective Deferrals upon any adoption of or changes to the EACA elections in the Adoption Agreement. The Employer will apply a uniform policy to determine whether a Participant has made a timely affirmative election. The rate selected in the Adoption Agreement must be applied uniformly except as otherwise provided in Treasury Regulation section 1.414(w)-1(b)(2) and will continue at the rate specified in the Adoption Agreement until 1) the Employee provides the Employer a salary reduction agreement (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and the DOL) to the contrary, or unless 2) the Employer reduces, ceases, or suspends Elective Deferrals made on behalf of Employees so as not to exceed the limits of the Code and other rules promulgated by the IRS (e.g., Code sections 401(a)(17), 402(g), and 415 or to comply with Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-3(c)(v)(B)) or 3) Elective Deferrals are increased in accordance with Plan Section 3.01(E)(3). Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement or as otherwise indicated in rules promulgated by the IRS, Elective Deferrals made to the Plan pursuant to the EACA provisions will be subject to any other Plan rules otherwise applicable to Elective Deferrals. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the initial default contribution rate will be three-percent and the Elective Deferrals will be pre-tax Elective Deferrals.

An Employer who adopts the EACA provisions described in this Plan Section 3.01(E)(2) will establish uniform and nondiscriminatory procedures designed to ensure that all Employees who are eligible to participate or Contributing Participants are provided with an effective opportunity to make and modify their salary deferral elections. Such procedures will include, but are not be limited to, the means by which notice will be provided to each Employee or Contributing Participant of the right to complete a salary reduction agreement specifying a different amount or percentage of Compensation (including no Compensation) to be contributed to the Plan, and a reasonable period for completing such a salary reduction agreement.

An Employer who adopts the EACA provisions will comply with the notice requirements and election period described in items 4 and 5 below.

An Employer who makes EACA contributions as Elective Deferrals on behalf of those Employees who are eligible to participate and who are designated in the Adoption Agreement, if applicable, will be deemed to have affected those Employees for purposes of the EACA notice requirements. Participants with salary reduction agreements will be deemed to be affected for purposes of the EACA notice requirements where the Employer makes EACA contributions as Elective Deferrals on behalf of those current Employees designated in the Adoption Agreement. As a result, Participants with salary reduction agreements must also be provided with a notice pursuant to the EACA notice requirements described in item 4 below.

3. Increase of Automatic Elective Deferral – If the Adopting Employer so elects in the Adoption Agreement, the Elective Deferral percentage or amount for Contributing Participants who are automatically enrolled pursuant to the ACA and EACA Plan provisions will be adjusted automatically by the Employer in the increments and time periods stated in the Adoption Agreement.
4. Notice Requirement
  - a. ACA – A comprehensive notice of the Employee's rights and obligations under the Plan, written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Employee, will be provided to affected Participants within a reasonable period of time before the date which the ACA becomes effective and before each subsequent Plan Year pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS or DOL.
  - b. EACA – A comprehensive notice of the Employee's rights and obligations under the Plan, written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Employee which meets the content requirements of Code section 414(w)(4) and its associated regulations and other guidance, will be provided to affected Participants within a reasonable period of time before the start of the first Plan Year in which the EACA provisions become effective and before each subsequent Plan Year. The notice will accurately describe (1) the amount of the default Elective Deferrals that will be made on the Employee's behalf, (b) the Employee's right to elect to have a different Elective Deferral withheld including the right to not make Elective Deferrals at all, and (c) how Elective Deferral will be invested if the Employee does not provide investment instructions. A period of 30 to 90 days before the beginning of the Plan Year is deemed to be a reasonable period. Whether a different period is reasonable will be determined based on all of the relevant facts and circumstances. If a Plan has an eligibility period of less than 30 days (e.g., immediate eligibility), the Plan can provide the notice to Participants when they become eligible. If notice cannot be provided on or before the Employee's eligibility date, it will be deemed timely if it is provided as soon as practicable after that date and before the pay date for the payroll period in which the Employee becomes eligible. In such case, the Employee must be allowed to defer from Compensation earned beginning on the date the Employee enters the Plan.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may change these notice requirements pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS or DOL.
5. EACA Election Periods – In addition to any other election periods provided under the Plan, each Employee who is eligible to participate may make or modify a deferral election during a reasonable period of time immediately following receipt of the notice described above. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may change the election periods described above pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS or DOL.
6. Reset Rule
  - a. ACA – An Employee who is rehired following a Termination of Employment will be treated as a new Employee for purposes of determining their appropriate Elective Deferral rate, regardless of their Elective Deferral rate prior to their Termination of Employment. The Employer will make ACA contributions as Elective Deferrals on behalf of the rehired Employee at the rate specified in the Adoption Agreement until the rate of such Elective Deferrals is changed in accordance with Plan Section 3.01(E)(1).
  - b. EACA – An Employee who is rehired after a Termination of Employment and for whom no Compensation is automatically withheld and contributed to the Plan as an Elective Deferral during the Plan Year immediately preceding the Employee's date of rehire will be treated as a new Employee upon rehire for purposes of determining the appropriate Elective Deferral rate and the availability of permissible withdrawals. An Employee who is rehired after a Termination of Employment and for whom Compensation was last automatically withheld and contributed to the Plan as an Elective Deferral during the Plan Year immediately preceding the Employee's date of rehire will be treated as not having terminated for purposes of determining the appropriate Elective Deferral rate. In addition, any increase of the rate of EACA contributions that would have been automatically withheld had the Employee not had a Termination of Employment will be taken into account to determine the appropriate Elective Deferral rate.

**F. Qualified Automatic Contribution Arrangement (QACA)** – If the Adopting Employer has elected the QACA option in the Adoption Agreement, and if these QACA provisions are followed for the Plan Year, then any provisions relating to the ADP Test described in Code section 401(k)(3) or the ACP Test described in Code section 401(m)(2) will not apply. To the extent that any other provision of the Plan is inconsistent with the provisions of this Plan Section 3.01(F), the provisions of this section will apply. If the Adopting Employer so provides in the Adoption Agreement, the QACA Safe Harbor Contributions will be made to the defined contribution plan indicated in the Adoption Agreement and not to this Plan. However, even though another plan is listed in the Adoption Agreement, such contributions will be made to this Plan unless 1) each Eligible Employee under this Plan is also eligible under the other plan, and 2) the other plan has the same Plan Year as this Plan. Provided the QACA notice provided by the Employer also satisfies the requirements specified in Plan Section 3.01(E)(4)(b), the Plan will be an EACA as well as a QACA.

1. **Elective Deferrals** – If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer will make QACA contributions as Elective Deferrals to the Plan on behalf of those Eligible Employees as designated in the Adoption Agreement and in accordance with such uniform policy as the Employer may use to determine whether a Participant has made a timely affirmative election to defer at a rate, including zero percent, that is different from the rates selected for this QACA. The rates selected must be applied uniformly except as otherwise provided in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-3(j)(2). Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the initial default contribution rate will be three-percent and the Elective Deferrals will be pre-tax Elective Deferrals. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, Employees may modify a salary reduction agreement to prospectively increase or decrease the amount of their Elective Deferrals upon any adoption of or changes to the QACA elections in the Adoption Agreement.

An Employer who adopts the QACA provisions will establish uniform and nondiscriminatory procedures designed to ensure that all Eligible Employees or Contributing Participants are provided with an effective opportunity to make and modify their salary deferral election. Such procedures will include, but not be limited to, the means by which the notice will be provided to each Eligible Employee or Contributing Participant of the right to complete a salary reduction agreement specifying a different amount or percentage of Compensation (including no Compensation) to be contributed to the Plan, and a reasonable period for completing such a salary reduction agreement.

An Employer who adopts the QACA provisions will comply with the notice requirements and election period described in items (5) and (6) below.

2. **QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions** – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, in addition to the Elective Deferrals described in item 1, above, the Employer will make QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions to the Plan according to the QACA Basic Matching Contributions definition on behalf of each Eligible Employee. If the Employer makes QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions to the Plan based on Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made during a portion of the Matching Contribution Computation Period (e.g., on a payroll basis when the Matching Contribution Computation Period is Plan Year), the Employer shall re-calculate (“true-up”) the Matching Contribution based on the Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made over the Matching Contribution Computation Period. Such true-up amount shall be made in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

The Employer may make QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions at the same time as it contributes Elective Deferrals or at any other time as permitted by law and regulations. Such QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions will satisfy the ADP and ACP testing requirements of the Plan, provided such contributions are the only Matching Contributions and nonelective contributions made to the Plan, in accordance with Code sections 401(k)(13) and 401(m)(12). QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions will be made to the designated Employees, and will be Vested according to the vesting schedule selected by the Employer, as indicated in the Adoption Agreement. QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions cannot be made with regard to permitted disparity rules under Code section 401(l). Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may reduce, cease, or suspend Elective Deferrals made on behalf of Eligible Employees so as not to exceed the limits of Code sections 401(a)(17), 402(g), and 415, or to comply with Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-3(c)(6)(v)(B).

3. **QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions** – In addition to the Elective Deferrals described in item 1, above, and the QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions described in item 2, above, the Employer will make QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions, if any, indicated in the Adoption Agreement on behalf of each Eligible Employee. Such additional contributions are not required. The Employer may make QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions at the same time that it contributes Elective Deferrals or at any other time as permitted by law and regulation. If the Employer makes QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions to the Plan based on Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made during a portion of the Matching Contribution Computation Period (e.g., on a payroll basis when the Matching Contribution Computation Period is Plan Year), the Employer shall re-calculate (“true-up”) the Matching Contribution based on the Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made over the Matching Contribution Computation Period. Such true-up shall be made in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

If the Employer has elected to make ACP Test Safe Harbor Contributions only when needed to use Forfeitures timely, the ACP Test Safe Harbor Contributions will be allocated in a manner that matches each Contributing Participant’s Elective Deferrals that do not exceed a permissible percentage of the Contributing Participant’s Compensation for the Plan Year. If the Employer makes QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions, such contributions will satisfy the ACP safe harbor requirements of Code section 401(m)(12), provided that they do not exceed statutory limits of Code sections 401(k)(13) and 401(m)(12) as described in the Adoption Agreement. Matching Contributions made to the Plan that exceed the limits of Code sections 401(k)(13) and 401(m)(12) will subject the Plan to ACP testing.

4. **QACA Elective Deferral Increases** – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, QACA rate increases will not occur during the Initial Period. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, after the Initial Period, rate increases will occur on the first day of each Plan Year at a rate of one-percent per year until a maximum of six-percent is reached. If the Adopting Employer so elects in the Adoption Agreement, the Elective Deferral percentage or amount for Contributing Participants who are not automatically enrolled under the QACA provisions will be adjusted automatically by the Employer in the increments and time periods stated in the Adoption Agreement. In addition to the preceding, the Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, may establish operational procedures to enable all Contributing Participants, including those who are not automatically enrolled as Contributing Participants pursuant to the QACA provisions, to elect to have their Elective Deferrals automatically increased.

An Employer who adopts the QACA Elective Deferral increase feature described in this Plan Section 3.01(F)(4) will establish uniform and nondiscriminatory procedures designed to ensure that each Contributing Participant is provided an effective opportunity to make and modify their salary deferral election such that QACA Elective Deferral increases will not apply to such Participant. Such procedures include, but are not limited to, the means by which notice will be provided to each Contributing Participant of their right to complete a salary reduction agreement discontinuing QACA Elective Deferral increases and a reasonable period of time for completing such a salary reduction agreement.

5. **QACA Notice Requirement** – A comprehensive notice of the Employee's rights and obligations under the Plan, written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Eligible Employee which meets the content requirements of Code section 401(k)(13) and its associated regulations and other guidance, will be provided to affected Participants within a reasonable period of time before the start of the first Plan Year in which the QACA provisions become effective and before each subsequent Plan Year. In addition to the requirements found in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-3(d), the notice will accurately describe (1) the amount of the default Elective Deferrals that will be made on the Employee's behalf, (b) the Employee's right to elect to have a different Elective Deferral withheld including the right to not make Elective Deferrals at all, and (c) how Elective Deferral will be invested if the Employee does not provide investment instructions. A period of 30 to 90 days before the beginning of the Plan Year is deemed to be a reasonable period. Whether a different period is reasonable will be determined based on all of the relevant facts and circumstances. If a Plan has an eligibility period of less than 30 days (e.g., immediate eligibility), the Plan can provide the notice to Participants when they become eligible. If notice cannot be provided on or before the Employee's eligibility date, it will be deemed timely if it is provided as soon as practicable after that date and before the pay date for the payroll period in which the Employee becomes eligible. In such case, the Employee must be allowed to defer from Compensation earned beginning on the date the Employee enters the Plan.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may change these notice requirements pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS or DOL.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer will also satisfy the QACA notice requirements of this Plan Section 3.01(F)(5) if the Employer provides a contingent notice that would otherwise satisfy the requirements in the preceding paragraph except that, in lieu of specifying the amount of QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution, the notice states that the Employer will determine during the Plan Year whether to make a QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution. If a contingent notice is provided and the Employer decides to make a QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution the Employer must deliver a follow-up notice to each Eligible Employee no later than 30 days (or any other reasonable period) before the last day of the Plan Year notifying the Employee of the QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution, and must execute all necessary Plan amendments. If an Employer fails to provide a follow-up notice, no QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution will be required, and the Plan will not qualify as a QACA for that year. The Plan may qualify as a QACA for subsequent years if the proper notice and contribution requirements are satisfied.

6. **QACA Election Periods** – In addition to any other election periods provided under the Plan, each Eligible Employee may make or modify a deferral election during a reasonable period of time immediately following receipt of the notice described above. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may change the election periods described above pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS or DOL.
7. **QACA Reset Rule** – An Employee who is rehired after a Termination of Employment and for whom no Compensation is automatically withheld and contributed to the Plan as an Elective Deferral during the Plan Year immediately preceding the Employee's date of rehire will be treated as a new Employee upon rehire for purposes of determining the appropriate Elective Deferral rate and the availability of permissible withdrawals. An Employee who is rehired after a Termination of Employment and for whom Compensation was last automatically withheld and contributed to the Plan as an Elective Deferral during the Plan Year immediately preceding the Employee's date of rehire will be treated as not having terminated for purposes of determining the appropriate Elective Deferral rate. In addition, any increase of the rate of QACA contributions that would have been automatically withheld had the Employee not had a Termination of Service will be taken into account to determine the appropriate Elective Deferral rate.

- G. Pre-Tax vs. Roth Elective Deferrals** – If the Adopting Employer so elects in the Adoption Agreement, each Employee who enrolls as a Contributing Participant may specify whether their Elective Deferrals are to be characterized as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, or a specified combination. A Contributing Participant's election will remain in effect until superseded by another election. Elective Deferrals contributed to the Plan as one type, either Roth or Pre-Tax, may not later be reclassified as the other type. A Contributing Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals will be deposited in the Contributing Participant's Roth Elective Deferral subaccount in the Plan. No contributions other than Roth Elective Deferrals and properly attributable earnings will be credited to each Contributing Participant's Roth Elective Deferral account, and gains, losses, and other credits or charges will be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to such subaccount. Notwithstanding the preceding, Elective Deferrals made pursuant to the ACA, EACA, or QACA provisions of the Plan will be characterized as Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals unless designated as Roth Elective Deferrals in the Adoption Agreement and will not be characterized as Nondeductible Employee Contributions.

**H. Catch-up Contributions** – Unless elected otherwise in the Adoption Agreement, all Employees who are eligible to make Elective Deferrals under this Plan and who are age 50 or older by the end of their taxable year will be eligible to make Catch-up Contributions. Catch-up Contributions are not subject to the limits on Annual Additions under Code section 415, are not counted in the ADP test, and are not counted in determining the minimum allocation under Code section 416 (but Catch-up Contributions made in prior years are counted in determining whether the Plan is top-heavy). Provisions in the Plan relating to Catch-up Contributions apply to Elective Deferrals made after 2001.

**I. Elective Deferrals to a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan** – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, if the Employer is an Eligible Employer for SIMPLE 401(k) Plans and has established a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan, each Eligible Employee may deliver (either in writing or in any other form permitted by the IRS and the DOL) a salary reduction election and have their Compensation reduced for the SIMPLE 401(k) Year in any amount selected by the Employee subject to the limitation described below. The Employer will make Elective Deferral contributions to this Plan in the amount by which the Employee's Compensation has been reduced.

The total Elective Deferrals to a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan for any Eligible Employee cannot exceed the limitation on Elective Deferrals in effect for the SIMPLE 401(k) Year. The dollar limitation on Elective Deferrals to a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan was \$11,500 for taxable years beginning in 2012. This limit is adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury, in multiples of \$500, for cost-of-living increases under Code section 408(p)(2)(E). The amount of an Eligible Employee's Elective Deferrals permitted for a SIMPLE 401(k) Year is increased for Employees age 50 or older by the end of the SIMPLE 401(k) Year by the amount of allowable Catch-up Contributions. The dollar limit on Catch-up Contributions was \$2,500 for taxable years beginning in 2012. The \$2,500 limit is adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury, in multiples of \$500, for the cost-of-living increases under Code section 414(v)(2)(C). Catch-up Contributions are otherwise treated the same as other Elective Deferrals.

In addition to any other election periods provided under the Plan, each Eligible Employee in a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan may make or modify a salary reduction agreement during the 60-day period immediately preceding each January 1.

For the SIMPLE 401(k) Year an Employee becomes eligible to make Elective Deferral contributions under a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan, the 60-day election period requirement described above is deemed satisfied if the Employee may make or modify a salary reduction agreement during a 60-day period that includes either the date the Employee becomes eligible or the day before.

To the extent that any other provision of the Plan is inconsistent with the provisions of this section, the provisions of this section govern.

**J. SIMPLE 401(k) Notice Requirements** – The Employer will notify each Eligible Employee before the 60-day election period described in Plan Section 3.01(I) that they can complete a salary reduction agreement or modify a prior salary reduction agreement during that period. The notification must indicate whether the Employer will provide the three-percent Matching Contribution or a two-percent non-elective contribution described in Plan Section 3.02.

**K. Automatic Increase of Elective Deferrals for Employees Who Are Not Automatically Enrolled** – If the Adopting Employer so elects in the Adoption Agreement, automatic increases of Elective Deferrals will be initiated by the Adopting Employer only for Employees specified in the Adoption Agreement who are not automatically enrolled pursuant to the ACA, EACA, or QACA Plan provisions. The Elective Deferrals will be adjusted automatically by the Employer in the increments and time periods stated in the Adoption Agreement.

An Employer who adopts the automatic Elective Deferral increase feature described in this Plan Section 3.01(K) will establish uniform and nondiscriminatory procedures designed to ensure that each Contributing Participant is provided an effective opportunity to modify their salary deferral election such that automatic increase of Elective Deferrals will not apply to such Employee. Such procedures will include, but are not limited to, the means by which notice will be provided to each Employee of their right to opt out of the automatic Elective Deferral increases and a reasonable period of time for completing such procedure.

In addition to the preceding, the Plan Administrator may, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, establish operational procedures to enable all Contributing Participants, including those who were not automatically enrolled as Contributing Participants pursuant to the ACA, EACA, or QACA Plan provisions, to elect to have their Elective Deferrals automatically increased.

### 3.02 MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Employer may make Matching Contributions under the Plan on behalf of Qualifying Contributing Participants if elected in the Adoption Agreement. To be a Qualifying Contributing Participant for a Plan Year, the Participant must make Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if the Employer has agreed to match such contributions) for the Plan Year and satisfy any age and eligibility service and other requirements that are specified for Matching Contributions in the Adoption Agreement. The Employer may make Matching Contributions at the same time as it contributes Elective Deferrals or at any other time as permitted by law and regulation. If the Employer makes Matching Contributions to the Plan based on Compensation earned, and Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions) made, during a portion of the Matching Contribution Computation Period (e.g., on a payroll basis when the Matching Contribution Computation Period is Plan Year), the Employer shall re-calculate ("true-up") the Matching Contribution based on the Compensation earned, and Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions) made over the Matching Contribution Computation Period. Such true-up shall be made in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

Effective for Plan Years beginning after the first adoption of a document restated to meet the requirements under Revenue Procedure 2017-41, if a discretionary Matching Contribution formula applies (i.e., a formula that provides an Employer with discretion regarding how to allocate a Matching Contribution to Qualifying Contributing Participants) and the Employer makes a discretionary Matching Contribution to the Plan, the Employer must provide the Plan Administrator (or Trustee, if applicable), written instructions describing (1) how the discretionary Matching Contribution formula will be allocated to Qualifying Contributing Participants (e.g., a uniform percentage of Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions) or a flat dollar amount), (2) the Matching Contribution



Computation Period(s) to which the discretionary Matching Contribution formula applies, and (3) if applicable, a description of each business location or business classification subject to separate discretionary Matching Contribution allocation formulas. Such instructions must be provided no later than the date on which the discretionary Matching Contribution is made to the Plan. A summary of these instructions must be communicated to Qualifying Contributing Participants no later than 60 days following the date on which the last discretionary Matching Contribution is made to the Plan for a Plan Year.

For Plan Years beginning in 2006 (or such earlier date on which the final regulations under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k) and 1.401(m) became effective), Matching Contributions with respect to a non-Highly Compensated Employee taken into account under the Actual Contribution Percentage (ACP) test cannot exceed the greatest of 1) five-percent of Compensation, 2) the amount of the Qualifying Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals, and 3) the product of two times the plan's representative matching rate and the Qualifying Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals for a year. The "representative matching rate," for this purpose, is the lowest matching rate for any eligible non-Highly Compensated Employee among a group of eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees that consists of one-half of all non-Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year who make Elective Deferrals for the Plan Year (or if greater, the lowest matching rate for all eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees in the Plan who are employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year and who make Elective Deferrals for the Plan Year). The "matching rate" is generally the Matching Contribution made for a Qualifying Contributing Participant, divided by their Elective Deferrals for the year. If the matching rate is not the same for all levels of Elective Deferrals, the matching rate is determined assuming that a Qualifying Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals are equal to six-percent of Compensation.

Notwithstanding the preceding, if an Eligible Employer has established a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan, the Employer will contribute a Matching Contribution to the Plan on behalf of each Employee who makes an Elective Deferral contribution as set forth in Plan Section 3.01(l). The amount of the Matching Contribution will be equal to the Employee's Elective Deferral contribution up to a limit of three percent of the Employee's Compensation for the entire SIMPLE 401(k) Year. For any year, instead of a Matching Contribution to a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan, however, the Employer may elect to contribute a nonelective contribution of two-percent of Compensation for the full SIMPLE 401(k) Year for each Eligible Employee who received at least \$5,000 of Compensation (or such lesser amount as elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement) for the SIMPLE 401(k) Year.

### 3.03 SAFE HARBOR CODA

If the Employer has elected the Safe Harbor CODA option in the adoption Agreement, the provisions of this section shall apply for the Plan Year and any provisions relating to the ADP test described in Code section 401(k)(3) or the ACP test described in Code section 401(m)(2) do not apply. To the extent that any other provision of the Plan is inconsistent with the provisions of this Plan Section 3.03, the provisions of this Section 3.03 will apply. If the Adopting Employer so provides in the Adoption Agreement, the Safe Harbor Contributions will be made to the defined contribution plan indicated in the Adoption Agreement and not to this Plan. However, even though another plan is listed in the Adoption Agreement, such contributions will be made to this Plan unless 1) each Eligible Employee under this Plan is also eligible under the other plan, and 2) the other plan has the same Plan Year as this Plan.

An Employer who adopts the Safe Harbor CODA provisions will comply with the notice requirements and election period described in items Plan Sections 3.03(C) and (D) below.

In accordance with Treasury Regulation sections 1.401(k)-1(e)(7) and 1.401(m)-1(c)(2), it is impermissible for the Employer to use ADP and ACP testing for a Plan Year in which it is intended for the Plan to be a Code section 401(k) safe harbor plan and Code section 401(m) safe harbor plan through its written terms, and the Employer fails to satisfy the requirements of such safe harbors for the Plan Year.

- A. ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions** – Unless such contributions are otherwise limited in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer will make the ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions, if any, indicated in the Adoption Agreement on behalf of each Eligible Employee. The Employer may make ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions at the same time as it contributes Elective Deferrals or at any other time as permitted by law and regulation. If the Employer makes ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions to the Plan based on Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made during a portion of the Matching Contribution Computation Period (e.g., on a payroll basis when the Matching Contribution Computation Period is Plan Year), the Employer shall re-calculate ("true-up") the Matching Contribution based on the Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made over the Matching Contribution Computation Period. Such true-up shall be made in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

In addition, such contributions cannot be made with regard to permitted disparity rules under Code section 401(l).

- B. ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions** – In addition to the ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions described in the Definition Section of the Plan, the Employer will make the ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions, if any, indicated in the Adoption Agreement on behalf of each Eligible Employee for the Plan Year. The Employer may make ACP Test Safe Harbor Contributions at the same time as it contributes Elective Deferrals or at any other time as permitted by law and regulation. If the Employer makes ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions to the Plan based on Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made during a portion of the Matching Contribution Computation Period (e.g., on a payroll basis when the Matching Contribution Computation Period is Plan Year), the Employer shall re-calculate ("true-up") the Matching Contribution based on the Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals made over the Matching Contribution Computation Period. Such true-up shall be made in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

If the Employer has elected to make ACP Test Safe Harbor Contributions only when needed to use Forfeitures timely, the ACP Test Safe Harbor Contributions will be allocated in a manner that matches each Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals that do not exceed a permissible percentage of the Contributing Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year. If the Employer makes ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions, such contributions will satisfy the ACP safe harbor requirements of Code section 401(m)(11), provided that they do not exceed statutory limits of Code sections 401(k)(12) and 401(m)(11) as described in the Adoption Agreement. Matching Contributions made to the Plan that exceed the limits of Code sections 401(k)(12) and 401(m)(11) will subject the Plan to ACP testing.

- C. Notice Requirement** – At least 30 days, but not more than 90 days, or any other reasonable period before the beginning of the Plan Year (or such other times if permitted by the IRS), the Employer will provide each Eligible Employee with a comprehensive notice of the Employee's rights and obligations under the Plan, written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average Eligible Employee. If an Employee becomes eligible after the 90<sup>th</sup> day before the beginning of the Plan Year and does not receive the notice for that reason, the notice must be provided no more than 90 days before the Employee becomes eligible but not later than the date the Employee becomes eligible. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may change this notice requirement pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer will also satisfy the notice requirements of this Plan Section 3.03(C) if the Employer provides a contingent notice that would otherwise satisfy the requirements in the preceding paragraph, except that in lieu of specifying the amount of the ADP Test Safe Harbor Contribution, the notice states that the Employer will determine during the Plan Year whether to make a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution. If a contingent notice is provided and the Employer decides to make a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution, the Employer must deliver a follow-up notice to each Eligible Employee no later than 30 days (or any other reasonable period) before the last day of the Plan Year notifying them of the Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution and must execute all necessary Plan amendments. If an Employer fails to provide a follow-up notice, no Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution will be required, and the Plan will not qualify as a Safe Harbor CODA for that year. The Plan may qualify as a Safe Harbor CODA for subsequent years if the proper notice and contribution requirements are satisfied.

- D. Election Periods** – In addition to any other election periods provided under the Plan, each Eligible Employee may make or modify a deferral election during the 30-day period immediately following receipt of the notice described in Plan Section 3.03(C) above. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may change the election periods described above pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS.

### 3.04 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

- A. Obligation to Contribute** – Except as otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer may contribute an amount to be determined from year to year. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if this Plan is a profit sharing plan, the Employer may, in its sole discretion, make contributions without regard to current or accumulated earnings or profits.

**B. Allocation Formula and the Right to Share in the Employer Contribution**

1. General – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated to all Qualifying Participants using a pro rata allocation formula. Under the pro rata allocation formula, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants in the ratio that each Qualifying Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all Qualifying Participants for the Plan Year. The Employer Contribution for any Plan Year will be deemed allocated to each Participant's Individual Account as of the last day of that Plan Year.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions and Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions will be allocated to the Plan on behalf of each Participant who has incurred a Disability and who is a non-Highly Compensated Employee if so specified in the Adoption Agreement and without regard to any allocation conditions. Compensation for such contributions will be the greater of the Participant's actual Compensation during the Plan Year or the Compensation the Participant would have received if the Participant had been paid at the rate of Compensation paid immediately before becoming disabled. Contributions made with respect to amounts treated as Compensation will be fully Vested when allocated to the Participant, and will be made on behalf of the disabled Participant until the Participant incurs a Termination of Employment.

Any Employer Contribution for a Plan Year must satisfy Code section 401(a)(4) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations for such Plan Year.

2. Special Rules for Integrated Plans –

- a. *Excess Integrated Allocation Formula* – If the Adopting Employer has selected the excess integrated allocation formula in the Adoption Agreement, subject to the overall permitted disparity limits, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated as follows (the Employer may start with Step 3 if this Plan is not top-heavy or if the Plan is top-heavy but has already satisfied the top-heavy contribution requirements).

- Step 1. Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will first be allocated pro rata to Qualifying Participants in the manner described in Plan Section 3.04(B)(1). The percent so allocated under Step 1 will not exceed three-percent of each Qualifying Participant's Compensation.
- Step 2. Any Employer Profit Sharing Contributions remaining after the allocation in Step 1 will be allocated to each Qualifying Participant's Individual Account in the ratio that each Qualifying Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year in excess of the integration level bears to all Qualifying Participants' Compensation in excess of the integration level, but not in excess of three-percent of each Qualifying Participant's Compensation. For purposes of this Step 2, in the case of any Qualifying Participant who has exceeded the cumulative permitted disparity limit described below, such Qualifying Participant's total compensation for the Plan Year will be taken into account.
- Step 3. Any Employer Profit Sharing Contributions remaining after the allocation in Step 2 will be allocated to each Qualifying Participant's Individual Account in the ratio that the sum of each Qualifying Participant's total Compensation and Compensation in excess of the integration level bears to the sum of all Qualifying Participants' total Compensation and Compensation in excess of the integration level, but not in excess of the applicable profit sharing maximum disparity rate as described below. For purposes of this Step 3, in the case of any Qualifying Participant who has exceeded the cumulative permitted disparity limit described below, two times such Qualifying Participant's total compensation for the Plan Year will be taken into account.

- Step 4. Any Employer Profit Sharing Contributions remaining after the allocation in Step 3 will be allocated pro rata to Qualifying Participants in the manner described in Plan Section 3.04(B)(1).
- b. *Base Integrated Allocation Formula* – If the Adopting Employer has selected the base integrated allocation formula in the Adoption Agreement, subject to the overall permitted disparity limits, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated as follows. The base integrated allocation formula is not available for years in which the Plan is top-heavy. During a Plan Year in which the Plan is top-heavy, the excess integrated allocation formula must be used. No amendment of the Plan is required to move between the base and excess integration formulas merely on account of the Plan's change in top-heavy status.
- Step 1. Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will first be allocated to each Qualifying Participant's Individual Account in the ratio that the sum of each Qualifying Participant's total Compensation and Compensation in excess of the integration level bears to the sum of all Qualifying Participants' total Compensation and Compensation in excess of the integration level, but not in excess of the non-top-heavy profit sharing maximum disparity rate as described below.
- Step 2. Any Employer Profit Sharing Contributions remaining after the allocation in Step 1 will be allocated pro rata to Qualifying Participants in the manner described in Plan Section 3.04(B)(1).
- c. *Maximum Disparity Rate* – If the Adopting Employer has selected the integrated contribution or allocation formula in the Adoption Agreement, the integration level will be defined in the Adoption Agreement. If the Adopting Employer has selected the integrated contribution or allocation formula and no integration level is selected in the Adoption Agreement, the Taxable Wage Base will be the integration level. The maximum disparity rate will be determined in accordance with the following table.

**MAXIMUM DISPARITY RATE**

Integration Level	Money Purchase	Top-Heavy Profit Sharing	Non-Top-Heavy Profit Sharing
Taxable Wage Base (TWB)	5.7%	2.7%	5.7%
More than \$0 but not more than 20 percent of TWB	5.7%	2.7%	5.7%
More than 20 percent of TWB but not more than 80 percent of TWB	4.3%	1.3%	4.3%
More than 80 percent of TWB but less than TWB	5.4%	2.4%	5.4%

- d. *Annual overall permitted disparity limit* – Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, for any Plan Year in which this Plan benefits any Participant who also benefits under another qualified plan or simplified employee pension, as defined in Code section 408(k), that is maintained by the Employer and that provides for permitted disparity (or imputes disparity), any Employer Profit Sharing Contributions and forfeitures will be allocated to the account of each Qualifying Participant (except that Forfeitures will be allocated to all Participants if specified by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement) in the ratio that such Qualifying Participant's total Compensation bears to the total Compensation of all Qualifying Participants. If this Plan is a money purchase pension plan, Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions will be made to the account of each Qualifying Participant in an amount equal to the excess contribution percentage multiplied by the Participant's total Compensation.
- e. *Cumulative permitted disparity limit* – The cumulative permitted disparity limit for a Participant is 35 total cumulative permitted disparity years. Total cumulative permitted years means the number of years credited to the Participant for allocation or accrual purposes under this Plan, or any other qualified plan or simplified employee pension plan (whether or not terminated) ever maintained by the Employer. For purposes of determining the Participant's cumulative permitted disparity limit, all years ending in the same calendar year are treated as the same year. If the Participant has not benefited under a defined benefit or target benefit plan for any year beginning on or after January 1, 1994, the Participant has no cumulative disparity limit.

Compensation will mean compensation as defined in the Definition section of the Plan, without regard to any exclusions selected in Adoption Agreement Section Six.

3. **Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions** – If the Employer so elects in the Adoption Agreement, Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions will be allocated to Participants with employment covered under a government contract. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, all Participants who are covered under a government contract will be eligible to receive Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions and such Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions will offset any other Employer Profit Sharing Contributions or Employer Money Purchase Pension Plan Contributions to which the Participants may be entitled to for the Plan Year in which the Employer Prevailing Wage Contribution is made. There will be no eligibility requirements and entry will be immediate for Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions. For each Hour of Service of covered employment under a government contract, the Employer will contribute to the Plan such amounts for each Participant as determined by the hourly rate designated for each Participant's work classification on the wage determination sheet, or part thereof, as determined by the Employer pursuant to the terms of the contracts to which the Employer is a party and that are subject to the provisions of any federal, state, or municipal prevailing wage law to which the Employer is a party.

For all purposes under the Plan other than eligibility, contribution, allocation, and vesting determinations (e.g., testing and distribution eligibility), Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions will be designated as follows.

- i. If the Plan is a money purchase pension plan, Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions will be designated as Employer Money Purchase Pension Plan Contributions.
  - ii. If the Plan is a profit sharing plan, Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions will be designated as Employer Profit Sharing Contributions.
  - iii. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if the Plan is a 401(k) profit sharing plan, Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions will be designated as Qualified Nonelective Contributions.
4. Minimum Coverage Test – Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, the Adopting Employer may use either the ratio percentage test (and the correction option described below, if applicable) or the average benefits test to satisfy the minimum coverage requirements. This paragraph may apply for any Plan Year that the Plan fails to satisfy the ratio percentage test described in Code section 410(b)(1) as of the last day of any such Plan Year. The ratio percentage test is satisfied if, on the last day of the Plan Year, taking into account all Employees, or former Employees who were employed by the Employer on any day during the Plan Year, either the Plan benefits at least 70 percent of Employees who are not Highly Compensated Employees or the Plan benefits a percentage of Employees who are not Highly Compensated Employees that is at least 70 percent of the percentage of Highly Compensated Employees benefiting under the Plan. A Participant is treated as benefiting under the Plan for any Plan Year during which the Participant received or is deemed to receive an allocation in accordance with Code section 1.410(b)-3(a). If the Plan fails the ratio percentage test, the Employer Contribution for the Plan Year may be allocated to an individual Participant, and any similarly situated Participants to the extent necessary, within each of the classes set forth in (i) through (iii) below, in order of priority, until the Plan satisfies the minimum coverage test. For example, if the Employer Contribution is allocated to all individuals in the first class of Participants and the Plan still fails, the Employer Contribution will be allocated to an individual Participant and any other similarly situated Participants in the second class of Participants set forth below. If the Employer Contribution is allocated to all individuals in the second class of Participants and the Plan still fails, the Employer Contribution will then be allocated to an individual Participant and any other similarly situated Participants in the third class of Participants set forth below. The classes of Participants to be included are as follows:
- i. Each Participant who is still employed on the last day of the Plan Year starting with the Participant who has completed either the highest number of Hours of Service during the Plan Year, if the Hours of Service method of determining service is used; or the highest number of days worked during the Plan Year, if the Elapsed Time method of determining service is used;
  - ii. Each Participant who is not employed on the last day of the Plan Year because the Participant has died, incurred a Disability, or attained Normal Retirement Age;
  - iii. Each Participant who is not employed on the last day of the Plan Year starting with the Participant who has completed either the highest number of Hours of Service during the Plan Year, if the Hours of Service method of determining service is used; or the highest number of days worked during the Plan Year, if the Elapsed Time method of determining service is used.

If the minimum coverage test is performed after any Employer Contribution has been allocated and the Plan fails the minimum coverage test, the Employer will make an additional contribution to the Plan on behalf of an individual Participant and all similarly situated Participants to the extent necessary to satisfy testing that are entitled thereto pursuant to the classes of Participant in (i) through (iii) above. The amount of the contribution for such Participants will be determined pursuant to the Plan's allocation formula.

5. Special Rule for Owner-Employees – If this Plan provides contributions or benefits for one or more Owner-Employees, contributions on behalf of any Owner-Employee may be made only with respect to the Earned Income of such Owner-Employee.
  6. Age-Weighted Allocation Formula – If the age-weighted allocation formula is elected in the Adoption Agreement, the total Employer Profit Sharing Contribution will be allocated to each Qualifying Participant such that the equivalent benefit accrual rate for each Qualifying Participant is identical. The equivalent benefit accrual rate is the annual annuity commencing at the Qualifying Participant's testing age, expressed as a percentage of the Qualifying Participant's Compensation, which is provided from the allocation of Employer Profit Sharing Contributions and Forfeitures for the Plan Year, using standardized actuarial assumptions that satisfy Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-12. The Qualifying Participant's testing age is the later of Normal Retirement Age or the Qualifying Participant's current age.
- a. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if the age-weighted allocation method is selected, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated to the Individual Accounts of Qualifying Participants in the manner described below.

Step 1. Determine each Qualifying Participant's number of points based upon the following formula:

$$\text{Points} = .01 \times \text{Compensation} \times \text{allocation factor derived from the allocation factor tables set forth in Adoption Agreement Section 10.}$$

The pre-retirement and post-retirement interest rate used to calculate the annual Employer Profit Sharing Contribution will be eight and one-half percent.

Step 2. Determine each Qualifying Participant's allocation using the following formula:

$$\text{Allocation} = \frac{\text{Points of Qualifying Participant}}{\text{Total Points of all Qualifying Participants}} \times \text{Employer Profit Sharing Contribution}$$

- Step 3. If the Plan has a uniform points allocation for Employer Profit Sharing Contributions, make any reallocations necessary to satisfy the safe harbor formula.
- b. If the age-weighted formula for allocations and the safe harbor requirements of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-2(b)(3) are selected in the Adoption Agreement, then, to the extent necessary, the following steps will be taken.
- i. Identify the Employees of the Employer who are not Highly Compensated Employees of such Employer who participate in the Plan, and determine the average allocation rate for such group of Employees.
  - ii. Identify the Employees of the Employer who are Highly Compensated Employees of such Employer who participate in the Plan, and determine the average allocation rate for such group of Employees.
  - iii. As of the date of allocation, determine that amount by which the average allocation rate for the group of Participants who are not Highly Compensated Employees is less than the average allocation rate of the group of the Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees.
  - iv. Lower the aggregate allocation to all of the Highly Compensated Employees by the amount necessary to cause the average allocation rate of the Participants who are not Highly Compensated Employees (as determined after including the amount by which the Highly Compensated Employees' allocation is lowered and that is subsequently allocated to the Participants who are not Highly Compensated Employees) to equal the average allocation rate of the Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees (as determined after the Highly Compensated Employees' allocation has been lowered).
  - v. Reallocate the aggregate amount of the contributions after the reduction in (iv) above to the Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees using the allocation formula in the Adoption Agreement; provided that for purposes of this allocation, "Qualifying Participants" will mean only those Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees and "Employer Profit Sharing Contributions" will mean only those contributions allocated to Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees.
  - vi. Reallocate the aggregate amount of the contributions after the increase in (iv) above to the Participants who are not Highly Compensated Employees using the allocation formula in the Adoption Agreement; provided that for purposes of this allocation, "Qualifying Participants" will mean only those Participants who are not Highly Compensated Employees and "Employer Profit Sharing Contributions" will mean only those contributions allocated to Participants who are not Highly Compensated Employees.
- c. If the age-weighted formula for allocations and the general test requirements of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-2(c) are selected in the Adoption Agreement, then, to the extent necessary, the following steps will be taken for each rate group of the Employer that fails to satisfy the rules of that section.
- i. Identify the Employees of the Employer who are not Highly Compensated Employees of such Employer who participate in the Plan and who are not part of the applicable rate group because their allocation rates are too low, and arrange them in order of their allocation rates from the highest to the lowest.
  - ii. Identify the Highly Compensated Employees who participate in the Plan and are in the rate group and arrange them in order of their allocation rates from the highest to the lowest.
  - iii. As of the date of allocation, lower the allocation of the Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate determined in (ii) above. The reduction will equal the amount that when added to the Individual Account of the individual in (i) above who has the highest allocation rate will cause that rate to be increased to equal that of the Highly Compensated Employee with respect to whom the rate group is constructed. As of the date of allocation, that reduction will be added to such individual's Individual Account.
  - iv. Repeat (iii) above with respect to the individual in (i) above who has the next highest equivalent accrual rate, and continue that process with the other individuals described in (i) above in the order of their allocation rates from the highest to the lowest until such rules are satisfied for the rate group. If the allocation rate of a Highly Compensated Employee is lowered under (iii) above or this clause (iv) to the point where it is equal to that of one or more other Highly Compensated Employees in the rate group, then any further reductions in allocations will be apportioned between the former and latter Highly Compensated Employees in a manner that causes their allocation rates to be reduced by the same amount.

## 7. New Comparability Formulas

- a. Allocation Group Formulas – If the Adopting Employer has selected the individual allocation group formula in the Adoption Agreement, each Qualifying Participant will constitute a separate allocation group for purposes of allocating Employer Profit Sharing Contributions. If the Adopting Employer has selected the pre-determined allocation group formula in the Adoption Agreement Qualifying Participants will be divided into the groups specified in the Adoption Agreement.

The Employer Profit Sharing Contribution will be allocated as follows:

- i. The total amount of Employer Profit Sharing Contributions is allocated among the deemed aggregated allocation groups in portions determined by the Employer. A deemed aggregated allocation group consists of all of the separate allocation groups that have the same allocation rate.

- ii. Within each deemed aggregated allocation group, the allocated portion is allocated to each Qualifying Participant in the ratio that such Qualifying Participant's Compensation bears to the total Compensation of all Qualifying Participants in the deemed allocation group unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement.

The number of eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees to which a particular allocation rate applies must reflect a reasonable classification of Employees. An allocation rate is the amount of Employer Profit Sharing Contributions allocated to a Qualifying Participant for a Plan Year, expressed as a percentage of Compensation.

The Employer must provide the Plan Administrator or Trustee, if applicable, written instructions describing the portion of the Employer Profit Sharing Contribution to be allocated to each allocation group. The instructions must be provided no later than the Employer's tax return due date, including extensions, for the tax year that includes the end of the Plan Year for which the allocation is made.

If the Adopting Employer has chosen pre-determined allocation groups in the Adoption Agreement, the allocation group to which each Qualifying Participant belongs will be determined on a date or dates determined by the Plan Administrator in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. A Qualifying Participant is not required to be included in more than one allocation group for a Plan Year. In the event that a Qualifying Participant is included in more than one allocation group, the Qualifying Participant's share of the Employer Profit Sharing Contribution allocated to each group will be based on the Qualifying Participant's Compensation for the part of the Plan Year the Participant was in the group.

If a new comparability allocation group formula is selected in the Adoption Agreement, the pre-retirement and post-retirement interest rate assumption will be eight and a half percent and the mortality table will be the UP-1984 Mortality Table. In addition, unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement the following provisions will apply.

*Individual Allocation Groups* – Each Qualifying Participant will constitute a separate allocation group.

*Pro Rata Formula* – If an allocation group formula is selected, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated in the ratio that each Qualifying Participant's Compensation for the Plan Year bears to the total Compensation of all Qualifying Participants in the applicable allocation group for the Plan Year. The amounts so allocated will satisfy the minimum allocation gateway requirements set forth in the Plan and will not exceed the limits imposed by Code section 415.

*Minimum Allocation Gateway* – The Plan will satisfy the minimum allocation gateway by reallocating preliminary contributions or hypothetical contributions made to Highly Compensated Employees to non-Highly Compensated Employees so that the allocation to each non-Highly Compensated Employee equals the lesser of 1) the amount determined by reallocating contributions allocated to Highly Compensated Employees to non-Highly Compensated Employees so that the allocation to each non-Highly Compensated Employee equals at least one-third of the allocation rate of the highest compensated Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate in the manner as described in Plan Section 3.04(B)(10)(b) or 2) the amount determined by reallocating contributions allocated to Highly Compensated Employees to non-Highly Compensated Employees so that the allocation to each non-Highly Compensated Employee equals at least five percent of the non-Highly Compensated Employee's Compensation (if the definition of Compensation is not within the meaning of Compensation as described in Part A of the definition of Compensation in the Plan's Definition section, a definition which is within the meaning of Compensation as described in Part A of the definition of Compensation in the Plan's Definition section will apply) in the manner as described in Plan Section 3.04(B)(10)(c).

- b. *Age and/or Service Weighted Formula* – If the Employer has selected the age and/or service weighted allocation method in the Adoption Agreement the allocation will be made based on the formula specified in the Adoption Agreement.

A Qualifying Participant will not be considered to have accrued an Employer Profit Sharing Contribution until the allocation meets the requirements under Code section 401(a)(4) and its associated regulations. If a new comparability allocation formula is elected in the Adoption Agreement, the allocation may satisfy the general test of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-2 either on a benefits or a contribution basis.

- 8. Minimum Allocation Requirements for Employer Profit Sharing Contributions Tested on a Benefits Basis – The Employer may, at its discretion, choose to test the allocation of Employer Profit Sharing Contributions elected in the Adoption Agreement using the general test of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-2 on either a benefits or a contribution basis. An Adopting Employer that tests an Employer Profit Sharing Contribution on a benefits basis must satisfy the allocation requirements in one of items a, b, or c below. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, for the purposes of the preceding sentence, an Adopting Employer must satisfy the allocation requirements in item (c) so that the allocation to each non-Highly Compensated Employee equals the lesser of the amounts described in items (c)(i) and (c)(ii) below.
  - a. Broadly Available Allocation Rates – The Plan must provide an allocation that uses broadly available allocation rates. The Plan will have broadly available allocation rates for the Plan Year if each allocation rate under the Plan is currently available during the Plan Year to a group of Employees that satisfies the requirements under Code section 410(b) (without regard to the average benefit percentage test of Treasury Regulation section 1.410(b)-5) and as otherwise specified in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-8(b)(1)(iii).
  - b. Gradually Increasing Allocation Formula – The Plan must provide an allocation based on the age and/or service allocation formula in the Adoption Agreement that satisfies the requirements to be gradually increasing age and/or service formula under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-8(b)(1)(iv).

- c. Minimum Allocation Gateway – The Plan must provide a benefit under the allocation method selected in the Adoption Agreement that satisfies one of the following minimum allocation gateway tests by making the appropriate selections in the Adoption Agreement, if applicable.

The Plan satisfies a minimum allocation gateway for a plan that is not a combination of permissively aggregated defined contribution and defined benefit plans if it otherwise satisfies Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-8(b)(1)(vi). The Plan will satisfy such gateway if it meets one of the two following formulas.

- i. One-Third Approach – Each non-Highly Compensated Employee who is eligible to participate has an allocation rate that is at least one-third of the allocation rate of the Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate. For purposes of determining this allocation rate, such allocation rate will equal the quotient of the Employer Profit Sharing Contribution allocated to a Participant divided by the Participant's Compensation.

If a selection is made in the Adoption Agreement to satisfy a minimum allocation gateway and to reallocate hypothetical contributions from Highly Compensated Employees to non-Highly Compensated Employees in order to provide each non-Highly Compensated Employee with an allocation rate that is equal to at least one-third of the allocation rate of the Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate, then, to the extent necessary, the following steps will be taken.

- A. Identify the Employees of the Employer who participate in the Plan who are non-Highly Compensated Employees of such Employer and arrange them in order of their allocation rates from the highest to the lowest.
- B. Identify the Highly Compensated Employees of the Employer who participate in the Plan and arrange them in order of their allocation rates from the highest to the lowest.
- C. As of the date of allocation, lower the allocation to the Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate determined in (B) above. The reduction will equal the lesser of 1) the amount necessary so that the non-Highly Compensated Employee with the lowest allocation rate receives an allocation equal to one-third of the allocation rate of the Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate, or 2) the amount which would cause such Highly Compensated Employee's allocation rate to equal the allocation rate of the Highly Compensated Employee with the next highest allocation rate. As of the date of allocation, that reduction will be added to the Individual Account of the non-Highly Compensated Employee described in 1) above.
- D. Repeat the procedures in (C) above until all non-Highly Compensated Employees have an allocation rate equal to at least one-third of the allocation rate of the Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate. If the allocation rate of a Highly Compensated Employee is lowered under (C) above or this clause (D) to the point where it is equal to that of the Highly Compensated Employees with the next highest allocation rate, then any further reductions in allocations will be apportioned between the former and latter Highly Compensated Employees in a manner that causes their equivalent allocation rates to be reduced by the same amount.
- E. Participants whose sole allocation for a Plan Year consists of either a minimum allocation made pursuant to Plan Section 3.04(E) or a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution are considered benefiting for purposes of the minimum allocation gateway. Allocation rates will include such contributions when determining whether the minimum gateway allocation has been satisfied.

- ii. Five-Percent Approach – Each non-Highly Compensated Employee who is eligible to participate receives an allocation of at least five-percent of such Employee's Compensation, as defined in Part A of the definition of Compensation in the Plan's Definition section, for the period during which the non-Highly Compensated Employee is eligible to receive an allocation under this section.

If a selection is made in the Adoption Agreement to satisfy a minimum allocation gateway under new comparability and to reallocate hypothetical contributions from Highly Compensated Employees to non-Highly Compensated Employees in order to provide each non-Highly Compensated Employee with an allocation of at least five-percent of such Employee's Compensation, as defined in Part A of the definition of Compensation in the Plan's Definition section, for the period during which the non-Highly Compensated Employee is eligible to receive an allocation under this section, then, to the extent necessary, the following steps will be taken.

- A. Identify the Employees of the Employer who participate in the Plan who are non-Highly Compensated Employees of such Employer, and arrange them in order of their allocation rates from the highest to the lowest.
- B. Identify the Highly Compensated Employees of the Employer who participate in the Plan, and arrange them in order of their allocation rates from the highest to the lowest.
- C. As of the date of allocation, lower the allocation to the Highly Compensated Employee with the highest allocation rate determined in (B) above. The reduction will equal the lesser of 1) the amount necessary so that the non-Highly Compensated Employee with the lowest allocation rate receives an allocation equal to five-percent of such Employee's Compensation, as defined in Part A of the definition of Compensation in the Plan's Definition section, for the period during which the non-Highly Compensated Employee is eligible to receive an allocation under this section, or 2) the amount that would cause such Highly Compensated Employee's allocation rate to equal the allocation rate of the Highly Compensated Employee with the next highest allocation rate. As of the date of allocation, that reduction will be added to the Individual Account of the non-Highly Compensated Employee described in 1) above.

- D. Repeat the procedures in (C) above until each of the non-Highly Compensated Employees have an allocation rate equal to at least five-percent of such Employee's Compensation, as defined in Part A of the definition of Compensation in the Plan's Definition section, for the period during which the each of the non-Highly Compensated Employees are eligible to receive an allocation under this section. If the allocation rate of a Highly Compensated Employee is lowered under (C) above or this clause (D) to the point where it is equal to that of the Highly Compensated Employees with the next highest allocation rate, then any further reductions in allocations will be apportioned between the former and latter Highly Compensated Employees in a manner that causes their equivalent allocation rates to be reduced by the same amount.
- E. If the allocation rate of the Highly Compensated Employees is less than five-percent, either before any reallocation pursuant to this Plan Section 3.04(B)(10)(c), or as a result of any reallocation pursuant to this Plan Section 3.04(B)(10)(c), then for that Plan Year, the Employer Profit Sharing Contributions will be allocated as if the Employer had elected a pro rata allocation formula (as described in Adoption Agreement Section Three).
- F. Participants whose sole allocation for a Plan Year consists of either a minimum allocation made pursuant to Plan Section 3.04(E) or a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution, are considered benefiting for purposes of the minimum allocation gateway. Allocation rates will include such contributions when determining whether the minimum gateway allocation has been satisfied.

The Employer must make additional contributions to a Participant who is a non-Highly Compensated Employee and who receives only a top-heavy minimum contribution or a Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution, in order to satisfy the minimum allocation gateway. The amount of such additional contribution will be equal to the difference between the amount required to satisfy the minimum allocation gateway and the top-heavy minimum or Safe Harbor Nonelective Contribution received by such Employee, whichever is applicable.

If this Plan is permissively aggregated with one or more defined benefit plans, the minimum gateway allocation that is determined pursuant to this section may be increased to the extent necessary to satisfy Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-9(b)(2)(v)(D).

- C. **Allocation of Forfeitures** – Subject to the Employer's discretion, Forfeitures may be applied to the payment of the Plan's administrative expenses in accordance with Plan Section 7.04 and/or applied to the restoration of Participants' Individual Accounts pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(C)(3). Any remaining Forfeitures will be allocated as follows.

- 1. Profit Sharing Plan – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if this is a profit sharing plan, Forfeitures will be used to reduce Employer Contributions. For purposes of this section, Forfeitures shall include forfeited amounts that are attributable to a money purchase pension plan or a target benefit pension plan that was transferred to the Plan. Notwithstanding the preceding, Forfeitures arising under Plan Section 3.12 may be allocated to Qualifying Participants in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(B).
- 2. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if this is a 401(k) profit sharing plan, Forfeitures of Employer Profit Sharing Contributions, Matching Contributions, ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions, Excess Aggregate Contributions, QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions, and QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions will be used to reduce Employer Contributions other than Elective Deferrals. For purposes of this section, Forfeitures shall include forfeited amounts that are attributable to a money purchase pension plan or a target benefit pension plan that was transferred to the Plan. Notwithstanding the preceding, Forfeitures arising under Plan Section 3.12 may be allocated to Qualifying Participants in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(B).
- 3. Money Purchase Pension Plan – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if this Plan is a money purchase pension plan, Forfeitures will be used to reduce Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions to the Plan. Notwithstanding the preceding, Forfeitures arising under Plan Section 3.12 may be allocated to Qualifying Participants in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(B).

Forfeitures must be applied for the Plan Year in which the Forfeitures arose or for the Plan Year following the Plan Year in which the Forfeiture arose. Notwithstanding the preceding, Forfeitures must be applied in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner if applied either to the payment of the Plan's administrative expenses or to the restoration of Participants' Individual Accounts pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(C)(3). Forfeitures that are reallocated to Participants' Individual Accounts need not be reallocated to the same contribution source from which they were forfeited. In addition, Forfeitures may be applied in accordance with any permissible method set forth in this section upon the termination of the Plan.

- D. **Timing of Employer Contribution** – Unless otherwise specified in the Plan or permitted by law or regulation, the Employer Contribution made by an Employer for each Plan Year will be deposited with the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) not later than the due date for filing the Employer's income tax return for its tax year in which the Plan Year ends, including extensions thereof. Notwithstanding the preceding, Employer Contributions may be deposited during the Plan Year for which they are being made.
- E. **Minimum Allocation for Top-Heavy Plans** – The contribution and allocation provisions of this Plan Section 3.04(E) will apply for any Plan Year with respect to which this Plan is a Top-Heavy Plan and will supersede any conflicting provisions in the Plan or Adoption Agreement.
  - 1. Except as otherwise provided in (3) and (4) below, the Employer Contributions and Forfeitures allocated on behalf of any Participant who is not a Key Employee will not be less than the lesser of three-percent of such Participant's Compensation or (in the case where the Employer does not maintain a defined benefit plan in addition to this Plan that designates this Plan to satisfy Code section 401) the largest percentage of Employer Contributions and Forfeitures, as a percentage of the Key Employee's Compensation, as limited



by Code section 401(a)(17), allocated on behalf of any Key Employee for that year. The minimum allocation is determined without regard to any Social Security contribution. Unless the Adopting Employer, in the Adoption Agreement, elects to allocate a top-heavy contribution to Participants who are Key Employees, only Participants who are not Key Employees will be entitled to receive the minimum allocation. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Employer maintains a defined benefit plan in addition to this Plan and specifies in the Adoption Agreement that the minimum allocation will be made to this Plan, then except as provided in (3) and (4) below, Employer Contributions and Forfeitures allocated on behalf of any Participant who is not a Key Employee will not be less than five-percent of such Participant's Compensation. For purposes of the preceding sentences, the largest percentage of Employer Contributions and Forfeitures as a percentage of each Key Employee's Compensation will be determined by treating Elective Deferrals as Employer Contributions. This minimum allocation will be made even though under other Plan provisions, the Participant would not otherwise be entitled to receive an allocation, or would have received a lesser allocation for the year because of 1) the Participant's failure to complete 1,000 Hours of Service (or any comparable period provided in the Plan), or 2) the Participant's failure to make mandatory Nondeductible Employee Contributions to the Plan, or 3) had Compensation less than a stated amount.

2. For purposes of computing the minimum allocation, Compensation will mean compensation as provided in the Definitions section of the Plan as limited by Code section 401(a)(17) and will include any amounts contributed by the Employer pursuant to a salary reduction agreement and that is not includible in gross income under Code sections 402(g), 125, 132(f)(4), or 457. Compensation for the full Determination Year will be used in calculating the minimum allocation.
3. The provision in (1) above will not apply to any Participant who was not employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year. In addition, the provision in (1) above will not apply to any Employee included in a unit of Employees covered by an agreement which the Secretary of Labor finds to be a collective bargaining agreement between the Employer and Employee representatives if there is evidence that retirement benefits were the subject of good faith bargaining between such Employee representatives and the Employer.
4. The provision in (1) above will not apply to any Participant to the extent the Participant is covered under any other plan or plans of the Employer and the Adopting Employer has provided in the Adoption Agreement that the minimum allocation or benefit requirement applicable to Top-Heavy Plans will be met in the other plan or plans and the participant received the minimum allocation or benefit under such plan or plans.
5. The minimum allocation required for purposes of this Plan Section 3.04(E) must be nonforfeitable to the extent required under Code section 416(b)(1)(A) or (b)(1)(B).
6. Elective Deferrals (and for Plan Years beginning before 2002, Matching Contributions) may not be taken into account for purposes of satisfying the minimum allocation requirement applicable to Top-Heavy Plans described in Plan Section 3.04(E)(1). Qualified Nonelective Contributions may, however, be taken into account for such purposes.
7. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the top-heavy minimum will offset Employer Profit Sharing Contributions, if any.

**F. Return of the Employer Contribution to the Employer Under Special Circumstances** – Any contribution made by the Employer because of a mistake of fact must be returned to the Employer within one year of the contribution.

In the event that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue determines that the Plan is not initially qualified under the Code, any contributions made incident to that initial qualification by the Employer must be returned to the Employer within one year after the date the initial qualification is denied, but only if the application for qualification is made by the time prescribed by law for filing the Employer's return for the taxable year in which the Plan is adopted, or such later date as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

In the event that a contribution made by the Employer under this Plan is conditioned on deductibility and is not deductible under Code section 404, the contribution, to the extent of the amount disallowed, must be returned to the Employer within one year after the deduction is disallowed.

If applicable, no contract will be purchased under the Plan unless such contract or a separate definite written agreement between the Employer and the insurer provides that no value under contracts providing benefits under the Plan or credits determined by the insurer (on account of dividends, earnings, or other experience rating credits, or surrender or cancellation credits) with respect to such contracts may be paid or returned to the Employer or diverted to or used for other than the exclusive benefit of the Participants or their Beneficiaries. However, any contribution made by the Employer because of a mistake of fact must be returned to the Employer within one year of the contribution.

**G. One-Time Irrevocable Participant Elections**

This Plan section 3.04(G) applies if the Adopting Employer has indicated in the Adoption Agreement that an Employee may make a one-time irrevocable election to have the Employer make contributions to the Plan on such Employee's behalf. In such event, an Employee may elect, upon the Employee's first becoming eligible to participate in the Plan, to have contributions equal to a specified amount or percentage (including no amount or percentage) of the Employee's potential Compensation made by the Employer on the Employee's behalf to the Plan (and to any other plan of the employer) for the duration of the Employee's employment with the Employer. Any contributions made pursuant to a one-time irrevocable election described in this Section 3.04(G) and in accordance with Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-1(a)(3)(v) are not treated as made pursuant to a cash or deferred election, are not elective Deferrals and are not includible in an Employee's Compensation. Such contributions shall be treated as Employer Profit Sharing Contributions.

### 3.05 QUALIFIED NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Employer may make Qualified Nonelective Contributions under the Plan if elected in the Adoption Agreement. The amount of such contribution, if any, to the Plan for each Plan Year, will be determined by the Employer. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Employer may make Qualified Nonelective Contributions to the Plan in the amount necessary to satisfy testing requirements.

**Qualified Nonelective Contributions Used to Satisfy Testing Requirements** – If the current-year testing rules apply to the Plan, in lieu of distributing Excess Contributions or Excess Aggregate Contributions as provided in Plan Sections 5.13 and 5.14, the Employer may, if permitted in the Adoption Agreement, use all or any portion of the Qualified Nonelective Contributions to satisfy either the Actual Deferral Percentage test, the Actual Contribution Percentage test, or both. The option to use all or any portion of the Qualified Nonelective Contributions to satisfy either the Actual Deferral Percentage test or the Actual Contribution Percentage test is not available if prior-year testing rules apply to the Plan.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, and in addition to, or in lieu of, the allocation formula selected in the Adoption Agreement, Qualified Nonelective Contributions may be allocated to the Individual Accounts of a group of non-Highly Compensated Employees selected by the Employer and who are eligible Participants, following the requirements under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k) and 1.401(m) (including the permissive disaggregation rules) for purpose of satisfying the Actual Deferral Percentage test, the Actual Contribution Percentage test, or both. No allocation will be required in excess of the amount required to satisfy the Actual Deferral Percentage test, the Actual Contribution Percentage test, or both. Qualified Nonelective Contributions may be made during the Plan Year for which they are being made; however, the Employer must follow the allocation requirements set forth below and unless specified otherwise in the Adoption Agreement, must adhere to the eligibility requirements applicable to Elective Deferrals, including a forfeiture of allocations where such eligibility requirements are not satisfied.

For Plan Years beginning in 2006 (or such earlier date on which the final regulations under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k) and 1.401(m) became effective), Qualified Nonelective Contributions taken into account under the Actual Deferral Percentage (ADP) test cannot exceed the product of the non-Highly Compensated Employee's Compensation and the greater of 1) five-percent (ten-percent if the Qualified Nonelective Contribution is made in connection with an Employer's obligation to pay prevailing wages under the Davis-Bacon Act plan), or 2) two times the Plan's representative contribution rate. The "representative contribution rate," for this purpose, is the lowest applicable contribution rate of any eligible non-Highly Compensated Employee among a group of eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees that consists of one-half of all non-Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year (or if greater, the lowest applicable percentage contribution rate of any eligible non-Highly Compensated Employee in the group of all eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year and who is employed by the Employer on the last day of the Plan Year). The "applicable contribution rate" for these purposes is the sum of the Qualified Matching Contributions taken into account for the ADP test for the eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year and the Qualified Nonelective Contributions made for the eligible non-Highly Compensated Employee for the Plan Year, divided by the eligible non-Highly Compensated Employee's Compensation for the same period.

### 3.06 QUALIFIED MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Employer may make Qualified Matching Contributions under the Plan if elected in the Adoption Agreement. If the current-year testing rules apply to the Plan and the Employer has so elected in the Adoption Agreement, in lieu of distributing Excess Contributions or Excess Aggregate Contributions as provided in Plan Sections 5.13 and 5.14, the Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to use Qualified Matching Contributions to satisfy either the Actual Deferral Percentage test, the Actual Contribution Percentage test, or both, pursuant to Treasury Regulations under Code sections 401(k) and 401(m). The option to use all or any portion of the Qualified Matching Contributions to satisfy either the Actual Deferral Percentage test or the Actual Contribution Percentage test is not available if prior-year testing rules apply to the Plan.

Unless another allocation formula is specified in the Adoption Agreement, Qualified Matching Contributions, if made, will be in an amount equal to that percentage of the Elective Deferrals (and Nondeductible Employee Contributions) of each non-Highly Compensated Employee that would be sufficient to cause the Plan to satisfy the Actual Contribution Percentage test, the Actual Deferral Percentage test, or both. For Plan Years beginning in 2006 (or such earlier date on which the final regulations under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k) and 1.401(m) became effective), if Qualified Matching Contributions exceed 100 percent of a Qualifying Contributing Participant's Elective Deferrals, the additional ACP testing restrictions listed in Plan Section 3.02 will apply.

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, the Employer may make Qualified Matching Contributions under the Plan on behalf of Qualifying Contributing Participants. To be a Qualifying Contributing Participant for a Plan Year, the Participant must make Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions, if the Employer has agreed to match such contributions) for the Plan Year and satisfy any age and eligibility service and other requirements that are specified for Qualified Matching Contributions in the Adoption Agreement. If the Employer makes Qualified Matching Contributions to the Plan based on Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions) made during a portion of the Matching Contribution Computation Period (e.g., on a payroll basis when the Matching Contribution Computation Period is Plan Year), the Employer shall re-calculate ("true-up") the Qualified Matching Contribution based on the Compensation earned and Elective Deferrals (or Nondeductible Employee Contributions) made over the Matching Contribution Computation Period. Such true-up shall be made in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

### **3.07 ROLLOVER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, an Employee may make Indirect Rollover and Direct Rollover contributions to the Plan from distributions made from plans described in Code sections 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408, and 457(b) (if maintained by a governmental entity) (excluding nondeductible employee contributions and Roth elective deferrals except as otherwise indicated in the Adoption Agreement) unless an Employee is either an Employee of a Related Employer of the Adopting Employer that does not participate in this Plan or a member of any excluded class in Adoption Agreement Section Two and Plan Section 2.01. The Plan Administrator may require the Employee to certify, either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL, that the contribution qualifies as a rollover contribution under the applicable provisions of the Code. If it is later determined that all or part of a rollover contribution was ineligible to be contributed to the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall direct that any ineligible amounts, plus earnings or losses attributable thereto (determined in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B)), be distributed from the Plan to the Employee as soon as administratively feasible.

A separate account will be maintained by the Plan Administrator for each Employee's rollover contributions, which will be nonforfeitable at all times. Such account will share in the income and gains and losses of the Fund in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B). Where the Adoption Agreement does not permit Employer designation with respect to rollover contributions, the Employer may, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, allow only Employees who have become Participants in the Plan to make rollover contributions. However, if the Employer permits Employees who have not become Participants in the Plan and/or former Employees to maintain rollover contributions in the Plan, such individuals will be treated as Participants for purposes of those assets, but they may not receive a loan from the Fund.

### **3.08 TRANSFER CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Adopting Employer may, subject to uniform and nondiscriminatory rules, permit elective transfers to be delivered to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) in the name of an Employee from the trustee or custodian of another plan qualified under Code section 401(a). Whether any particular elective transfer will be accepted by the Plan will be determined using the uniform and nondiscriminatory rules established by the Plan Administrator, and the procedures for the receipt of such transfers by the Plan must be allowed under Code section 411(d)(6), Treasury Regulation section 1.411(d)-4, and other rules promulgated by the IRS. Nothing in this Plan prohibits the Plan Administrator from permitting (or prohibiting) Participants to transfer their Individual Accounts to other eligible plans, provided such transfers are permitted (or prohibited) in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. If it is later determined that all or part of an elective transfer was ineligible to be transferred into the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall direct that any ineligible amounts, plus earnings or losses attributable thereto (determined in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B)), be distributed from the Plan to the Employee as soon as administratively feasible. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Employer may, at its discretion, also return the amount transferred to the transferor plan or correct the ineligible transfer using any other method permitted by the IRS under regulation or other guidance.

A separate account will be maintained by the Plan Administrator for each Employee's elective transfers, which will, if applicable, be nonforfeitable at all times. Such account will share in the income and gains and losses of the Fund in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B). Notwithstanding the preceding, an Employee's separate account established solely on account of an event described in Code section 414(l) will continue to be subject to the Plan's vesting schedule except as otherwise provided therein. If elective transfers are associated with distributable events and the Employees are eligible to receive single sum distributions consisting entirely of Eligible Rollover Contributions, the elective transfers will be considered Direct Rollovers.

### **3.09 DEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Plan Administrator will not accept Deductible Employee Contributions that are made for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986. Contributions made before that date will be maintained in a separate account, which will be nonforfeitable at all times. The account will share in the gains and losses of the Fund in the same manner as described in Plan Section 7.02(B). No part of the Deductible Employee Contributions account will be used to purchase life insurance. Subject to Plan Section 5.10 (if applicable), the Participant may withdraw any part of the Deductible Employee Contribution account by making a written application to the Plan Administrator.

### **3.10 NONDEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS**

If the Adopting Employer so allows in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant may contribute Nondeductible Employee Contributions to the Plan by enrolling as a Contributing Participant pursuant to the applicable provisions of Plan Section 3.01. The Employer will establish uniform and nondiscriminatory rules and procedures for Nondeductible Employee Contributions as it deems necessary and advisable including, but not limited to, rules describing any amounts or percentages of Compensation that Participants may or must contribute to the Plan. Nondeductible Employee Contributions for Plan Years beginning after December 31, 1986, together with any Matching Contributions, will be limited so as to satisfy the Actual Contribution Percentage test in Plan Section 3.14. Notwithstanding the preceding, contributions made to the Plan on an after-tax basis (e.g., to repay defaulted loans or to buy back previously forfeited amounts as described in Plan Section 4.01(C)(3)) do not constitute Nondeductible Employee Contributions and will not, therefore, be subject to the nondiscrimination test of Code section 401(m) or the Annual Additions limits of Code section 415.

A separate account will be maintained by the Plan Administrator for the Nondeductible Employee Contributions of each Participant.

### **3.11 OTHER LIMITATIONS ON SIMPLE 401(K) CONTRIBUTIONS**

If the Employer has established a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan, no Employer or Employee contributions may be made to this Plan for the SIMPLE 401(k) Year other than Elective Deferrals described in Plan Section 3.01(l), Matching or nonelective contributions described in Plan Section 3.02, and rollover contributions described in Plan Section 3.07.

### 3.12 LIMITATION ON ALLOCATIONS

- A.** If the Participant does not participate in, and has never participated in, another qualified plan maintained by the Employer, a welfare benefit fund (as defined in Code section 419(e)) maintained by the Employer, an individual medical account (as defined in Code section 415(l)(2)) maintained by the Employer, or a simplified employee pension plan (as defined in Code section 408(k)) maintained by the Employer, any of which provides an Annual Addition as defined in the Definitions section of the Plan, the following rules will apply.
1. The amount of Annual Additions that may be credited to the Participant's Individual Account for any Limitation Year will not exceed the lesser of the Maximum Permissible Amount or any other limitation contained in this Plan. If the Employer Contribution that would otherwise be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Individual Account would cause the Annual Additions for the Limitation Year to exceed the Maximum Permissible Amount, the amount contributed or allocated may be reduced so that the Annual Additions for the Limitation Year will equal the Maximum Permissible Amount.
  2. Before determining the Participant's actual Compensation for the Limitation Year, the Employer may determine the Maximum Permissible Amount for a Participant on the basis of a reasonable estimate of the Participant's Compensation for the Limitation Year, uniformly determined for all Participants similarly situated.
  3. As soon as is administratively feasible after the end of the Limitation Year, the Maximum Permissible Amount for the Limitation Year will be determined on the basis of the Participant's actual Compensation for the Limitation Year.
- B.** If, in addition to this Plan, the Participant is covered under another qualified pre-approved defined contribution plan maintained by the Employer, a welfare benefit fund maintained by the Employer, an individual medical account maintained by the Employer, or a simplified employee pension plan maintained by the Employer any of which provides an Annual Addition as defined in the Definitions section of the Plan during any Limitation Year, the following rules apply.
1. The Annual Additions that may be credited to a Participant's Individual Account under this Plan for any such Limitation Year will not exceed the Maximum Permissible Amount, reduced by the Annual Additions credited to a Participant under the other qualified Pre-approved Plans, welfare benefit funds, individual medical account, and simplified employee pension plans for the same Limitation Year. If the Annual Additions with respect to the Participant under other qualified Pre-approved defined contribution plans, welfare benefit funds, individual medical accounts, and simplified employee pension plans maintained by the Employer are less than the Maximum Permissible Amount, and the Employer Contribution that would otherwise be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Individual Account under this Plan would cause the Annual Additions for the Limitation Year to exceed this limitation, the amount contributed or allocated may be reduced so that the Annual Additions under all such plans and funds for the Limitation Year will equal the Maximum Permissible Amount. If the Annual Additions with respect to the Participant under such other qualified Pre-approved defined contribution plans, welfare benefit funds, individual medical accounts, and simplified employee pension plans in the aggregate are equal to or greater than the Maximum Permissible Amount, no amount will be contributed or allocated to the Participant's Individual Account under this Plan for the Limitation Year.
  2. Before determining the Participant's actual Compensation for the Limitation Year, the Employer may determine the Maximum Permissible Amount for a Participant in the manner described in Plan Section 3.12(A)(2).
  3. As soon as is administratively feasible after the end of the Limitation Year, the Maximum Permissible Amount for the Limitation Year will be determined on the basis of the Participant's actual Compensation for the Limitation Year.
  4. Any Excess Annual Additions attributed to this Plan will be disposed of in the manner described in Plan Section 7.11.
  5. If the Participant is covered under another qualified defined contribution plan maintained by the Employer, other than a Pre-approved Plan, the provisions of Plan Section 3.12(B)(1) through 3.12(B)(4) will apply as if the other plan were a Pre-approved Plan. In the event this method cannot be administered because of conflicting language in the other plan, the Employer must provide, through a written attachment to the Plan, the method under which the plans will limit total Annual Additions to the Maximum Permissible Amount, and will properly reduce any Excess Annual Additions in a manner that precludes Employer discretion.
- C.** The provisions of this Plan Section 3.12 will apply to SIMPLE 401(k) contributions made pursuant to Plan Sections 3.01(l) and 3.02.
- D.** Adoption Agreement elections to include or exclude items from Compensation that are inconsistent with Code section 415 and the corresponding regulations will be disregarded for purposes of determining a Participant's Annual Additions limit.

### 3.13 ACTUAL DEFERRAL PERCENTAGE TEST (ADP)

- A. Limits on Highly Compensated Employees** – The Actual Deferral Percentage (hereinafter "ADP") for a Plan Year for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for each Plan Year and the ADP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees for the same Plan Year must satisfy one of the following tests.
1. The ADP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the ADP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees for the same Plan Year multiplied by 1.25; or
  2. The ADP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the ADP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees for the same Plan Year multiplied by 2.0 provided that the ADP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees does not exceed the ADP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees by more than two percentage points.

The Plan must satisfy the ADP test using either the prior-year testing or current-year testing requirements described below. Notwithstanding the preceding, and unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the prior-year testing method described below will apply to this Plan.

3. **Prior-Year Testing** – The ADP for a Plan Year for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for each Plan Year and the prior year's ADP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees for the prior Plan Year must satisfy one of the following tests.
  - a. The ADP for a Plan Year for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the prior year's ADP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees for the prior Plan Year multiplied by 1.25; or
  - b. The ADP for a Plan Year for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the prior year's ADP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees for the prior Plan Year multiplied by 2.0, provided that the ADP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees does not exceed the ADP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees in the prior Plan Year by more than two percentage points.

For the first Plan Year that the Plan permits any Participant to make Elective Deferrals (and this is not a successor Plan), for purposes of the preceding tests, the prior year's non-Highly Compensated Employees' ADP will be three-percent unless the Adopting Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to use the actual Plan Year's ADP for these Participants.

Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Adopting Employer has elected the Safe Harbor CODA or the QACA option in the Adoption Agreement, the current-year testing provisions described in Plan Section 3.13(A)(4) will apply. In addition, if the Adopting Employer has elected the Safe Harbor CODA or the QACA option in the Adoption Agreement and the Adoption Agreement does not permit the Employer to designation the ADP testing method, the current-year testing provisions described in Plan Section 3.13(A)(4) will apply.

4. **Current-Year Testing** – If elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, the ADP tests in this Plan Section 3.13(A)(1) and (2) above will be applied by comparing the current Plan Year's ADP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees with the current Plan Year's ADP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees. Once a current-year testing election is made, the Employer can elect prior-year testing for a Plan Year only if the Plan has used current-year testing for each of the preceding five Plan Years (or if less, the number of Plan Years the Plan has been in existence) or if, as a result of a merger or acquisition described in Code section 410(b)(6)(C)(i), the Employer maintains both a plan using prior-year testing and a plan using current-year testing and the change is made within the transition period described in Code section 410(b)(6)(C)(ii).

Notwithstanding the preceding, the Plan will be treated as meeting the ADP test if, within a reasonable period before any Plan Year, each Participant eligible to participate is given a notice (either in writing or in any other form permitted by Treasury Regulations or other rules promulgated by the IRS) that satisfies the requirements of Code section 401(k)(12)(D), and the Employer makes ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions pursuant to Code sections 401(k)(12)(B) and (C), respectively.

## **B. Special Rules**

1. A Participant is a Highly Compensated Employee for a particular Plan Year if they meet the definition of a Highly Compensated Employee in effect for that Plan Year. Similarly, a Participant is a non-Highly Compensated Employee for a particular Plan Year if they do not meet the definition of a Highly Compensated Employee in effect for that Plan Year.
2. The ADP for any Participant who is a Highly Compensated Employee for the Plan Year and who is eligible to have Elective Deferrals (and Qualified Nonelective Contributions or Qualified Matching Contributions, or both, if treated as Elective Deferrals for purposes of the ADP test) allocated to their Individual Accounts under two or more arrangements described in Code section 401(k) that are maintained by the Employer, will be determined as if such Elective Deferrals (and, if applicable, such Qualified Nonelective Contributions or Qualified Matching Contributions, or both) were made under a single arrangement. If a Highly Compensated Employee participates in two or more cash or deferred arrangements that have different Plan Years, all Elective Deferrals made during the Plan Year under all such arrangements will be aggregated. Certain plans will be treated as separate if mandatorily disaggregated under the Treasury Regulations under Code section 401(k).
3. In the event that this Plan satisfies the requirements of Code sections 401(k), 401(a)(4), or 410(b) only if aggregated with one or more other plans, or if one or more other plans satisfy the requirements of such Code sections only if aggregated with this Plan, then this Plan Section 3.13(B)(3) will be applied by determining the ADP of Participants as if all such plans were a single plan. If more than ten-percent of the Employer's non-Highly Compensated Employees are involved in a plan coverage change as defined in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-2(c)(4), then any adjustments to the non-Highly Compensated Employee ADP for the prior year will be made in accordance with such regulations, unless the Adopting Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to use the current-year testing method. Plans may be aggregated in order to satisfy Code section 401(k) only if they have the same Plan Year and use the same ADP testing method.
4. For purposes of satisfying the ADP test, Elective Deferrals, Qualified Nonelective Contributions, and Qualified Matching Contributions must be made before the end of the 12-month period immediately following the Plan Year to which contributions relate.
5. The Employer shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate satisfaction of the ADP test and the amount of Qualified Nonelective Contributions or Qualified Matching Contributions, or both, used in such test.
6. The determination and treatment of the ADP amounts of any Participant will satisfy such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

7. If the Employer elects to take Qualified Matching Contributions into account as Elective Deferrals for purposes of the ADP test, then (subject to such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury) the Employer may elect, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, to either include all Qualified Matching Contributions in the ADP test or to include only the amount of such Qualified Matching Contributions that are needed to meet the ADP test.
8. In the event that the Plan Administrator determines that it is not likely that the ADP test will be satisfied for a particular Plan Year unless certain steps are taken before the end of such Plan Year, the Plan Administrator may require Contributing Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees to reduce or cease future Elective Deferrals for such Plan Year in order to satisfy that requirement. This limitation will be considered a Plan-imposed limit for Catch-up Contribution purposes. If the Plan Administrator requires Contributing Participants to reduce or cease making Elective Deferrals under this paragraph, the reduction or cessation will begin with the Highly Compensated Employee with either the largest amount of Elective Deferrals or the highest Contribution Percentage for the Plan Year (on the date on which it is determined that the ADP test will not likely be satisfied), as elected by the Plan Administrator. All remaining Highly Compensated Employees' Elective Deferrals for the Plan Year will be limited to such amount. Notwithstanding the preceding, if it is later determined that the ADP test for the Plan Year will be satisfied, Highly Compensated Employees will be permitted to enroll again as Contributing Participants in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
9. Elective Deferrals that are treated as Catch-up Contributions because they exceed a Plan limit or a statutory limit will be excluded from ADP testing. Amounts which are characterized as Catch-up Contributions as a result of the ADP test will reduce the amount of Excess Contributions distributed or Qualified Nonelective Contributions or Qualified Matching Contributions contributed to the Plan to correct an Excess Contribution.
10. Special Rule for Early Participation – If the Plan provides that Employees are eligible to become Contributing Participants before they have completed the minimum age and service requirements in Code section 410(a)(1)(A), and if the Plan applies Code section 410(b)(4)(B) in determining whether the Plan satisfies the requirements in Code section 410(b)(1), then in determining whether the Plan satisfies the ADP test, either:
  - a. pursuant to Code section 401(k)(3)(F), the ADP test is performed under the Plan (determined without regard to disaggregation under Treasury Regulation section 1.410(b)-7(c)(3)), using the ADP for all eligible Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year and the ADP of eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees for the applicable year, disregarding all non-Highly Compensated Employees who have not met the minimum age and services requirements in Code section 410(a)(1)(A); or
  - b. pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.401(k)-1(b)(4), the Plan is disaggregated into separate plans and the ADP test is performed separately for all eligible Participants who have completed the minimum age and service requirements of Code section 410(a)(1)(A) and for all eligible Participants who have not completed the minimum age and service requirements in Code section 410(a)(1)(A).
- C. Notwithstanding the preceding, the ADP test described above is treated as satisfied for any SIMPLE 401(k) Year in which an Eligible Employer maintains this Plan as a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan.

### 3.14 ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE TEST (ACP)

- A. **Limits on Highly Compensated Employees** – The Actual Contribution Percentage (hereinafter “ACP”) for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for each Plan Year and the ACP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees for the same Plan Year must satisfy one of the following tests.
  1. The ACP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the ACP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees for the same Plan Year multiplied by 1.25.
  2. The ACP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the ACP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees for the same Plan Year multiplied by 2.0, provided that the ACP for the Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees does not exceed the ACP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees by more than two percentage points.

The Plan must satisfy the ACP test using either the prior-year testing or current-year testing requirements described below. Notwithstanding the preceding, and unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the prior-year testing method described below will apply to this Plan.
3. Prior-Year Testing – The ACP for a Plan Year for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for each Plan Year and the prior year's ACP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees for the prior Plan Year must satisfy one of the following tests.
  - a. The ACP for a Plan Year for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the prior year's ACP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees for the prior Plan Year multiplied by 1.25.
  - b. The ACP for a Plan Year for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year will not exceed the prior year's ACP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees for the prior Plan Year multiplied by 2.0, provided that the ACP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees does not exceed the ACP for Participants who were non-Highly Compensated Employees in the prior Plan Year by more than two percentage points.

For the first Plan Year, if this Plan 1) permits any Participant to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions, 2) provides for Matching Contributions, or 3) both, and 4) this is not a successor Plan, for purposes of the preceding tests, the prior year's non-Highly Compensated Employees' ACP will be three-percent unless the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to use the Plan Year's ACP for these Participants.

Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Adopting Employer has elected the Safe Harbor CODA or the QACA option in the Adoption Agreement, the current-year testing provisions described in Plan Section 3.14(A)(4) will apply. In addition, if the Adopting Employer has elected the Safe Harbor CODA or the QACA option in the Adoption Agreement and the Adoption Agreement does not permit Employer designation with respect to the ADP testing method, the current-year testing provision in Plan Section 3.14(A)(4) will apply.

4. Current-Year Testing – If elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, the ACP tests in this Plan Section 3.14(A)(1) and (2), above, will be applied by comparing the current Plan Year's ACP for Participants who are Highly Compensated Employees for each Plan Year with the current Plan Year's ACP for Participants who are non-Highly Compensated Employees. Once an election to use current-year testing is made, the Employer can elect prior-year testing for a Plan Year only if the Plan has used current-year testing for each of the preceding five Plan Years (or if lesser, the number of Plan Years the Plan has been in existence) or if, as a result of the merger or acquisition described in Code section 410(b)(6)(C)(i), the Employer maintains both a plan using prior-year testing and a plan using current-year testing and the change is made within the transition period described in Code section 410(b)(6)(C)(iii).

## B. Special Rules

1. A Participant is a Highly Compensated Employee for a particular Plan Year if they meet the definition of a Highly Compensated Employee in effect for that Plan Year. Similarly, a Participant is a non-Highly Compensated Employee for a particular Plan Year if they do not meet the definition of a Highly Compensated Employee in effect for that Plan Year.
2. For purposes of this Plan Section 3.14, the Contribution Percentage for any Participant who is a Highly Compensated Employee and who is eligible to have Contribution Percentage Amounts allocated to their Individual Account under two or more plans described in Code section 401(a), or arrangements described in Code section 401(k) that are maintained by the Employer, will be determined as if the total of such Contribution Percentage Amounts was made under each plan. If a Highly Compensated Employee participates in two or more such plans or arrangements that have different plan years, all Contribution Percentage Amounts made during the Plan Year under all such plans and arrangements will be aggregated. Certain plans will be treated as separate if mandatorily disaggregated under regulations under Code section 401(m).
3. In the event that this Plan satisfies the requirements of Code sections 401(m), 401(a)(4), or 410(b) only if aggregated with one or more other plans, or if one or more other plans satisfy the requirements of such Code sections only if aggregated with this Plan, then this Plan Section 3.14(B)(3) will be applied by determining the Contribution Percentage of Employees as if all such plans were a single plan. If more than ten-percent of the Employer's non-Highly Compensated Employees are involved in a plan coverage change as defined in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(m)-2(c)(4), then any adjustments to the non-Highly Compensated Employee ACP for the prior year will be made in accordance with such regulations, unless the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to use the current-year testing method. Plans may be aggregated in order to satisfy Code section 401(m) only if they have the same Plan Year and use the same ACP testing method.
4. For purposes of determining the Actual Contribution Percentage test, Nondeductible Employee Contributions are considered to have been made in the Plan Year in which contributed to the Fund. Matching Contributions and Qualified Nonelective Contributions will be considered made for a Plan Year if made no later than the end of the 12-month period beginning on the day after the close of the Plan Year.
5. The Employer shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate satisfaction of the ACP test and the amount of Qualified Nonelective Contributions or Qualified Matching Contributions, or both, used in such test.
6. The determination and treatment of the Contribution Percentage of any Participant will satisfy such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.
7. If the Employer elects to take Qualified Nonelective Contributions into account as Contribution Percentage Amounts for purposes of the ACP test, then (subject to such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury) the Employer may elect, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, either to include all Qualified Nonelective Contributions in the ACP test or to include only the amount of such Qualified Nonelective Contributions that are needed to meet the ACP test.
8. If the Employer elects to take Elective Deferrals into account as Contribution Percentage Amounts for purposes of the ACP test, then (subject to such other requirements as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury) the Employer may elect, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, either to include all Elective Deferrals in the ACP test or to include only the amount of such Elective Deferrals that are needed to meet the ACP test.
9. Special Rule for Early Participation – If the Plan provides for Matching Contributions or Nondeductible Employee Contributions and provides that Employees are eligible to participate with regard to such contributions before they have completed the minimum age and service requirements in Code section 410(a)(1)(A), and if the Plan applies Code section 410(b)(4)(B) in determining whether the Plan meets the requirements in Code section 410(b)(1), then in determining whether the Plan meets the ACP test, either:
  - a. pursuant to Code section 401(m)(5)(C), the ACP test is performed under the Plan (determined without regard to disaggregation under Treasury Regulation section 1.410(b)-7(c)(3)), using the ACP for all eligible Highly Compensated Employees for the Plan Year and the ACP of eligible non-Highly Compensated Employees for the applicable year, disregarding all non-Highly Compensated Employees who have not met the minimum age and service requirements in Code section 410(a)(1)(A); or

- b. pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.401(m)-1(b)(4), the Plan is disaggregated into separate plans and the ACP test is performed separately for all eligible Participants who have completed the minimum age and service requirements in Code section 410(a)(1)(A) and for all eligible Participants who have not completed the minimum age and service requirements in Code section 410(a)(1)(A).
- C. Notwithstanding the preceding, the ACP test described above is treated as satisfied for any SIMPLE 401(k) Year in which an Eligible Employer maintains this Plan as a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan.

### 3.15 DEEMED IRAs

#### A. General Rules

1. This Plan Section 3.15 will apply if elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement.
2. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, each Participant may make Deemed IRA Contributions to the Participant's Deemed IRA under the Plan if the Plan allows such contributions.
3. Unless otherwise indicated in the Adoption Agreement, Deemed IRA Contributions, if permitted by the Plan, may be made to either a Traditional IRA or a Roth IRA established as a Deemed IRA under the Plan. At the time the Deemed IRA is established, the IRA Owner will indicate whether the Deemed IRA is a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA for tax purposes.
4. The IRA Trustee (or Custodian) shall be subject to the reporting requirements of Code section 408(i) with respect to all Deemed IRAs that are established and maintained under the Plan.
5. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Deemed IRAs will be held in the Fund established in Plan Section 7.01. When held within the Fund, the following rules will apply:
  - a. *Separate Account* – A separate account will be maintained for each Deemed IRA clearly designating the Deemed IRA as either a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA.
  - b. *Life Insurance* – No Deemed IRA assets held in a separate account of the Fund will be invested in life insurance contracts.
  - c. *Trustee* – The IRA trustee (or custodian) must be either a bank or a nonbank trustee that satisfies the requirements of Code section 408(a)(2) and the corresponding regulations. In addition, there cannot be separate trustees for each Deemed IRA included in the Fund. The Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) of the Fund will be the IRA trustee (or custodian) if eligible to serve in that capacity unless the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) appoints a bank or nonbank trustee to serve as IRA trustee or custodian.
6. Deemed IRAs established pursuant to this Plan Section 3.15 must satisfy the applicable requirements of Code sections 408 and 408A. Deemed IRA assets held within the Fund must meet the applicable requirements set forth in Plan Section 7.02. Deemed IRA assets held in separate individual trusts must meet the requirements of the separate written governing instrument establishing such Deemed IRA, and these requirements are hereby incorporated by reference, provided the governing instrument is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan. In the event that the separate governing instrument is inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, the terms of the Plan will control. The Plan Administrator may, through separate agreement, adopt provisions governing Deemed IRAs for the proper and efficient administration of Deemed IRA assets held in the Fund or in separate individual trusts.
7. The IRA Owner's interest in the balance in this IRA is nonforfeitable at all times. No part of this IRA may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of Code section 408(m)) except as otherwise permitted by Code section 408(m)(3), which provides an exception for certain gold, silver, and platinum coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

#### B. IRA Rules Under Code Section 408

1. Provisions Governing Roth IRAs Under Code Section 408A – This Plan Section 3.15(B)(1) will apply only if the Deemed IRA created pursuant to this Plan Section 3.15 has been designated by the IRA Owner as a Roth IRA.
  - a. *Contribution Rules.*
    - i. **Maximum Permissible Amount** – Except in the case of a rollover contribution described in Code section 408A(e), a recharacterized contribution described in Code section 408A(d)(6), or a conversion contribution, no contributions will be accepted unless they are in cash, and the total of such contributions will not exceed the lesser of 100 percent of the Roth IRA Owner's compensation or \$3,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2002 through 2004; \$4,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2005 through 2007; and \$5,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2008 and years thereafter. After 2008, the applicable contribution limit may be increased by the Secretary of the Treasury for cost-of-living adjustments under Code section 219(b)(5)(D). Such adjustments will be in multiples of \$500.

If the Roth IRA Owner makes regular contributions to both Roth and Traditional IRAs for a taxable year, the maximum regular contribution that can be made to all the Roth IRA Owner's Roth IRAs for that taxable year is reduced by the regular contributions made to the Roth IRA Owner's Traditional IRAs for the taxable year.

Contributions may be further limited if the Roth IRA Owner's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds the limits described in Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(a)(iii).

Qualified rollover contribution means a rollover contribution that meets the requirements of Code section 408(d)(3), except that the one-rollover-per-year rule of Code section 408(d)(3)(B) does not apply if the rollover contribution is from an IRA other than a Roth IRA.



- ii. **Catch-up Contributions** – In the case of a Roth IRA Owner who is age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, the annual cash contribution limit is increased by \$500 for any taxable year beginning in 2002 through 2005 and by \$1,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2006 and years thereafter.
  - iii. **Regular Contribution Limit** – If a Roth IRA Owner's MAGI falls within certain limits, the maximum regular contribution that can be made to all the Roth IRA Owner's Roth IRAs for a taxable year is phased out ratably. Effective for taxable years beginning after 2006, these limitations (if applicable) will be increased under Code section 408A(c)(3) to reflect cost-of-living adjustments.
  - iv. **Conversion Contribution Limit** – A SIMPLE IRA may only be converted to a Roth IRA if two years have passed since the SIMPLE IRA Owner first participated in the SIMPLE IRA plan.
  - v. **Recharacterization** – A regular contribution to a Traditional or SIMPLE IRA may be recharacterized pursuant to the rules in Treasury Regulation section 1.408A-5 as a regular contribution to this Deemed IRA, subject to the limits in Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(a).
  - vi. **Modified Adjusted Gross Income** – For purposes of Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(a)(iii), a Roth IRA Owner's MAGI for a taxable year is defined in Code section 408A(c)(3)(C)(i) and does not include any amount included in adjusted gross income as a result of a conversion from a Traditional or SIMPLE IRA.
- b. **Roth IRA Owner Distributions** – No amount is required to be distributed before the death of the Roth IRA Owner for whose benefit the account was originally established. After the Roth IRA Owner's death, however, the Beneficiary must begin taking distributions in accordance with Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c). Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, distributions from the Roth IRA, including rollover distributions, will be governed by Code section 408A(d) and the terms of the separate written governing instrument establishing such Deemed IRA.
- c. **Beneficiary Rights** – If the Roth IRA Owner dies before their entire interest is distributed to them, the entire remaining interest will be distributed as follows.
- i. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the distribution of the Roth IRA Owner's interest in the account will be made in accordance with the requirements of Code section 408(a)(6), as modified by Code section 408A(c)(5), and the corresponding Treasury Regulations, the provisions of which are herein incorporated by reference. If distributions are made from an annuity contract purchased from an insurance company, distributions thereunder must satisfy the requirements of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6 (taking into account Code section 408A(c)(5)), rather than the distribution rules in Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c)(ii), (iii), and (iv).
  - ii. Upon the death of the Roth IRA Owner, their entire interest will be distributed as follows.
    - (a) If the designated beneficiary is someone other than the Roth IRA Owner's surviving Spouse, the entire interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year of the Roth IRA Owner's death, over the remaining life expectancy of the designated beneficiary, with such life expectancy determined using the age of the designated beneficiary as of their birthday in the year following the year of the Roth IRA Owner's death, or, if elected, in accordance with Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c)(ii)(c).
    - (b) If the Roth IRA Owner's sole designated beneficiary is their surviving Spouse, the entire interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year of the Roth IRA Owner's death (or by the end of the calendar year in which the Roth IRA Owner would have attained age 70½, if later), over such Spouse's life, or, if elected, in accordance with Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c)(ii)(c). If the surviving Spouse dies before distributions are required to begin, the remaining interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year of the Spouse's death, over the Spouse's designated beneficiary's remaining life expectancy determined using such designated beneficiary's age as of their birthday in the year following the death of the Spouse, or, if elected, will be distributed in accordance with Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c)(ii)(c). If the surviving Spouse dies after distributions are required to begin, any remaining interest will be distributed over the Spouse's remaining life expectancy determined using the Spouse's age as of their birthday in the year of the Spouse's death.
    - (c) If there is no designated beneficiary, or if applicable by operation of Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c)(ii)(a) or (b), the entire interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Roth IRA Owner's death (or of the Spouse's death in the case of the surviving Spouse's death before distributions are required to begin under Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c)(ii)(b)).
    - (d) The amount otherwise to be distributed each year under this Plan Section 3.15(B)(1)(c) is the quotient obtained by dividing the value of the IRA as of the end of the preceding year by the remaining life expectancy specified in such paragraph. Life expectancy is determined using the Single Life Table in Q&A 1 of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9. If the distributions are being made to a surviving Spouse as the sole designated beneficiary, such Spouse's remaining life expectancy for a year is the number in the Single Life Table corresponding to such Spouse's age in the year. In all other cases, remaining life expectancy for a year is the number in the Single Life Table corresponding to the beneficiary's age in the year specified in Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(a) or (b) and reduced by one for each subsequent year.
  - iii. The value of the Roth IRA for purposes of this Plan Section 3.15 is the prior December 31 balance adjusted to include the amount of any outstanding rollovers, transfers, and recharacterizations under Q&As 7 and 8 of Treasury Regulation section 1.408-8.

- iv. If the designated beneficiary is the Roth IRA Owner's surviving Spouse, the Spouse may elect to treat the IRA as their own Roth IRA. This election will be deemed to have been made if such surviving Spouse, who is the sole beneficiary of the Roth IRA, makes a contribution to the Roth IRA or fails to take a required distribution as a beneficiary.
2. **Provisions Governing Traditional IRAs Under Code Section 408** – This Plan Section 3.15(B)(2) will only apply if the IRA created pursuant to this Plan Section 3.15 has been designated by the IRA Owner as a Traditional IRA.
- a. **Contribution Rules.**
    - i. **Maximum Permissible Amount** – Except in the case of a rollover contribution (as permitted by Code sections 402(c), 402(e)(6), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 403(b)(10), 408(d)(3), and 457(e)(16)) or a contribution made in accordance with the terms of a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan as described in Code section 408(k), no contributions will be accepted unless they are in cash, and the total of such contributions will not exceed the lesser of 100 percent of the Traditional IRA Owner's compensation, or \$3,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2002 through 2004; \$4,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2005 through 2007; and \$5,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2008 and years thereafter.

After 2008, the limit will be adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury for cost-of-living increases under Code section 219(b)(5)(D). Such adjustments will be in multiples of \$500.

If the Traditional IRA Owner makes regular contributions to both Traditional and Roth IRAs for a taxable year, the maximum regular contribution that can be made to all the Traditional IRA Owner's Traditional IRAs for that taxable year is reduced by the regular contributions made to the Traditional IRA Owner's Roth IRAs for the taxable year.

    - ii. **Catch-up Contributions** – In the case of a Traditional IRA Owner who is age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, the annual cash contribution limit is increased by \$500 for any taxable year beginning in 2002 through 2005, and by \$1,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2006 and years thereafter.
    - iii. **SIMPLE IRA** – No contributions will be accepted under a SIMPLE IRA plan established by any employer pursuant to Code section 408(p). Also, no transfer or rollover of funds attributable to contributions made by a particular employer under its SIMPLE IRA plan will be accepted from a SIMPLE IRA, that is, an IRA used in conjunction with a SIMPLE IRA plan, before the expiration of the two-year period beginning on the date the employee first participated in that employer's SIMPLE IRA plan.
  - b. **Traditional IRA Owner Distributions.**
    - i. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the distribution of the Traditional IRA Owner's interest in this Traditional IRA will be made in accordance with the requirements of Code sections 408(a)(6) and 408(d) and the corresponding regulations, the provisions of which are herein incorporated by reference. If distributions are made from an annuity contract purchased from an insurance company, distributions thereunder must satisfy the requirements of Q&A 4 of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6, rather than Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(b)(ii), (iii) and (iv) and (B)(2)(c). The required minimum distributions calculated for this Traditional IRA may be withdrawn from another Traditional IRA of the Traditional IRA Owner in accordance with Q&A 9 of Treasury Regulation section 1.408-8.
    - ii. The entire value of the account of the Traditional IRA Owner for whose benefit the account is maintained will begin to be distributed no later than the first day of April following the calendar year in which such Traditional IRA Owner attains age 70½ (the required beginning date) over the life of such Traditional IRA Owner or the lives of such Traditional IRA Owner and their designated beneficiary.
    - iii. The amount to be distributed each year, beginning with the calendar year in which the Traditional IRA Owner attains age 70½ and continuing through the year of death, will not be less than the quotient obtained by dividing the value of the Traditional IRA (as modified by Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(iii)) as of the end of the preceding year by the distribution period in the Uniform Lifetime Table in Q&A 2 of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9, using the Traditional IRA Owner's age as of their birthday in the year. However, if the Traditional IRA Owner's sole designated beneficiary is their surviving Spouse and such Spouse is more than 10 years younger than the Traditional IRA Owner, then the distribution period is determined under the Joint and Last Survivor Table in Q&A 3 of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9, using the ages as of the Traditional IRA Owner's and Spouse's birthdays in that year.
    - iv. The required minimum distribution for the year the Traditional IRA Owner attains age 70½ can be made as late as April 1 of the following year. The required minimum distribution for any other year must be made by the end of such year.
  - c. **Beneficiary Rights** – If the Traditional IRA Owner dies before their entire interest is distributed to them, the entire remaining interest will be distributed as follows.
    - i. **Death on or After Required Beginning Date** – If the Traditional IRA Owner dies on or after the required beginning date, the remaining portion of their interest will be distributed as follows.
      - (a) If the designated beneficiary is someone other than the Traditional IRA Owner's surviving Spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of the designated beneficiary, with such life expectancy determined using the beneficiary's age as of their birthday in the year following the year of the Traditional IRA Owner's death, or over the period described in Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(i)(c), if longer.

- (b) If the Traditional IRA Owner's sole designated beneficiary is the Traditional IRA Owner's surviving Spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over such Spouse's life or over the period described in Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(i)(c), if longer. Any interest remaining after such Spouse's death will be distributed over such Spouse's remaining life expectancy determined using the Spouse's age as of their birthday in the year of the Spouse's death, or, if the distributions are being made over the period described in Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(i)(c), over such period.
  - (c) If there is no designated beneficiary, or if applicable by operation of Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(i)(a) and (b), the remaining interest will be distributed over the Traditional IRA Owner's remaining life expectancy determined in the year of the Traditional IRA Owner's death.
  - (d) The amount to be distributed each year under Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(i)(a), (b), and (c) beginning with the calendar year following the calendar year of the Traditional IRA Owner's death, is the quotient obtained by dividing the value of the Traditional IRA as of the end of the preceding year by the remaining life expectancy specified in Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c). Life expectancy is determined using the Single Life Table in Q&A 1 of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9. If distributions are being made to a surviving Spouse as the sole designated beneficiary, such Spouse's remaining life expectancy for a year is the number in the Single Life Table corresponding to such Spouse's age in the year. In all other cases, remaining life expectancy for a year is the number in the Single Life Table corresponding to the designated beneficiary's or Traditional IRA Owner's age in the year specified in Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(i)(a), (b), and (c) and reduced by one for each subsequent year.
- ii. **Death Before Required Beginning Date** – If the Traditional IRA Owner dies before the required beginning date, their entire interest will be distributed at least as rapidly as follows.
- (a) If the designated beneficiary is someone other than the Traditional IRA Owner's surviving Spouse, the entire interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year of the Traditional IRA Owner's death, over the remaining life expectancy of the designated beneficiary, with such life expectancy determined using the age of the beneficiary as of their birthday in the year following the year of the Traditional IRA Owner's death, or, if elected, in accordance with Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(ii)(c).
  - (b) If the Traditional IRA Owner's sole designated beneficiary is the Traditional IRA Owner's surviving Spouse, the entire interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year of the Traditional IRA Owner's death (or by the end of the calendar year in which the Traditional IRA Owner would have attained age 70½, if later), over such Spouse's life, or, if elected, in accordance with Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(ii)(c). If the surviving Spouse dies before distributions are required to begin, the remaining interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year of the Spouse's death, over the Spouse's designated beneficiary's remaining life expectancy determined using such beneficiary's age as of their birthday in the year following the death of the Spouse, or, if elected, will be distributed in accordance with Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(ii)(c). If the surviving Spouse dies after distributions are required to begin, any remaining interest will be distributed over the Spouse's remaining life expectancy determined using the Spouse's age as of their birthday in the year of the Spouse's death.
  - (c) If there is no designated beneficiary, or if applicable by operation of Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(ii)(a) and (b), the entire interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Traditional IRA Owner's death (or of the Spouse's death in the case of the surviving Spouse's death before distributions are required to begin under Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(ii)(b)).
  - (d) The amount otherwise to be distributed each year under this Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(c)(ii)(a) and (b) is the quotient obtained by dividing the value of the IRA as of the end of the preceding year by the remaining life expectancy specified in such paragraph. Life expectancy is determined using the Single Life Table in Q&A 1 of Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9. If the distributions are being made to a surviving Spouse as the sole designated beneficiary, such Spouse's remaining life expectancy for a year is the number in the Single Life Table corresponding to such Spouse's age in the year. In all other cases, remaining life expectancy for a year is the number in the Single Life Table corresponding to the beneficiary's age in the year specified in Plan Section 3.15(B)(2)(a) or (b) and reduced by one for each subsequent year.
- iii. The value of the Traditional IRA for purposes of this section is the prior December 31 balance adjusted to include the amount of any outstanding rollovers, transfers and recharacterizations under Treasury Regulation section 1.408-8, Q&As 7 and 8.
- iv. If the designated beneficiary is the Traditional IRA Owner's surviving Spouse, the Spouse may elect to treat the Traditional IRA as their own Traditional IRA. This election will be deemed to have been made if such surviving Spouse, who is the sole beneficiary of the Traditional IRA, makes a contribution to the Traditional IRA or fails to take required distributions as a beneficiary.

### 3.16 IN-PLAN ROTH ROLLOVERS

- A. Eligibility** – If elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, Recipients may complete Direct In-Plan Roth Rollovers. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Plan that allows Direct In-Plan Roth Rollovers will allow Direct In-Plan Roth Rollovers of all non-Roth contributions.

If elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, Recipients may complete Indirect In-Plan Roth Rollovers for any Eligible Rollover Distribution from the Plan.

Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Recipients may complete an unlimited number of In-Plan Roth Rollovers.

- B. Separate Accounting** – Contributions and withdrawals of In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions will be credited and debited to an In-Plan Roth Rollover account maintained for each Participant. The Plan will maintain a record of the amount of In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions in each Participant's Individual Account. Gains, losses, and other credits or charges must be separately allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to each Participant's In-Plan Roth Rollover account and the Participant's other accounts under the Plan.

No contributions other than In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions and properly attributable earnings will be credited to each Participant's In-Plan Roth Rollover account.

- C. Distributable Events** – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Recipient may complete a Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover at any time. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Recipient does not have to be fully Vested in an eligible account to complete a Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover.

If a Recipient completes a Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover of an amount that is eligible for distribution under the Code and/or Treasury Regulations, the Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner and as allowed under the Code and rules promulgated by the IRS, may establish operational procedures allowing a Recipient to elect to gross-up their distribution for voluntary tax withholding purposes.

Except for amounts withheld pursuant to a voluntary withholding election by the Recipient, Direct In-Plan Roth Rollovers will not be considered distributions from the Plan for the purposes of Code sections 72(p), 401(a)(11), 411(d)(6)(B)(ii) or other Code sections pursuant to rules promulgated by the IRS.

- D. Loans** – If elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, a Recipient may include any outstanding loan amount attributable to an eligible account in a Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover. Loan amounts included in a Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover will continue to be subject to the Plan's loan rules and the Plan's loan policy. In addition, the terms of the Loan must remain the same following the Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover.

If the Participant's Individual Account contains In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions, the specific rules governing the loan program may also designate the extent to which In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions will 1) be used to calculate the maximum amount available for a loan, or 2) be available as a source from which loan proceeds may be taken or which may be used as security for a loan. To the extent permitted by law and related regulations, the rules established by the Plan Administrator may specify the ordering rules to be applied in the event of a defaulted loan.

## SECTION FOUR: VESTING AND FORFEITURES

### 4.01 DETERMINING THE VESTED PORTION OF PARTICIPANT INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

- A. Determining the Vested Portion** – In determining the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account, the following rules apply.

1. Employer Contributions – The Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account derived from Employer Contributions other than Elective Deferrals is determined by applying the vesting schedule(s) selected in the Adoption Agreement (or the vesting schedule(s) described in Plan Section 4.01(B) if the Plan is a Top-Heavy Plan). In the event that there is not a vesting schedule option provided in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant will be fully Vested in their Individual Account at all times.
2. Other Contributions – A Participant is fully Vested in their rollover contributions and transfer contributions (subject to the exceptions provided in Plan Section 3.08), Elective Deferrals, Deductible Employee Contributions, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions, and Qualified Nonelective Contributions, and any earnings thereon. No Forfeiture will occur solely as a result of an Employee's withdrawal of such contributions. Separate accounts for such contributions will be maintained for each Employee, including separate accounts for Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals. Each account will be credited with the applicable contributions and earnings thereon.
3. Fully Vested Under Certain Circumstances – Full vesting of Individual Accounts occurs when:
  - a. the Employee reaches Normal Retirement Age;
  - b. the Plan is terminated or partially terminated, as defined by rules promulgated by the IRS, and the Participant is an affected participant; or
  - c. there exists a complete discontinuance of contributions under the Plan and the Participant is an affected participant.

Further, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, an Employee is fully Vested if the Employee dies, incurs a Disability, or satisfies the conditions for Early Retirement Age (if applicable). Notwithstanding the preceding, the portion of an Employee's Individual Account attributable to Employer Profit Sharing Contributions or Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions that are made based on their imputed Compensation on account of incurring a Disability will be fully Vested at all times.

4. Participants under a Prior Plan Document – If a Participant was a participant under a Prior Plan Document on the Effective Date, their Vested percentage will not be less than it would have been under such Prior Plan Document as computed on the Effective Date.

5. SIMPLE 401(k) Exception – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, all benefits attributable to contributions described in Plan Section 3.01(I) are nonforfeitable at all times, and all previous contributions made under the Plan are nonforfeitable as of the beginning of the SIMPLE 401(k) Year in which the SIMPLE 401(k) Plan is adopted.
6. ADP Test Safe Harbor Contribution Exception – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, all benefits attributable to ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions will be nonforfeitable at all times.
7. ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions will be Vested as indicated in the Matching Contributions vesting schedule in the Adoption Agreement, but, in any event, such contributions will be fully Vested upon an Employee's attainment of Normal Retirement Age, upon the complete or partial termination of the Plan, or upon the complete discontinuance of Employer Contributions.
8. Employer Prevailing Wage Contributions – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, contributions made by an Employer pursuant to Plan Section 3.04(B)(3) will be nonforfeitable at all times.

A Participant will not be fully Vested in their Individual Account solely on account of a transaction described in Code section 414(I), except as otherwise provided therein.

**B. Minimum Vesting Schedule for Top-Heavy Plans** – The following vesting provisions apply for any Plan Year in which this Plan is a Top-Heavy Plan.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Plan Section 4.01 (unless those provisions provide for more rapid vesting), the top-heavy Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account derived from Employer Contributions and Forfeitures is determined by applying the vesting schedule(s) selected in the Adoption Agreement for the source to which the contribution is attributable.

The vesting schedule(s) selected in the Adoption Agreement applies to all benefits within the meaning of Code section 411(a)(7), except for those benefits that are nonforfeitable under the Code (e.g., Nondeductible Employee Contributions, including benefits accrued before the effective date of Code section 416 and benefits accrued before the Plan became a Top-Heavy Plan, Elective Deferrals, Qualified Nonelective Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions, and ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions). Further, no decrease in a Participant's Vested percentage may occur in the event the Plan's status as a Top-Heavy Plan changes for any Plan Year. However, this Plan Section 4.01(B) does not apply to the Individual Account of any Employee who does not have an Hour of Service after the Plan has initially become a Top-Heavy Plan, and such Employee's Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions and Forfeitures will be determined without regard to this Plan Section 4.01(B).

**C. Termination of Employment** – If a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment, any portion of their Individual Account which is not Vested may be held in a Forfeiture account. Such Forfeiture account will share in any increase or decrease in the fair market value of the assets of the Fund in accordance with Plan Section 7.02(B). The disposition of such Forfeiture account will be as follows.

1. Cashout of Certain Terminated Participants – If the Vested value of a terminated Participant's Individual Account does not exceed \$1,000 (or such other cashout level specified in the Adoption Agreement), the Vested value of the Participant's Individual Account may be paid from the Plan pursuant to Plan Sections 5.01(B)(1) and 5.04(A), subject to a uniform and nondiscriminatory policy established by the Plan Administrator. The portion which is not Vested will be treated as a Forfeiture and applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C). If a Participant would have received the Vested portion of their Individual Account pursuant to the previous sentence but for the fact that the Participant's Vested Individual Account exceeded the cashout amount when the Participant terminated service, and if at a later time such Individual Account is reduced such that it is not greater than the cashout level, the Vested portion of the Participant's Individual Account will be paid from the Plan and the portion that is not Vested will be treated as a Forfeiture and applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C). For purposes of this Plan Section, if the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account is zero, the Participant will be deemed to have received a distribution of such Vested Individual Account.
2. Terminated Participants Who Elect to Receive Distributions – If such terminated Participant elects to receive a distribution of the entire Vested portion of their Individual Account in accordance with Plan Section 5.01(B)(2), the portion that is not Vested will be treated as a Forfeiture. Such Forfeiture will be applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C). If such terminated Participant elects to receive a partial distribution of their Vested Individual Account, no Forfeiture may occur until the Participant elects to receive the remaining portion of their Vested Individual Account.
3. Reemployed Participants Who Received Distributions – If such Participant is deemed to receive a distribution pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(C)(1) and the Participant subsequently resumes employment before the date the Participant incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service, upon the reemployment of such Participant, the Employer-derived Individual Account balance will be restored to the amount on the date of the deemed distribution. If such Participant receives a distribution pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(C)(1) or (2) and the Participant subsequently resumes employment, the Participant's Employer-derived Individual Account balance will be restored to the amount on the date of distribution if the Participant repays to the Plan the full amount of the distribution that was subject to a vesting schedule before the earlier of
  - a. five years after the first date on which the Participant is subsequently reemployed by the Employer, or
  - b. the date the Participant incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service following the date of the distribution.

Any restoration of a Participant's Individual Account pursuant to this Plan Section 4.01(C)(3) will be made from other Forfeitures, income or gain to the Fund, or contributions made by the Employer.

4. Reemployed Participants Who Did Not Receive Distributions – If such Participant neither receives nor is deemed to receive a distribution pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(C)(1) or (2), and the Participant returns to the service of the Employer before incurring five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service, there will be no Forfeiture. Rather, the amount in such Forfeiture account will be restored to such Participant's Individual Account.

#### **D. Vesting Breaks in Service**

1. Vesting of Pre-Break Accruals – Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable) credited after a Participant incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service will be disregarded in determining the Vested portion of such Participant's Individual Account that was accrued before the five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service. If a Participant who has neither received a distribution nor has been deemed to receive a distribution incurs five consecutive Breaks in Vesting Service, the portion of the Participant's Individual Account that is not Vested will be treated as a Forfeiture and applied in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C).
2. Vesting of Post-Break Accruals – Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable) credited before a Break in Vesting Service will apply for purposes of determining the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account that is accrued after such Break in Vesting Service. Notwithstanding the preceding, if elected in the Adoption Agreement, Years of Vesting Service credited before a Break in Vesting Service will not be taken into account until the Participant has completed a Year of Vesting Service (Period of Service, if applicable) after returning to employment, if applicable.

#### **E. Distribution Before Full Vesting** – If a distribution is made to a Participant who was not then fully Vested in their Individual Account derived from Employer Contributions, and if the Participant may increase their Vested percentage in their Individual Account, then the following rules will apply:

1. a separate account will be established for the Participant's interest in the Plan as of the time of the distribution, and
2. at any relevant time, the Participant's Vested portion of the separate account will be equal to an amount ("X") determined in accordance with either the standard formula or the alternative formula. The applicable formula must be used in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner.

Standard Formula:  $X = P (AB + (R \times D)) - (R \times D)$

Alternative Formula:  $X = P (AB + D) - D$

For purposes of the standard and alternative formulas described above, "P" is the Vested percentage at the relevant time; "AB" is the separate account balance at the relevant time; "D" is the amount of the distribution; and "R" is the ratio of the separate account balance at the relevant time to the separate account balance after distribution.

#### **F. QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions** – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions will be Vested as indicated in the Adoption Agreement over a period that may not exceed two years. If no election is made, all benefits attributable to such contributions will be fully Vested at all times. In addition, such contributions will be fully Vested upon an Employee's attainment of Normal Retirement Age, upon the complete or partial termination of the Plan, or upon the complete discontinuance of Employer Contributions.

#### **G. QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions** – Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions will be Vested according to the vesting provisions for Matching Contributions selected in the Adoption Agreement, but, in any event, such contributions will be fully Vested upon an Employee's attainment of Normal Retirement Age, upon the complete or partial termination of the Plan, or upon the complete discontinuance of Employer Contributions.

### **4.02 100 PERCENT VESTING OF CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Participant's accrued benefit derived from Elective Deferrals, Qualified Nonelective Contributions, ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, and Qualified Matching Contributions is nonforfeitable. Separate accounts for Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, Qualified Nonelective Contributions, Nondeductible Employee Contributions, Matching Contributions, and Qualified Matching Contributions will be maintained for each Participant. Each account will be credited with the applicable contributions and earnings thereon.

### **4.03 FORFEITURES AND VESTING OF MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Matching Contributions, other than Qualified Matching Contributions, will be Vested in accordance with the vesting schedule for Matching Contributions in the Adoption Agreement. In any event, an Employee's Matching Contributions will be fully Vested at Normal Retirement Age, upon the complete termination of the Plan, or, for affected participants, upon the partial termination or complete discontinuance of Employer Contributions. Matching Contributions or Qualified Matching Contributions must be forfeited if the contributions to which they relate are Excess Elective Deferrals (unless the Excess Elective Deferrals are for non-Highly Compensated Employees, in which event the Plan Administrator will have discretion as to whether such amounts will be forfeited), Excess Contributions, Excess Aggregate Contributions, or Excess Annual Additions that are distributed pursuant to Plan Section 3.12(A)(4). Such Forfeitures will be allocated in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C).

When a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment, whether a Forfeiture arises with respect to Matching Contributions will be determined in accordance with Plan Section 4.01(C).

#### 4.04 FORFEITURES OF QACA ADP TEST SAFE HARBOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND QACA ACP TEST SAFE HARBOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan, QACA Basic Matching Contributions, QACA Enhanced Matching Contributions, or QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions must be forfeited if the contributions to which they relate are Excess Elective Deferrals (unless the Excess Elective Deferrals are for non-Highly Compensated Employees, in which event the Plan Administrator will have discretion as to whether such amounts will be forfeited), or Excess Annual Additions that are distributed according to provisions in Plan Section 3.12. Such Forfeitures will be allocated in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C) as it relates to Matching Contributions.

Matching Contributions (adjusted for gain or loss) that have been allocated to a Contributing Participant's account under the EACA or QACA provisions, and that relate to Elective Deferrals permissively withdrawn, must be forfeited. Such Forfeitures will be allocated in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C) as it relates to Matching Contributions.

When a Participant incurs a Termination of Employment, whether a Forfeiture arises, with respect to QACA Basic Matching Contributions, QACA Enhanced Matching Contributions, QACA Safe Harbor Nonelective Contributions, or QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions, will be determined in accordance with Plan Section 4.01(C).

## SECTION FIVE: DISTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS

### 5.01 DISTRIBUTIONS

#### A. Eligibility for Distributions

1. Entitlement to Distribution – The Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions (including ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions and QACA ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions) other than those described in Plan Section 5.01(A)(2) will be distributable to the Participant upon 1) the Participant satisfying the distribution eligibility requirements specified in the Adoption Agreement, 2) the Participant's Termination of Employment after attaining Normal Retirement Age, 3) the termination of the Plan, or 4) if the Plan designates an Early Retirement Age, the Participant's Termination of Employment after satisfying any Early Retirement Age conditions. Such Employer Contributions will also be distributed to the Beneficiary upon the Participant's death. If a Participant separates from service before satisfying the Early Retirement Age requirement, but has satisfied the service requirement, the Participant will be entitled to elect an early retirement benefit upon satisfying such age requirement. With respect to item 1) above, if the Adoption Agreement does not allow an Employer to specify distribution eligibility requirements, the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account will be distributable to the Participant upon the Participant's Termination of Employment, attainment of Normal Retirement Age, Disability, attainment of age 59½ (if this Plan is a profit sharing or 401(k) plan), or the termination of the Plan. If a Participant who is entitled to a distribution is not legally competent to request or consent to a distribution, the Participant's court-appointed guardian, an attorney-in-fact acting under a valid power of attorney, or any other individual or entity authorized under state law to act on behalf of the Participant, may request and accept a distribution of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account under this Plan Section 5.01(A).
2. Special Requirements for Certain 401(k) Contributions – Elective Deferrals, Qualified Nonelective Contributions, Qualified Matching Contributions, and income allocable to each are not distributable to a Participant or their Beneficiary or Beneficiaries, in accordance with such Participant's or Beneficiaries' election, earlier than upon the Participant's Severance from Employment, death, or Disability, except as listed below.

Such amounts may also be distributed upon any one of the following events:

- a. termination of the Plan without the establishment of another defined contribution plan, other than an employee stock ownership plan (as defined in Code section 4975(e) or Code section 409), a simplified employee pension plan (as defined in Code section 408(k)), a SIMPLE IRA Plan (as defined in Code section 408(p)), a plan or contract described in Code section 403(b), or a plan described in Code section 457(b) or (f), at any time during the period beginning on the date of Plan termination and ending twelve months after all assets have been distributed from the Plan;
- b. attainment of age 59½ in the case of a profit sharing plan, if elected in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding, where no election is available in the Adoption Agreement, distribution of Elective Deferrals will be permitted upon the attainment of age 59½;
- c. existence of a hardship incurred by the Participant as described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(b), if elected in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding, where no election is available in the Adoption Agreement, distribution of Elective Deferrals will be permitted upon the existence of a hardship as described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(b);
- d. unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, existence of a Deemed Severance from Employment under Code section 414(u)(12)(B) during a period of uniformed services as defined in Code section 3401(h)(2)(A). Notwithstanding the preceding, where no election is available in the Adoption Agreement, distribution of Elective Deferrals will be permitted upon a Deemed Severance from Employment. If an individual receives a distribution due to a Deemed Severance from Employment, the individual may not make an Elective Deferral or Nondeductible Employee Contribution during the six-month period beginning on the date of the distribution. However, a distribution under this provision that is also a qualified reservist distribution within the meaning of Code section 72(t)(2)(G)(iii) is not subject to the six-month suspension of Elective Deferrals; or
- e. a federally declared disaster as described in Plan Section 5.01(D)(4).

All distributions that may be made pursuant to one or more of the preceding distribution eligibility requirements are subject to the spousal and Participant consent requirements (if applicable) contained in Code section 401(a)(11) and 417. In addition, distributions that are triggered by either a., b., or c. above must be made in a lump sum.

Notwithstanding the preceding, ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions or QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions are subject to the same distribution restrictions as listed above for Elective Deferrals, except that no distribution can be made from ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions or QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions due to the existence of a hardship as described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2).

Notwithstanding the preceding, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, contributions made to the Plan under the EACA or QACA provisions of the Plan may be distributed as permissible withdrawals in accordance with the following:

*Permissible Withdrawals* – Elective Deferrals made according to the Plan under either the EACA or the QACA (provided the QACA otherwise satisfies Code section 414(w)) provisions may be withdrawn from the Plan penalty free if the following conditions are satisfied. First, the permissible withdrawal is made pursuant to an election to withdraw by the Participant. Second, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the election to withdraw made by the Participant is made no later than the date that is 30 days after the date of the first Elective Deferral of such Participant made under either the EACA or QACA provisions (i.e., after the pay date the Compensation would otherwise have been included in gross income). For purposes of determining the date of the first default elective contribution, all EACAs under the Plan covering Employees who cannot be disaggregated under Code section 410(b) must be aggregated. Third, the permissible withdrawal consists of Elective Deferrals (adjusted for gain or loss) made to the Plan under the EACA or QACA provisions through the effective date of the election. The effective date of the election to withdraw will be no later than the earlier of 1) the pay date for the second payroll period beginning after the election is made, or 2) the first pay date that occurs at least 30 days after the election was made.

An affirmative election made by a Participant will not restrict their right to take a permissible withdrawal provided the conditions above are satisfied. Matching Contributions (adjusted for gain or loss) that have been allocated to a Participant's account under the EACA or QACA provisions, and that relate to Elective Deferrals permissively withdrawn, must be forfeited and excluded from nondiscrimination testing. Such Forfeitures will be allocated in accordance with Plan Section 3.04(C) as it relates to Matching Contributions. Matching Contributions need not be made if the Elective Deferrals to which they relate are withdrawn before the date the Matching Contributions would otherwise have been allocated.

Distributions made pursuant to the permissible withdrawal provisions found in this Plan Section 5.01(A)(2) are not subject to the spousal and Participant consent requirements (if applicable) contained in Code section 401(a)(11) and 417.

For years beginning after 2005, if both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals were made for the year, the Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, may establish operational procedures, including ordering rules as permitted under the law and related regulations, that specify whether distributions, including corrective distributions of Excess Elective Deferrals, Excess Contributions, Excess Aggregate Contributions, or Excess Annual Additions, will consist of a Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals, Roth Elective Deferrals, or a combination of both, to the extent such type of Elective Deferral was made for the year. The operational procedures may include an option for Participants to designate whether the distribution is being made from Pre-Tax or Roth Elective Deferrals.

3. Distribution Request: When Distributed – A Participant or Beneficiary entitled to a distribution who wishes to receive a distribution must submit a request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator. If required in writing, such request will be made upon a form provided or approved by the Plan Administrator. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, upon a valid request, the Plan Administrator will direct the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) to commence distribution as soon as administratively feasible after the request is received.

Distributions will be made based on the value of the Vested portion of the Individual Account available at the time of actual distribution. To the extent the distribution request is for an amount greater than the Individual Account, the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) will be entitled to distribute the entire Vested portion of the Individual Account.

## **B. Distributions Upon Termination of Employment**

1. Individual Account Balances Less Than or Equal to Cashout Level – If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account does not exceed the cashout level, the following rules will apply regarding Plan Section 4.01(C)(1).
  - a. If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account does not qualify as an Eligible Rollover Distribution, distribution from the Plan may be made to the Participant in a single lump sum in lieu of all other forms of distribution under the Plan.
  - b. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account does not exceed \$1,000 and qualifies as an Eligible Rollover Distribution, and the Participant does not elect to have such distribution paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Participant in a Direct Rollover or to receive the distribution in accordance with this Section Five of the Plan, distribution will be made to the Participant in a single lump sum in lieu of all other forms of distribution under the Plan.



- c. If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account exceeds \$1,000 and qualifies as an Eligible Rollover Distribution, and if the Participant does not elect to have such distribution paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Participant in a Direct Rollover or to receive the distribution in accordance with this Section Five of the Plan, distribution will be paid by the Plan Administrator in a Direct Rollover to an individual retirement arrangement (as described in Code section 408(a), 408(b) or 408A) designated by the Plan Administrator.

Distributions made under this paragraph will occur following the Participant's Termination of Employment in accordance with a uniform and nondiscriminatory schedule established by the Plan Administrator. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Participant is reemployed by the Employer before the occurrence of the distribution, no distribution will be made under this paragraph.

Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the value of the Participant's Vested Individual Account for purposes of this paragraph will be determined by including rollover contributions (and earnings allocable thereto) within the meaning of Code sections 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3)(a)(ii), and 457(e)(16). If rollovers were previously included in determining the value of the Participant's Vested Individual Account for purposes of this paragraph, any Adoption Agreement election to exclude rollovers will be effective prospectively as of the date the Adoption Agreement was amended.

2. Individual Account Balances Exceeding Cashout Level – If distribution in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is required with respect to a Participant and either the value of the Participant's Vested Individual Account exceeds the cashout level or there are remaining payments to be made with respect to a particular distribution option that previously commenced, and if the Individual Account is immediately distributable, the Participant must consent to any distribution of such Individual Account.

If distribution in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is not required with respect to a Participant and the value of such Participant's Vested Individual Account exceeds the cashout level, and if the Individual Account is immediately distributable, the Participant must consent to any distribution of such Individual Account.

The consent of the Participant and the Participant's Spouse will be obtained (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) within the 180-day period ending on the Annuity Starting Date. The Plan Administrator shall notify the Participant and the Participant's Spouse of the right to defer any distribution until the Participant's Individual Account is no longer immediately distributable and, for Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2006, the consequences of failing to defer any distribution. Such notification will include a general description of the material features, and an explanation of the relative values of the optional forms of benefit available under the Plan in a manner that would satisfy the notice requirements of Code section 417(a)(3), and a description of the consequences of failing to defer a distribution, and will be provided no less than 30 days and no more than 180 days before the Annuity Starting Date.

If a distribution is one to which Code sections 401(a)(11) and 417 do not apply, such distribution may commence less than 30 days after the notice required in Treasury Regulation section 1.411(a)-11(c) is given, provided that:

- a. the Plan Administrator clearly informs the Participant that the Participant has a right to a period of at least 30 days after receiving the notice to consider the decision of whether or not to elect a distribution (and, if applicable, a particular distribution option), and
- b. the Participant, after receiving the notice, affirmatively elects a distribution.

Notwithstanding the preceding, only the Participant need consent to the commencement of a distribution that is either made in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or is made from a Plan that meets the Retirement Equity Act safe harbor rules of Plan Section 5.10(E), while the Individual Account is immediately distributable. Neither the consent of the Participant nor the Participant's Spouse will be required to the extent that a distribution is required to satisfy Code section 401(a)(9) or Code section 415. In addition, upon termination of this Plan, if the Plan does not offer an annuity option (purchased from a commercial provider), the Participant's Individual Account may, without the Participant's consent, be distributed to the Participant or transferred to another defined contribution plan (other than an employee stock ownership plan as defined in Code section 4975(e)(7)) within the same controlled group.

An Individual Account is immediately distributable if any part of the Individual Account could be distributed to the Participant (or surviving Spouse) before the Participant attains or would have attained (if not deceased) the later of Normal Retirement Age or age 62.

3. Distribution Before Attainment of Normal Retirement Age – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant who has incurred a Termination of Employment before attaining Normal Retirement Age may elect to receive a distribution of Matching Contributions, Employer Profit Sharing Contributions, and Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions, as applicable. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant who has incurred a Severance from Employment before attaining Normal Retirement Age may elect to receive a distribution with regard to Qualified Matching Contributions, Elective Deferrals, and Qualified Nonelective Contributions, and the Vested portions of ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions and QACA ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions.

### C. Distributions During Employment

1. In-Service Distributions – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if this is a profit sharing plan, a Participant who is not otherwise eligible to receive a distribution of their Individual Account may elect to receive an in-service distribution of all or part of the Vested portion of their Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions, other than those described in Plan Sections 5.01(A)(2) and 5.01(C)(2)(b), upon meeting one of the following requirements.
  - a. *Participant for Five or More Years* – An Employee who has been a Participant in the Plan for five or more years may withdraw up to the entire Vested portion of their Individual Account.

- b. *Participant for Less than Five Years* – An Employee who has been a Participant in the Plan for less than five years may withdraw only the amount that has been in their Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions for at least two full Plan Years, measured from the date such contributions were allocated.

If elected in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant in a money purchase pension plan who is not otherwise eligible to receive a distribution of their Individual Account may take a distribution of all or a part of their Individual Account when they reach age 62.

If the Plan is a profit sharing plan, a Participant who is not otherwise eligible to receive a distribution of their Individual Account may elect to receive an in-service distribution of all or part of the Vested portion of their Individual Account attributable to transfers of money purchase pension contributions when they are eligible to receive an in-service distribution of any Employer Contributions under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Employer Contributions are available for an in-service distribution prior to age 62, amounts attributable to transfers of money purchase pension contributions will be available for an in-service distribution at age 62.

All in-service distributions are subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.10, as applicable.

2. Hardship Withdrawals

- a. *Hardship Withdrawals of Matching Contributions and Employer Profit Sharing Contributions* – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if this is a profit sharing plan, then notwithstanding Plan Section 5.01(C)(1), an Employee may elect to receive a hardship distribution of all or part of the Vested portion of their Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions other than those described in Plan Section 5.01(A)(2), subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.10.

For purposes of this Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(a), hardship is defined as an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee where such Employee lacks other available resources. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, financial needs considered immediate and heavy include, but are not limited to, 1) expenses incurred or necessary for medical care, described in Code section 213(d), of the Employee, the Employee's Spouse, dependents, or, if elected, the Employee's Primary Beneficiary, 2) the purchase (excluding mortgage payments) of a principal residence for the Employee, 3) payment of tuition and related educational fees for the next 12 months of post-secondary education for the Employee, the Employee's Spouse, children, dependents, or, if elected, the Employee's Primary Beneficiary, 4) payment to prevent the eviction of the Employee from, or a foreclosure on the mortgage of, the Employee's principal residence, 5), funeral or burial expenses for the Employee's deceased parent, Spouse, child, dependent, or, if elected, the Employee's Primary Beneficiary, and 6) payment to repair damage to the Employee's principal residence that would qualify for a casualty loss deduction under Code section 165 (determined without regard to whether the loss exceeds ten-percent of adjusted gross income).

A distribution will be considered necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee only if

- i. the Employee has obtained all distributions, other than hardship distributions, and all nontaxable loans available under all plans maintained by the Employer; and
  - ii. the distribution is not in excess of the amount of an immediate and heavy financial need (including amounts necessary to pay any federal, state, or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution).
- b. *Hardship Withdrawals of Elective Deferrals* – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, distribution of Elective Deferrals (including Qualified Nonelective Contributions and Qualified Matching Contributions that are treated as Elective Deferrals and any earnings credited to an Employee's account as of the later of December 31, 1988, and the end of the last Plan Year ending before July 1, 1989) may be made to an Employee in the event of hardship. For the purposes of this Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(b), hardship is defined as an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee where the distribution is needed to satisfy the immediate and heavy financial need of such Employee. Hardship distributions are subject to the spousal consent requirements contained in Code sections 401(a)(11) and 417, if applicable.

For purposes of determining whether an Employee has a hardship, rules similar to those described in Plan Section 5.01(C)(2)(a) will apply except that only the financial needs listed above will be considered. In addition, a distribution will be considered as necessary to satisfy an immediate and heavy financial need of the Employee only if

- i. all plans maintained by the Employer provide that the Employee's Elective Deferrals (and Nondeductible Employee Contributions) will be suspended for six months (12 months for hardship distributions before 2002) after the receipt of the hardship distribution; and
  - ii. for hardship distributions before 2002, all plans maintained by the Employer provide that the Employee may not make Elective Deferrals for the Employee's taxable year immediately following the taxable year of the hardship distribution in excess of the applicable limit under Code section 402(g) for such taxable year less the amount of such Employee's Elective Deferrals for the taxable year of the hardship distribution.
3. Qualified Reservist Distributions – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Participants may take penalty-free qualified reservist distributions from the Plan. A qualified reservist distribution means any distribution to a Participant where 1) such distribution is made from Elective Deferrals, 2) such Participant was ordered or called to active duty for a period in excess of 179 days or for an indefinite period, and 3) such distribution is made during the period beginning on the date of such order or call and ending at the close of the active duty period. The Participant must have been ordered or called to active duty after September 11, 2001.

#### D. Miscellaneous Distribution Issues

1. Distribution of Rollover, Transfer, and Nondeductible Employee Contributions – The following rules will apply with respect to entitlement to distribution of rollover, transfer, and Nondeductible Employee Contributions.
    - a. *Entitlement to Distribution* –
      - i. Rollover Contributions – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, rollover contributions (including rollovers of Nondeductible Employee Contributions) and earnings thereon may be distributed at any time upon request. If the Adopting Employer specifies in the Adoption Agreement that Rollover contributions may not be distributed at any time, such contributions will be subject to the Plan's provisions governing distributions of either Employer Profit Sharing Contributions (if this Plan is a profit sharing plan) or Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions (if this Plan is a money purchase pension plan).
      - ii. Elective Transfers – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, elective transfer contributions may be distributed at any time upon request subject to the restrictions below and any other restrictions required by either the Code or applicable regulations. If the Adopting Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement that elective transfer contributions may not be distributed at any time, such contributions will be subject to the Plan's provisions governing distributions of either Employer Profit Sharing Contributions (if this Plan is a profit sharing plan) or Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions (if the Plan is a money purchase pension plan).
      - iii. Non-Elective Transfers – Each type of contribution (e.g., Elective Deferral, Employer Matching) included in non-elective transfer contributions received by the Plan as a result of a merger, consolidation, spin-off, or other Employer-initiated event will be distributable pursuant to the Plan's provisions governing distributions of the same contribution type, subject to the provisions of Code section 411(d)(6). If one or more contribution type does not exist under the Plan, such contributions will be subject to the Plan's provisions governing distributions of either Employer Profit Sharing Contributions (if this Plan is a profit sharing plan) or Employer Money Purchase Pension Contributions (if this Plan is a money purchase pension plan).

Notwithstanding the preceding, if rollover contributions, elective transfer contributions, or non-elective transfers are not distributable at any time because either 1) no distribution options are selected for Employer Profit Sharing Contributions or Employer Profit Sharing Contributions are not allowed in the Adoption Agreement (if the Plan is a profit sharing plan) or 2) no distribution options are selected for Employer Money Purchase Pension Plan Contributions or Employer Money Purchase Pension Plan Contributions are not allowed in the Adoption Agreement (if the Plan is a Money Purchase Pension Plan), then such contributions may be distributed upon 1) the Participant's Termination of Employment, 2) the termination of the Plan, or 3) if the Plan designates an Early Retirement Age, the Participant's Termination of Employment after satisfying any Early Retirement Age. If a Participant separates from service before satisfying the Early Retirement Age requirement, but has satisfied the service requirement, the Participant will be entitled to elect an early retirement benefit upon satisfying such age requirement.

To the extent that any optional form of benefit under this Plan permits a distribution before the Employee's retirement, death, Disability, attainment of Normal Retirement Age, or Termination of Employment, or before Plan termination, the optional form of benefit is not available with respect to benefits attributable to assets (including the post-transfer earnings thereon) and liabilities that are transferred (within the meaning of Code section 414(l)) to this Plan from a money purchase pension plan or a target benefit pension plan qualified under Code section 401(a) (other than any portion of those assets and liabilities attributable to voluntary employee contributions). In addition, unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, if such transfers consist of Elective Deferrals or amounts treated as Elective Deferrals (including earnings thereon) from a 401(k) plan, the assets transferred will continue to be subject to the distribution restrictions under Code sections 401(k)(2) and 401(k)(10).

A Participant may at any time, and upon a request submitted to the Plan Administrator (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL), withdraw an amount from their Individual Account attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions (including earnings thereon). In the event the portion of a Participant's Individual Account attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions experiences a loss such that the amount remaining in such subaccount is less than the amount of Nondeductible Employee Contributions made by the Participant, the maximum amount which the Participant may withdraw is an amount equal to the remaining portion of the Participant's Individual Account attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions. Subject to Plan Section 5.10, Joint and Survivor Annuity Requirements (if applicable), the Participant may withdraw any part of the Deductible Employee Contribution account by delivering an application (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator.
  - b. *Direct Rollovers of Eligible Rollover Distributions* – Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a Recipient's election under this Plan Section 5.01(D)(1)(b), a Recipient may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Plan Administrator, to have any portion of an Eligible Rollover Distribution that is equal to at least \$500 (or such lesser amount if the Plan Administrator permits in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner) paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Recipient in a Direct Rollover.
2. Option to Limit Frequency of In-Service Distributions – If this is a profit sharing plan and the Adopting Employer has elected to limit the number of in-service distributions in the Adoption Agreement, then a Participant will be permitted only the number of in-service distributions indicated in the Adoption Agreement during the course of such Participant's employment with the Employer. The amount that the Participant can withdraw will be limited to the lesser of the amount determined under the limits set forth in Plan Section 5.01(C) or the percentage of the Participant's Individual Account specified by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement. Distributions under this Plan Section 5.01(D)(2) will be subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.10.

3. **Commencement of Benefits** – Notwithstanding any other provision, unless the Participant elects otherwise, distribution of benefits will begin no later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the latest of the close of the Plan Year in which
  - a. the Participant attains age 65 (or Normal Retirement Age, if earlier),
  - b. the Participant reaches the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year in which the Participant commenced participation in the Plan, or
  - c. the Participant incurs a Termination of Employment.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the failure of a Participant (and Spouse, if applicable) to consent to a distribution while a benefit is immediately distributable, within the meaning of Plan Section 5.01(B)(2), will be deemed to be an election to defer commencement of payment of any benefit sufficient to satisfy this Plan Section 5.01(D)(3).

4. **Federally Declared Disaster** – If allowed by the Employer, Participants may have previously requested or may in the future request a distribution of, or a loan from, the Vested portion of their Individual Account balance related to federally declared disaster area tax relief (e.g., Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017), and as allowed under the Code and any additional rules, regulations, or other pronouncements promulgated by either the IRS or DOL.

## 5.02 FORM OF DISTRIBUTION TO A PARTICIPANT

Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, if the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account exceeds \$1,000 and the Participant has properly waived the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity (if applicable), as described in Plan Section 5.10, the Participant may request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) that the Vested portion of their Individual Account be paid to them in one or more of the following forms of payment: 1) in a lump sum, 2) in a non-recurring partial payment, 3) in installment payments (a series of regularly scheduled recurring partial payments), or 4) applied to the purchase of an annuity contract. Notwithstanding the preceding, Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contracts may be distributed in any manner allowed under the Code or Treasury Regulations. In addition, non-recurring partial payments may be made from the Plan either before Termination of Employment or to satisfy the requirements of Code section 401(a)(9).

## 5.03 DISTRIBUTIONS UPON THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT

- A. **Designation of Beneficiary – Spousal Consent** – Each Participant may designate, in a form or manner approved by and delivered to the Plan Administrator, one or more primary and contingent Beneficiaries to receive all or a specified portion of the Participant's Individual Account in the event of the Participant's death. A Participant may change or revoke such Beneficiary designation by completing and delivering the proper form to the Plan Administrator.

In the event that a Participant wishes to designate a Primary Beneficiary who is not their Spouse, their Spouse must consent (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to such designation, and the Spouse's consent must acknowledge the effect of such designation and be witnessed by a notary public or plan representative. Notwithstanding this consent requirement, if the Participant establishes to the satisfaction of the Plan Administrator that such consent may not be obtained because there is no Spouse or the Spouse cannot be located, no consent will be required. In addition, if the Spouse is legally incompetent to give consent, the Spouse's legal guardian, even if the guardian is the Participant, may give consent. If the Participant is legally separated or the Participant has been abandoned (within the meaning of local law) and the Participant has a court order to such effect, spousal consent is not required unless a Qualified Domestic Relations Order provides otherwise. Any change of Beneficiary will require a new spousal consent to the extent required by the Code or Treasury Regulations.

- B. **Payment to Beneficiary** – If a Participant dies before the Participant's entire Individual Account has been paid to them, such deceased Participant's Individual Account will be payable to any surviving Beneficiary designated by the Participant, or, if no Beneficiary survives the Participant, to the Participant's Spouse, or, where no Spouse exists, to the Participant's estate. If the Beneficiary is a minor, distribution will be deemed to have been made to such Beneficiary if the portion of the Participant's Individual Account to which the Beneficiary is entitled is paid to their legal guardian or, if applicable, to their custodian under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. If a Beneficiary is not a minor but is not legally competent to request or consent to a distribution, distributions will be deemed to have been made to such Beneficiary if the portion of the Participant's Individual Account to which the Beneficiary is entitled is paid to the Participant's court-appointed guardian, an attorney-in-fact acting under a valid power of attorney, or any other individual or entity authorized under state law to act on behalf of the Beneficiary. A Beneficiary may disclaim their portion of a Participant's Individual Account by providing the Plan Administrator written notification pursuant to Code section 2518(b).
- C. **Distribution Request – When Distributed** – A Beneficiary of a deceased Participant entitled to a distribution who wishes to receive a distribution must submit a request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator. If required in writing, such request will be made on a form provided or approved by the Plan Administrator. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, upon a valid request, the Plan Administrator shall direct the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) to commence distribution as soon as administratively feasible after the request is received.

## 5.04 FORM OF DISTRIBUTION TO BENEFICIARIES

- A. **Value of Individual Account Does Not Exceed \$5,000** – If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account does not exceed \$5,000, the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account may be made to the Beneficiary in a single lump sum in lieu of all other forms of distribution under the Plan, as soon as administratively feasible.

Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the value of the Participant's Vested Individual Account for purposes of this paragraph will be determined by including rollover contributions (and earnings allocable thereto) within the meaning of Code sections 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3)(A)(ii), and 457(e)(16).

- B. Value of Individual Account Exceeds \$5,000** – If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account exceeds \$5,000, the preretirement survivor annuity requirements of Plan Section 5.10 will apply unless waived in accordance with that Plan Section 5.10 or unless the Retirement Equity Act safe harbor rules of Plan Section 5.10(E) apply. However, a surviving Spouse Beneficiary may elect any form of payment allowable under the Plan in lieu of the preretirement survivor annuity. Any such payment to the surviving Spouse must meet the requirements of Plan Section 5.05.

If the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account exceeds \$5,000 and either (1) the preretirement survivor annuity requirements of Plan Section 5.10 have been satisfied or waived in accordance or (2) the Retirement Equity Act safe harbor rules of Plan Section 5.10(E) apply, the value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account may be made to the Beneficiary in a single lump sum in lieu of all other forms of distribution under the Plan, as soon as administratively feasible.

- C. Other Forms of Distribution to Beneficiary** – If the value of a Participant's Individual Account exceeds \$5,000 and the Participant has properly waived the preretirement survivor annuity, as described in Plan Section 5.10 (if applicable), or if the Beneficiary is the Participant's surviving Spouse, the Beneficiary may, subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.05, request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) that the Participant's Individual Account be paid in any form of distribution permitted to be taken by the Participant under this Plan other than applying the Individual Account toward the purchase of an annuity contract. Notwithstanding the preceding, installment payments to a Beneficiary cannot be made over a period exceeding the Life Expectancy of such Beneficiary.

Notwithstanding the preceding provisions, a Beneficiary is permitted (subject to regulatory guidance) to directly roll over their portion of the Individual Account to an inherited individual retirement arrangement (under Code sections 408 or 408A). Such Direct Rollovers must otherwise qualify as Eligible Rollover Distributions.

## 5.05 REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

### A. General Rules

1. Subject to Plan Section 5.10, the requirements of this Plan Section 5.05 will apply to any distribution of a Participant's interest and will take precedence over any inconsistent provisions of this Plan. Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this Plan Section 5.05 apply to calendar years beginning after December 31, 2002.
2. All distributions required under this Plan Section 5.05 will be determined and made in accordance with Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9), including the minimum distribution incidental benefit requirement of Code section 401(a)(9)(G).
3. Limits on Distribution Periods – As of the first Distribution Calendar Year, distributions to a Participant, if not made in a single sum, may only be made over one of the following periods (or a combination thereof):
  - a. the life of the Participant,
  - b. the joint lives of the Participant and a Designated Beneficiary,
  - c. a period certain not extending beyond the Life Expectancy of the Participant, or
  - d. a period certain not extending beyond the joint life and last survivor expectancy of the Participant and a Designated Beneficiary.

### B. Time and Manner of Distribution

1. Required Beginning Date – The Participant's entire interest, less any amount held in a Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract, will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, to the Participant no later than the Participant's Required Beginning Date.

For purposes of this Plan Section 5.05(B) and Plan Section 5.05(D), unless Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(iii) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the Participant's Required Beginning Date. If Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(iii) applies, distributions are considered to begin on the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving Spouse under Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(i). If distributions under an annuity purchased from an insurance company irrevocably commence to the Participant before the Participant's Required Beginning Date (or to the Participant's surviving Spouse before the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving Spouse in Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a)(i)), the date distributions are considered to begin is the date distributions actually commence.

Except as provided in the Adoption Agreement (or in a separate IRS model amendment, if applicable), Participants or Beneficiaries may elect on an individual basis whether the five-year rule or the life expectancy rule in Plan Section 5.05(D) applies to distributions after the death of a Participant who has a Designated Beneficiary. The election must be made no later than the earlier of September 30 of the calendar year in which distribution would be required to begin under this Plan Section 5.05(B), or by September 30 of the calendar year that contains the fifth anniversary of the Participant's (or, if applicable, surviving Spouse's) death. If neither the Participant nor the Beneficiary makes an election under this paragraph, distributions will be made in accordance with this Plan Section 5.05(B) and Plan Section 5.05(D) and, if applicable, the election in the Adoption Agreement (or in a separate IRS model amendment, if applicable).

2. Forms of Distribution – Unless the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company or in a single sum on or before the Required Beginning Date, as of the first Distribution Calendar Year distributions will be made in accordance with Plan Section 5.05(C) and Plan Section 5.05(D). If the Participant's interest is distributed in the form of an annuity purchased from an insurance company, distributions thereunder will be made in accordance with the requirements of Code section 401(a)(9) and the corresponding Treasury Regulations.

**C. Required Minimum Distributions During Participant's Lifetime**

1. Amount of Required Minimum Distribution for Each Distribution Calendar Year – During the Participant's lifetime, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each Distribution Calendar Year is the lesser of:
  - a. the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's Benefit by the distribution period in the Uniform Lifetime Table set forth in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9, Q&A 2, using the Participant's age as of the Participant's birthday in the Distribution Calendar Year; or
  - b. if the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary for the Distribution Calendar Year is the Participant's Spouse, the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's Benefit by the number in the Joint and Last Survivor Table set forth in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-9, Q&A 3, using the Participant's and Spouse's attained ages as of the Participant's and Spouse's birthdays in the Distribution Calendar Year.

Additionally, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each Distribution Calendar Year will also include any payments from a Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract where payments have commenced.

2. Lifetime Required Minimum Distributions Continue Through Year of Participant's Death – Required minimum distributions will be determined under this Plan Section 5.05(C) beginning with the first Distribution Calendar Year and up to and including the Distribution Calendar Year that includes the Participant's date of death.

**D. Required Minimum Distributions After Participant's Death**

1. Death On or After Date Distributions Begin
  - a. *Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary* – If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is a Designated Beneficiary, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each Distribution Calendar Year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's benefit by the longer of the remaining Life Expectancy of the Participant or the remaining Life Expectancy of the Participant's Designated Beneficiary, determined as follows:
    - i. The Participant's remaining Life Expectancy is calculated using the age of the Participant in the year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.
    - ii. If the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary, the remaining Life Expectancy of the surviving Spouse is calculated for each Distribution Calendar Year after the year of the Participant's death using the surviving Spouse's age as of the Spouse's birthday in that year. For Distribution Calendar Years after the year of the surviving Spouse's death, the remaining Life Expectancy of the surviving Spouse is calculated using the age of the surviving Spouse as of the Spouse's birthday in the calendar year of the Spouse's death, reduced by one for each subsequent calendar year.
    - iii. If the Participant's surviving Spouse is not the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary, the Designated Beneficiary's remaining Life Expectancy is calculated using the age of the Designated Beneficiary in the year following the year of the Participant's death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.
  - b. *No Designated Beneficiary* – If the Participant dies on or after the date distributions begin and there is no Designated Beneficiary as of September 30 of the year after the year of the Participant's death, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each Distribution Calendar Year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's benefit by the Participant's remaining Life Expectancy calculated using the age of the Participant in the year of death, reduced by one for each subsequent year.
2. Death Before Date Distributions Begin
  - a. *Participant Survived by Designated Beneficiary* – Except as provided in the Adoption Agreement (or in a separate IRS model amendment, if applicable) or as elected by a Designated Beneficiary pursuant to Plan Section 5.05(B)(1), if the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is a Designated Beneficiary, the minimum amount that will be distributed for each Distribution Calendar Year after the year of the Participant's death is the quotient obtained by dividing the Participant's benefit by the remaining Life Expectancy of the Participant's Designated Beneficiary, determined as provided in Plan Section 5.05(D)(1).
    - i. If the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary, then, except as provided in the Adoption Agreement (or in a separate IRS model amendment, if applicable), distributions to the surviving Spouse will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died, or by December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age 70½, if later.

- ii. If the Participant's surviving Spouse is not the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary, then, except as provided in the Adoption Agreement (or in a separate IRS model amendment, if applicable), distributions to the Designated Beneficiary will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died.
  - iii. If the Participant's surviving Spouse is the Participant's sole Designated Beneficiary and the surviving Spouse dies after the Participant but before distributions to the surviving Spouse are required to begin, this Plan Section 5.05(D)(2), other than Plan Section 5.05(D)(2)(a), will apply as if the surviving Spouse were the Participant.
- b. *No Designated Beneficiary* – If the Participant dies before the date distributions begin and there is no Designated Beneficiary as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death, distribution of the Participant's entire interest will be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.
- 3. Election to Allow Designated Beneficiary Receiving Distributions Under Five-Year Rule to Elect Life Expectancy Distributions – Unless specified otherwise in a separate IRS model amendment, a Designated Beneficiary who is receiving payments under the five-year rule may have made a new election to receive payments under the life expectancy rule until December 31, 2003, provided that all amounts that would have been required to be distributed under the life expectancy rule for all distribution calendar years before 2004 are distributed by the earlier of December 31, 2003 or the end of the five-year period.
- 4. Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract – After the death of the Participant, payments from a Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract must start or continue to be made to the Designated Beneficiary according to the terms of the Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract.

**E. TEFRA Section 242(b) Elections**

- 1. Notwithstanding the other requirements of this Plan Section 5.05 and subject to the requirements of Plan Section 5.10, Joint and Survivor Annuity Requirements, distribution on behalf of any Employee (or former Employee), including a five-percent owner, who has made a designation under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 Section 242(b)(2) (a "Section 242(b)(2) Election") may be made in accordance with all of the following requirements (regardless of when such distribution commences).
  - a. The distribution by the Fund is one which would not have qualified such Fund under Code section 401(a)(9) as in effect before amendment by the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984.
  - b. The distribution is in accordance with a method of distribution designated by the Employee whose interest in the Fund is being distributed or, if the Employee is deceased, by a Beneficiary of such Employee.
  - c. Such designation was in writing, was signed by the Employee or the Beneficiary, and was made before January 1, 1984.
  - d. The Employee had accrued a benefit under the Plan as of December 31, 1983.
  - e. The method of distribution designated by the Employee or the Beneficiary specifies the time at which distribution will commence, the period over which distributions will be made, and in the case of any distribution upon the Employee's death, the Beneficiaries of the Employee listed in order of priority.
- 2. A distribution upon death will not be covered by this transitional rule unless the information in the designation contains the required information described above with respect to the distributions to be made upon the death of the Employee.
- 3. If a designation is revoked, any subsequent distribution must satisfy the requirements of Code section 401(a)(9) and the corresponding regulations. If a designation is revoked subsequent to the date distributions are required to begin, the Plan must distribute, by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the revocation occurs, the total amount not yet distributed which would have been required to have been distributed to satisfy Code section 401(a)(9) and the corresponding regulations, but for an election made under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, Section 242(b)(2). For calendar years beginning after December 31, 1988, such distributions must meet the minimum distribution incidental benefit requirements. Any changes in the designation will be considered to be a revocation of the designation. However, the mere substitution or addition of another Beneficiary (one not named in the designation) under the designation will not be considered to be a revocation of the designation, provided such substitution or addition does not alter the period over which distributions are to be made under the designation, directly or indirectly (for example, by altering the relevant measuring life).
- 4. In the case in which an amount is transferred or rolled over from one plan to another plan, the rules in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-8, Q&A 14 and Q&A 15, will apply.

**F. Transition Rules** – For plans in existence before 2003, required minimum distributions before 2003 were made pursuant to Plan Section 5.05(E), if applicable, and Plan Sections 5.05(F)(1) through 5.05(F)(3) below.

- 1. 2000 and Before – Required minimum distributions for calendar years after 1984 and before 2001 were made in accordance with Code section 401(a)(9) and the corresponding Proposed Treasury Regulations published in the Federal Register on July 27, 1987 (the "1987 Proposed Regulations").
- 2. 2001 – Required minimum distributions for calendar year 2001 were made in accordance with Code section 401(a)(9) and the Proposed Treasury Regulations in Section 401(a)(9) as published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2001 (the "2001 Proposed Regulations") unless a prior IRS model amendment provision was adopted that stated that the required minimum distributions for 2001 were made pursuant to the 1987 Proposed Regulations. If distributions were made in 2001 under the 1987 Proposed Regulations before the date in 2001 that the Plan began operating under the 2001 Proposed Regulations, the special transition rule in Announcement 2001-82, 2001-2 C.B. 123, applied.

3. 2002 – Required minimum distributions for calendar year 2002 were made in accordance with Code section 401(a)(9) and the 2001 Proposed Regulations unless the prior IRS model amendment, if applicable, provided that either a. or b. below applies.
  - a. Required minimum distributions for 2002 were made pursuant to the 1987 Proposed Regulations.
  - b. Required minimum distributions for 2002 were made pursuant to the Final and Temporary Treasury Regulations under Code section 401(a)(9) published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2002 (the “2002 Final and Temporary Regulations”), which are described in Plan Sections 5.05(B) through 5.05(E). If distributions were made in 2002 under either the 1987 Proposed Regulations or the 2001 Proposed Regulations before the date in 2002 on which the Plan began operating under the 2002 Final and Temporary Regulations, the special transition rule in Section 1.2 of the model amendment in Revenue Procedure 2002-29, 2002-1 C.B. 1176, applied.

## **5.06 ANNUITY CONTRACTS**

Any annuity contract distributed under the Plan (if permitted or required by this Plan Section Five) must be nontransferable. The terms of any annuity contract purchased and distributed by the Plan to a Participant or Spouse will comply with the requirements of the Plan.

## **5.07 DISTRIBUTIONS IN-KIND**

The Plan Administrator may, but need not, cause any distribution under this Plan to be made either in a form actually held in the Fund, or in cash by converting assets other than cash into cash, or in any combination of the two preceding methods. Assets other than cash, or other assets with a readily ascertainable market value, must be subject to a third-party appraisal before they may be distributed from the Plan.

## **5.08 PROCEDURE FOR MISSING PARTICIPANTS OR BENEFICIARIES**

The Plan Administrator must use all reasonable measures to locate Participants or Beneficiaries who are entitled to distributions from the Plan. Such measures may include using certified mail, checking records of other plans maintained by the Employer, contacting the Participant's Beneficiaries, using a governmental letter-forwarding service, or using internet search tools, commercial locator services, and credit reporting agencies. The Plan Administrator should consider the cost of the measures relative to the Individual Account balance when determining which measures are used.

In the event that the Plan Administrator cannot locate a Participant or Beneficiary who is entitled to a distribution from the Plan after using all reasonable measures, the Plan Administrator may, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and other pronouncements under the Code and ERISA, use any reasonable procedure to dispose of distributable Plan assets, including any of the following: 1) establish an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), under Code section 408, that complies with the automatic rollover safe harbor regulations, without regard to the amount in the Individual Account, 2) establish a federally insured bank account for and in the name of the Participant or Beneficiary and transfer the assets to such bank account, 3) purchase an annuity contract with the assets in the name of the Participant or Beneficiary (unless an annuity form of distribution is prohibited under the Plan), 4) transfer the assets to the unclaimed property fund of the state in which the Participant or Beneficiary was last known to reside, or 5) after the expiration of five years after the benefit becomes payable, treat the amount distributable as a Forfeiture and allocate it in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and if the Participant or Beneficiary is later located, restore such benefit in the amount of the Forfeiture, unadjusted for earnings and losses to the Plan.

In the event the Plan is terminated, payments must be made in a manner that protects the benefit rights of a Participant or Beneficiary. Benefit rights will be deemed to be protected if the amount in a Participant's or Beneficiary's Individual Account is placed into an IRA, used to purchase an annuity contract, or transferred to another qualified retirement plan. Benefit rights need not, however, be protected if an Individual Account becomes subject to state escheat laws, or if a payment is made to satisfy Code section 401(a)(9), or if such other process is followed that is consistent with applicable statutory or regulatory guidance.

## **5.09 CLAIMS PROCEDURES**

- A. **Filing a Claim for Plan Distributions** – A Participant or Beneficiary who has been denied a request for a distribution or loan and desires to make a claim for the Vested portion of the Participant's Individual Account will file a request (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL and acceptable to the Plan Administrator) with the Plan Administrator. If such request is required in writing, such request must be made on a form furnished to them by the Plan Administrator for such purpose. The request will set forth the basis of the claim. The Plan Administrator is authorized to conduct such examinations as may be necessary to facilitate the payment of any benefits to which the Participant or Beneficiary may be entitled under the terms of the Plan.
- B. **Denial of a Claim** – Whenever a claim for a Plan distribution or loan submitted in accordance with this Plan Section 5.09 by any Participant or Beneficiary has been wholly or partially denied, the Plan Administrator must furnish such Participant or Beneficiary notice (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) of the denial within 90 days of the date the original claim was filed. This notice will set forth 1) the specific reasons for the denial, 2) specific reference to pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based, 3) a description of any additional information or material needed to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such additional information or material is necessary, and 4) an explanation of the procedures for appeal and a statement of the Participant or Beneficiary's right to bring such actions in law or equity as may be necessary or appropriate to protect or clarify their right to benefits under this Plan.

If the claim for a Plan distribution or loan involves disability benefits under the Plan, the Plan Administrator must furnish such Participant or Beneficiary with notice of the denial within 45 days of the date the original claim was filed. In addition to satisfying the general notice of denial requirements described above, the Plan Administrator must provide the Participant with 1) an explanation of the basis for disagreeing or not following a) the views of the health professionals treating the Participant or vocational professionals who evaluated the Participant, b) the views of the medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with the Participant's claim, c) a disability determination by the Social Security Administration, 2) an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination if the determination is based upon a medical necessity or experimental treatment or a statement that



such explanation will be provided free of charge, 3) the internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards, or similar criteria that was relied upon in making the determination or a statement that such rules, guidelines, protocols, standards, or similar criteria do not exist, and 4) a statement that the Participant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim for benefits.

- C. Remedies Available** – The Participant or Beneficiary will have 60 days from receipt of the denial notice in which to make written application for review by the Plan Administrator. The Participant or Beneficiary may request that the review be in the nature of a hearing. The Participant or Beneficiary will have the right to representation, to review pertinent documents, and to submit comments in writing (or in any other form permitted by the IRS or DOL). The Plan Administrator shall issue a decision on such review within 60 days after receipt of an application for review as provided for in this Plan Section 5.09 and pursuant to Department of Labor regulation Section 2560.503-1.

If the claim involves disability benefits under the Plan, the Participant or Beneficiary will have 180 days from receipt of the denial notice in which to make written application for review by the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator shall issue a decision on such review within 45 days after receipt of an application for review as provided for in this Plan Section 5.09 and pursuant to Labor regulation Section 2560.503-1.

Upon a decision unfavorable to the Participant or Beneficiary, such Participant or Beneficiary will be entitled to bring such actions in law or equity as may be necessary or appropriate to protect or clarify their right to benefits under this Plan. The Participant or Beneficiary will have one year from receipt of the denial notice to bring such action.

## 5.10 JOINT AND SURVIVOR ANNUITY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Application** – The provisions of this Plan Section 5.10 will apply to any Participant who is credited with at least one Hour of Service with the Employer on or after August 23, 1984, and such other Participants as provided in Treasury Regulations.
- B. Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity** – Unless an optional form of benefit is selected pursuant to a Qualified Election within the 180-day period ending on the Annuity Starting Date, a married Participant's Vested Account Balance will be paid in the form of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity and an unmarried Participant's Vested Account Balance will be paid in the form of a life annuity. The Participant may elect to have such annuity distributed upon attainment of the Earliest Retirement Age under the Plan. In the case of a married Participant, the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity must be at least as valuable as any other optional form of benefit payable under the Plan at the same time.

A Plan that is subject to the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity requirements must offer an additional survivor annuity option in the form of a Qualified Optional Survivor Annuity.

- C. Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity** – Unless an optional form of benefit has been selected within the Election Period pursuant to a Qualified Election, if a Participant dies before the Annuity Starting Date then the Participant's Vested Account Balance will be applied toward the purchase of an annuity for the life of the surviving Spouse. The surviving Spouse may elect to have such annuity distributed within a reasonable period after the Participant's death.

### D. Notice Requirements

1. In the case of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity, the Plan Administrator shall no less than 30 days and not more than 180 days before the Annuity Starting Date provide each Participant an explanation (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) of 1) the terms and conditions of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity, 2) the Participant's right to make and the effect of an election to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity form of benefit, 3) the rights of a Participant's Spouse, and 4) the right to make, and the effect of, a revocation of a previous election to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity. The written explanation shall comply with the requirements of Treasury Regulation section 1.417(a)(3)-1.

The Annuity Starting Date for a distribution in a form other than a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity may be less than 30 days after receipt of the explanation described in the preceding paragraph provided 1) the Participant has been provided with information that clearly indicates that the Participant has at least 30 days to consider whether to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity and elect (with spousal consent) a form of distribution other than a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity, 2) the Participant is permitted to revoke any affirmative distribution election at least until the annuity starting date or, if later, at any time before the expiration of the seven-day period that begins the day after the explanation of the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity is provided to the Participant, and 3) the annuity starting date is a date after the date that the explanation was provided to the Participant.

2. In the case of a Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity as described in Plan Section 5.10(C), the Plan Administrator shall provide each Participant within the applicable period for such Participant an explanation (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) of the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity in such terms and in such manner as would be comparable to the explanation provided for meeting the requirements of Plan Section 5.10(D)(1) applicable to a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity. The written explanation shall comply with the requirements of Treasury Regulation section 1.417(a)(3)-1.

The applicable period for a Participant is whichever of the following periods ends last: 1) the period beginning with the first day of the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 32 and ending with the close of the Plan Year preceding the Plan Year in which the Participant attains age 35, 2) a reasonable period ending after the individual becomes a Participant, 3) a reasonable period ending after Plan Section 5.10(D)(3) ceases to apply to the Participant, and 4) a reasonable period ending after this Plan Section 5.10 first applies to the Participant. Notwithstanding the preceding, notice must be provided within a reasonable period ending after separation from service in the case of a Participant who separates from service before attaining age 35.

For purposes of applying the preceding paragraph, a reasonable period ending after the enumerated events described in 2), 3) and 4) is the end of the two-year period beginning one year before the date the applicable event occurs, and ending one year after that date. In the case of a Participant who separates from service before the Plan Year in which age 35 is attained, notice will be provided within the two-year period beginning one year before separation and ending one year after separation. If such a Participant thereafter returns to employment with the Employer, the applicable period for such Participant will be redetermined.

3. Notwithstanding the other requirements of this Plan Section 5.10(D), the respective notices prescribed by this Plan Section 5.10(D) need not be given to a Participant if 1) the Plan "fully subsidizes" the costs of a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity, and 2) the Plan does not allow the Participant to waive the Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity and does not allow a married Participant to designate a non-Spouse Beneficiary. For purposes of this Plan Section 5.10(D)(3), a plan fully subsidizes the costs of a benefit if no increase in cost or decrease in benefits to the Participant may result from the Participant's failure to elect another benefit.

#### **E. Retirement Equity Act Safe Harbor Rules**

1. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, the safe harbor provisions of this Plan Section 5.10(E) will apply to a Participant in a profit sharing plan and will always apply to any distribution made on or after the first day of the first Plan Year beginning after December 31, 1988, from or under a separate account attributable solely to accumulated deductible employee contributions, as defined in Code section 72(o)(5)(B), and maintained on behalf of a Participant in a money purchase pension plan, if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - a. the Participant does not or cannot elect payments in the form of a life annuity; and
  - b. on the death of a Participant, the Participant's Vested Account Balance will be paid to the Participant's surviving Spouse, but if there is no surviving Spouse, or if the surviving Spouse has consented in a manner conforming to a Qualified Election, then to the Participant's Designated Beneficiary. The surviving Spouse may elect to have distribution of the Vested Account Balance commence within the 180-day period following the date of the Participant's death. The Vested Account Balance will be adjusted for gains or losses occurring after the Participant's death in accordance with the provisions of the Plan governing the adjustment of account balances for other types of distributions. This Plan Section 5.10(E) will not apply to a Participant in a profit sharing plan if the plan is a direct or indirect transferee of a defined benefit plan, money purchase pension plan, a target benefit pension plan, stock bonus, or profit sharing plan that is subject to the survivor annuity requirements of Code sections 401(a)(11) and 417. If this Plan Section 5.10(E) applies, then no other provisions of this Plan Section 5.10 will apply except as provided in Treasury Regulations.
2. The Participant may waive the spousal death benefit described in this Plan Section 5.10(E) at any time provided that no such waiver will be effective unless it is a Qualified Election (other than the notification requirement referred to therein) that would apply to the Participant's waiver of the Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity.
3. For purposes of this Plan Section 5.10(E), Vested Account Balance will mean, in the case of a money purchase pension plan, the Participant's separate account balance attributable solely to accumulated deductible employee contributions within the meaning of Code section 72(o)(5)(B). In the case of a profit sharing plan, Vested Account Balance will have the same meaning as provided in the Definitions Section of this Plan.
4. In the event this Plan is a direct or indirect transferee of or a restatement of a plan previously subject to the survivor annuity requirements of Code sections 401(a)(11) and 417 and the Employer has selected to have this Plan Section 5.10(E) apply, the provisions of this Plan Section 5.10(E) will not apply to any benefits accrued (including subsequent adjustments for earnings and losses) before the adoption of these provisions. Such amounts will be separately accounted for in a manner consistent with Plan Section 7.02 and administered in accordance with the general survivor annuity requirements of Plan Section 5.10.

#### **5.11 LIABILITY FOR WITHHOLDING ON DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Plan Administrator shall be responsible for withholding federal income taxes from distributions from the Plan, unless the Participant (or Beneficiary, where applicable) elects not to have such taxes withheld. The Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) or other payor may act as agent for the Plan Administrator to withhold such taxes and to make the appropriate distribution reports, provided the Plan Administrator furnishes all the information to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) or other payor which such payor may need to properly perform withholding and reporting.

#### **5.12 DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS ELECTIVE DEFERRALS**

- A. General Rule** – A Participant may assign to this Plan any Excess Elective Deferrals made during a taxable year of the Participant by notifying the Plan Administrator of the amount of the Excess Elective Deferrals to be assigned to the Plan. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, Participants who claim Excess Elective Deferrals for the preceding calendar year must submit their claims (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Plan Administrator by March 1. A Participant is deemed to notify the Plan Administrator of any Excess Elective Deferrals that arise by taking into account only those Elective Deferrals made to this Plan and any other plan, contract, or arrangement of the Employer.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, Excess Elective Deferrals, plus any income and minus any loss allocable thereto, will be distributed no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> to any Participant to whose Individual Account Excess Elective Deferrals were assigned for the preceding year and who claims Excess Elective Deferrals for such taxable year, except to the extent such Excess Elective Deferrals were classified as Catch-up Contributions. The Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, will determine whether the distribution of Excess Elective Deferrals for a year will be made first from the Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferral account or the Roth Elective Deferral account, or a combination of both, to the extent both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals were made for the year, or may allow Participants to specify otherwise.

- B. Determination of Income or Loss** – Excess Elective Deferrals will be adjusted for any income or loss up to the end of the Plan Year to which such contributions were allocated. The income or loss allocable to Excess Elective Deferrals is the income or loss allocable to the Participant's Elective Deferral account for the taxable year multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is such Participant's Excess Elective Deferrals for the year and the denominator of which is the Participant's Individual Account balance attributable to Elective Deferrals without regard to any income or loss occurring during such taxable year. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Plan Administrator may compute the income or loss allocable to Excess Elective Deferrals in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B) (i.e., the usual manner used by the Plan for allocating income or loss to Participants' Individual Accounts or any reasonable method), provided such method is used consistently for all Participants and for all corrective distributions under the Plan for the Plan Year. The Plan will not fail to use a reasonable method for computing the income or loss on Excess Elective Deferrals merely because the income allocable is based on a date that is no more than seven days before the distribution.

### 5.13 DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS

- A. General Rule** – Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, Excess Contributions, plus any income and minus any loss allocable thereto, will be distributed no later than 12 months after a Plan Year to Participants to whose Individual Accounts such Excess Contributions were allocated for such Plan Year, except to the extent such Excess Contributions were classified as Catch-up Contributions. Excess Contributions are allocated to the Highly Compensated Employees with the largest amounts of Employer Contributions taken into account in calculating the ADP test for the year in which the excess arose, beginning with the Highly Compensated Employee with the largest amount of such Employer Contributions and continuing in descending order until all the Excess Contributions have been allocated. Both the total amount of the Excess Contribution and, for purposes of the preceding sentence, the "largest amount" are determined after distribution of any Excess Deferrals. To the extent a Highly Compensated Employee has not reached their Catch-up Contribution limit under the Plan, Excess Contributions allocated to such Highly Compensated Employees as Catch-up Contributions will not be treated as Excess Contributions. If such Excess Contributions are distributed more than 2½ months (six months in the case of Excess Contributions under an EACA if all Employees who are eligible to participate are affected as described in the Plan) after the last day of the Plan Year in which such Contributions were made, a ten-percent excise tax will be imposed on the Employer maintaining the Plan with respect to such amounts. Excess Contributions will be treated as annual additions under the Plan even if distributed.
- B. Determination of Income or Loss** – Excess Contributions will be adjusted for any income or loss up to the end of the Plan Year to which such contributions were allocated. The income or loss allocable to Excess Contributions allocated to each Participant is the income or loss allocable to the Participant's Elective Deferral account(s) (and, if applicable, the Qualified Nonelective Contribution account or the Qualified Matching Contributions account or both) for the Plan Year multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is such Participant's Excess Contributions for the year and the denominator of which is the Participant's Individual Account balance attributable to Elective Deferrals (and Qualified Nonelective Contributions or Qualified Matching Contributions, or both, if any of such contributions are included in the ADP test) without regard to any income or loss occurring during such Plan Year. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Plan Administrator may compute the income or loss allocable to Excess Contributions in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B) (i.e., the usual manner used by the Plan for allocating income or loss to Participants' Individual Accounts or any reasonable method), provided such method is used consistently for all Participants and for all corrective distributions under the Plan for the Plan Year. The Plan will not fail to use a reasonable method for computing the income or loss on Excess Contributions merely because the income allocable is based on a date that is no more than seven days before the distribution.
- C. Accounting for Excess Contributions** – Excess Contributions allocated to a Participant will be distributed from the Participant's Elective Deferral account(s) and Qualified Matching Contribution account (if applicable) in proportion to the Participant's Elective Deferrals and Qualified Matching Contributions (to the extent used in the ADP test) for the Plan Year. The Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, will either determine whether the distribution of Excess Contributions for a year will be made first from the Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferral account or the Roth Elective Deferral account, or a combination of both, to the extent both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals were made for the year, or may allow Participants to specify otherwise. Excess Contributions will be distributed from the Participant's Qualified Nonelective Contribution account only to the extent that such Excess Contributions exceed the balance in the Participant's Elective Deferral account(s) and Qualified Matching Contribution account.

## 5.14 DISTRIBUTION OF EXCESS AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS

- A. General Rule** – Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, Excess Aggregate Contributions, plus any income and minus any loss allocable thereto, will be forfeited, if forfeitable, or if not forfeitable, distributed no later than 12 months after a Plan Year to Participants to whose accounts such Excess Aggregate Contributions were allocated for such Plan Year. Excess Aggregate Contributions are allocated to the Highly Compensated Employees with the largest Contribution Percentage Amounts taken into account in calculating the ACP test for the year in which the excess arose, beginning with the Highly Compensated Employee with the largest amount of such Contribution Percentage Amounts and continuing in descending order until all the Excess Aggregate Contributions have been allocated. If such Excess Aggregate Contributions are distributed more than 2½ months (six months in the case of Excess Aggregate Contributions under an EACA if all Employees who are eligible to participate are affected as described in the Plan) after the last day of the Plan Year in which such Excess Aggregate Contributions were made, a ten-percent excise tax will be imposed on the Employer maintaining the Plan with respect to those amounts. Excess Aggregate Contributions will be treated as annual additions under the Plan even if distributed.
- B. Determination of Income or Loss** – Excess Aggregate Contributions will be adjusted for any income or loss up to the end of the Plan Year to which such contributions were allocated. The income or loss allocable to Excess Aggregate Contributions allocated to each Participant is the income or loss allocable to the Participant's Nondeductible Employee Contribution account, Matching Contribution account, Qualified Matching Contribution account (if any, and if all amounts therein are not used in the ADP test) and, if applicable, Qualified Nonelective Contribution account and Elective Deferral account(s) for the Plan Year multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is such Participant's Excess Aggregate Contributions for the year and the denominator of which is the Participant's Individual Account balance(s) attributable to Contribution Percentage Amounts without regard to any income or loss occurring during such Plan Year. Notwithstanding the preceding, the Plan Administrator may compute the income or loss allocable to Excess Aggregate Contributions in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B) (i.e., the usual manner used by the Plan for allocating income or loss to Participants' Individual Accounts or any reasonable method), provided such method is used consistently for all Participants and for all corrective distributions under the Plan for the Plan Year. The Plan will not fail to use a reasonable method for computing the income or loss on Excess Aggregate Contributions merely because the income allocable is based on a date that is no more than seven days before the distribution.
- C. Accounting for Excess Aggregate Contributions** – Excess Aggregate Contributions allocated to a Participant will be forfeited, if forfeitable, or distributed on a pro rata basis from the Participant's Nondeductible Employee Contribution account, Matching Contribution account, and Qualified Matching Contribution account (and, if applicable, the Participant's Qualified Nonelective Contribution account or Elective Deferral account, or both). The Plan Administrator, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, will determine whether the distribution of Elective Deferrals that are Excess Aggregate Contributions for a year will be made first from the Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferral account or the Roth Elective Deferral account, or a combination of both, to the extent both Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals were made for the year, or may allow Participants to specify otherwise.

## 5.15 RECHARACTERIZATION

Provided the Plan allows Participants to make Nondeductible Employee Contributions, the Plan Administrator may, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, permit a Participant to elect to treat all or a portion of an Excess Contribution allocated to them as an amount distributed to the Participant and then contributed by the Participant to the Plan as a Nondeductible Employee Contribution. Recharacterized amounts will remain nonforfeitable and subject to the same distribution requirements as Elective Deferrals. Amounts may not be recharacterized by a Highly Compensated Employee to the extent that such amount in combination with other Nondeductible Employee Contributions made by that Employee would exceed any stated limit under the Plan on Nondeductible Employee Contributions.

Recharacterization must occur no later than 2½ months (six months in the case of Excess Contributions under an EACA if all Employees who are eligible to participate are affected, as described in the Plan) after the last day of the Plan Year in which such Excess Contributions arose and is deemed to occur no earlier than the date the last Highly Compensated Employee is informed (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) of the amount recharacterized and the consequences. Recharacterized amounts will be taxable to the Participant for the Participant's tax year in which the Participant would have received them in cash.

## 5.16 LOANS TO PARTICIPANTS

If the Adoption Agreement so indicates, a Participant may receive a loan from the Fund, subject to the following rules and the Plan's loan policy.

- A.** Loans will be made available to all Participants on a reasonably equivalent basis. Notwithstanding the preceding, new loans will not be available to Participants who cease to be employed by the Employer, unless such Participants are parties-in-interest as defined in ERISA section 3(14). In addition, existing loans will be considered due and payable at such time as a Participant ceases to be an Employee, and the loan will be considered in default and the Participant's Individual Account will be reduced by the outstanding amount of the loan unless otherwise specified in the loan policy statement or other loan documentation.
- B.** Loans will not be made available to Highly Compensated Employees in an amount greater than the amount made available to other Employees.
- C.** Loans must be adequately secured and bear a reasonable interest rate.
- D.** No Participant loan will exceed the Present Value of the Vested portion of a Participant's Individual Account.

- E. A Participant must obtain the consent of their Spouse, if any, to the use of the Individual Account as security for the loan. Spousal consent will be obtained no earlier than the beginning of the 90-day period that ends on the date on which the loan is to be so secured. The consent must be in writing (or any other form permitted by the IRS and DOL), must acknowledge the effect of the loan, and must be witnessed by a notary public or plan representative. Such consent will thereafter be binding with respect to the consenting Spouse or any subsequent Spouse with respect to that loan. A new consent will be required if the Individual Account is used for renegotiation, extension, renewal, or other revision of the loan. Notwithstanding the preceding, no spousal consent is necessary if, at the time the loan is secured, no consent would be required for a distribution under Code section 417(a)(2)(B). In addition, spousal consent is not required if the Plan or the Participant is not subject to Code section 401(a)(11) at the time the Individual Account is used as security, or if the total Individual Account subject to the security is less than or equal to \$5,000.
- F. In the event of default, foreclosure on the note and attachment of security will not occur until a distribution eligibility requirement is met under the Plan.
- G. Loan repayments will be suspended under the Plan as permitted under Code section 414(u)(4) (USERRA).
- H. For years beginning after 2005, if the Participant's Individual Account contains any combination of Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals, the specific rules governing the loan program may also designate the extent to which Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals and Roth Elective Deferrals, or any combination thereof will 1) be used to calculate the maximum amount available for a loan, or 2) be available as a source from which loan proceeds may be taken or which may be used as security for a loan. To the extent permitted by law and related regulations, the rules established by the Employer may specify the ordering rules to be applied in the event of a defaulted loan.

If a valid spousal consent has been obtained in accordance with Plan Section 5.16(E), then, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, the portion of the Participant's Vested Individual Account used as a security interest held by the Plan by reason of a loan outstanding to the Participant will be taken into account for purposes of determining the amount of the Individual Account payable at the time of death or distribution, but only if the reduction is used as repayment of the loan. If less than 100 percent of the Participant's Vested Individual Account (determined without regard to the preceding sentence) is payable to the surviving Spouse, then the Individual Account will be adjusted by first reducing the Vested Individual Account by the amount of the security used as repayment of the loan, and then determining the benefit payable to the surviving Spouse.

To avoid taxation to the Participant, unless otherwise permitted by law or regulatory guidance, no loan to any Participant or Beneficiary can be made to the extent that such loan, when added to the outstanding balance of all other loans to the Participant, would exceed the lesser of 1) \$50,000 reduced by the excess (if any) of the highest outstanding balance of loans during the one year period ending on the day before the loan is made, over the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan on the date the loan is made, or 2) 50 percent of the Present Value of the nonforfeitable Individual Account of the Participant. For the purpose of the above limitation, all loans from all plans of the Employer and other members of a group of employers described in Code sections 414(b), 414(c), and 414(m) are aggregated. Furthermore, any loan will by its terms require that repayment (principal and interest) be amortized in level payments, not less frequently than quarterly, over a period not extending beyond five years from the date of the loan, unless such loan is used to acquire a dwelling unit which, within a reasonable time (determined at the time the loan is made), will be used as the principal residence of the Participant. Notwithstanding the preceding, a Participant will suspend their loan repayments under this Plan as permitted under Code section 414(u)(4). An assignment or pledge of any portion of the Participant's interest in the Plan and a loan, pledge, or assignment with respect to any insurance contract purchased under the Plan, will be treated as a loan under this paragraph.

The Plan Administrator shall administer the loan program in accordance with specific rules that are documented either in writing or in such other format as permitted by the IRS and the DOL. Such rules will include, at a minimum, the following: 1) the identity of the person or positions authorized to administer the Participant loan program, 2) the procedure for applying for loans, 3) the basis on which loans will be approved or denied, 4) limitations (if any) on the types and amounts of loans offered, 5) the procedure under the program for determining a reasonable rate of interest, 6) the types of collateral that may secure a Participant loan, and 7) the events constituting default and the steps that will be taken to preserve Plan assets in the event of such default.

## **5.17 DISTRIBUTIONS OF IN-PLAN ROTH ROLLOVERS**

Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions and earnings thereon will be distributable at such time the Participant satisfies the distribution eligibility requirements of the contribution source to which the rollover is attributable. At no time will Direct In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions and earnings thereon be distributed before the asset source to which the rollover is attributable can be distributed under the Code and/or Treasury Regulations.

Indirect In-Plan Roth Rollover contributions and earnings thereon will be distributable upon the Participant satisfying the distribution eligibility requirements specified in the Plan for rollover contributions.

## **SECTION SIX: DEFINITIONS**

Unless modified in Adoption Agreement Section Six, words and phrases used in the Plan with initial capital letters will, for the purpose of this Plan, have the meanings set forth in the portion of the Plan entitled "Definitions" unless the context indicates that other meanings are intended.

## SECTION SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS

### 7.01 THE FUND

- A. Establishment and Maintenance** – By adopting this Plan, the Employer establishes the Fund, which will consist of the assets of the Plan held by the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable). Assets within the Fund may be pooled on behalf of all Participants, earmarked on behalf of each Participant, or be a combination of pooled and earmarked assets. To the extent that assets are earmarked for a particular Participant, they will be held in a Separate Fund for that Participant.

No part of the corpus or income of the Fund may be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of Participants or their Beneficiaries. The Fund will be valued each Valuation Date at fair market value.

- B. Division of Fund Into Investment Funds** – The Employer may direct the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) to divide and redivide the Fund into one or more Investment Funds. Such Investment Funds may include, but are not limited to, Investment Funds representing the assets under the control of an investment manager pursuant to Plan Section 7.22(C) and Investment Funds representing investment options available for individual direction by Participants pursuant to Plan Section 7.22(B). Upon each division or redivision, the Employer may specify the part of the Fund to be allocated to each such Investment Fund and the terms and conditions, if any, under which the assets in such Investment Fund will be invested.

### 7.02 INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS

- A. Establishment and Maintenance** – The Plan Administrator shall establish and maintain an Individual Account in the name of each Participant to reflect the total value of their interest in the Fund (including but not limited to Employer Contributions and earnings thereon). Each Individual Account established hereunder will consist of such subaccounts as may be needed for each Participant, including:

1. a subaccount to reflect Employer Contributions and Forfeitures allocated on behalf of a Participant;
2. a subaccount to reflect a Participant's rollover contributions;
3. a subaccount to reflect a Participant's transfer contributions;
4. a subaccount to reflect a Participant's Nondeductible Employee Contributions;
5. a subaccount to reflect a Participant's Pre-Tax Elective Deferrals;
6. a subaccount to reflect a Participant's Roth Elective Deferrals; and
7. a subaccount to reflect a Participant's Deemed IRA contributions.

The Plan Administrator may establish additional accounts as it may deem necessary for the proper administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, an account for Forfeitures as required pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(C) or (D).

If this Plan is funded by individual contracts that provide a Participant's Benefit under the Plan, such individual contracts will constitute the Participant's Individual Account. If this Plan is funded by group contracts under the group annuity or group insurance contract, premiums or other consideration received by the insurance company must be allocated to Participants' Individual Accounts under the Plan.

**B. Valuation of Individual Accounts**

1. Where all or a portion of the assets of a Participant's Individual Account are invested in a Separate Fund for the Participant, then the value of that portion of such Participant's Individual Account at any relevant time equals the sum of the fair market values of the assets in such Separate Fund, less any applicable charges or penalties.
2. The fair market value of the remainder of each Individual Account is determined in the following manner:
  - a. *Separate Fund* – First, the portion of the Individual Account invested in each Investment Fund as of the previous Valuation Date is determined. Each such portion is reduced by any withdrawal made from the applicable Investment Fund to or for the benefit of a Participant or the Participant's Beneficiary, further reduced by any amounts forfeited by the Participant pursuant to Plan Section 4.01(C) or (D), and further reduced by any transfer to another Investment Fund since the previous Valuation Date, and is increased by any amount transferred from another Investment Fund since the previous Valuation Date. The resulting amounts are the net Individual Account portions invested in the Investment Funds.
  - b. *No Separate Fund* – Second, the net Individual Account portions invested in each Investment Fund are adjusted upwards or downwards, pro rata (i.e., using the ratio of each net Individual Account portion to the sum of all net Individual Account portions) so that the sum of all the net Individual Account portions invested in an Investment Fund will equal the then fair market value of the Investment Fund. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, for the first Plan Year only, the net Individual Account portions will be the sum of all contributions made to each Participant's Individual Account during the first Plan Year.
  - c. *Allocations* – Third, any contributions to the Plan and Forfeitures are allocated in accordance with the appropriate allocation provisions of Plan Section Three. For purposes of this Plan Section Seven, contributions made by the Employer for any Plan Year but after that Plan Year will be considered to have been made on the last day of that Plan Year regardless of when paid to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable).

Amounts contributed between Valuation Dates will not be credited with investment gains or losses until the next following Valuation Date.

- d. *Aggregation of Portions* – Finally, the portions of the Individual Account invested in each Investment Fund (determined in accordance with (a), (b), and (c) above) are added together.

**C. Modification of Method for Valuing Individual Accounts** – If necessary or appropriate, the Plan Administrator may establish different or additional procedures (which will be uniform and nondiscriminatory) for determining the fair market value of the Individual Accounts including, but not limited to, valuation on a daily basis pursuant to the number of shares of each permissible investment held on behalf of a Participant.

### 7.03 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

- A.** The Plan Administrator will have the authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan Administrator shall administer the Plan for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries in accordance with the specific terms of the Plan.
- B.** The Plan Administrator may, by appointment, allocate the duties of the Plan Administrator among several individuals or entities. Such appointments will not be effective until the party designated accepts such appointment in writing.
- C.** The Plan Administrator shall be charged with the duties of the general administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. to determine all questions of interpretation or policy in a manner consistent with the Plan's documents. The Plan Administrator's construction or determination in good faith will be conclusive and binding on all persons except as otherwise provided herein or by law. Any interpretation or construction will be done in a nondiscriminatory manner and will be consistent with the intent that the Plan will continue to be deemed a qualified plan under the terms of Code section 401(a), as amended from time to time, and will comply with the terms of ERISA, as amended from time to time;
  - 2. to determine all questions relating to the eligibility of Employees to become or remain Participants hereunder;
  - 3. to compute the amounts necessary or desirable to be contributed to the Plan;
  - 4. to compute the amount and kind of benefits to which a Participant or Beneficiary will be entitled under the Plan and to direct the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) with respect to all disbursements under the Plan, and, when requested by the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable), to furnish the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) with instructions, in writing, on matters pertaining to the Plan on which the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) may rely and act;
  - 5. to maintain all records necessary for the administration of the Plan;
  - 6. to prepare and file such disclosures and tax forms as may be required from time to time by the Secretary of Labor or the Secretary of the Treasury;
  - 7. to furnish each Employee, Participant, or Beneficiary such notices, information, and reports under such circumstances as may be required by law; and
  - 8. to periodically review the performance of each Fiduciary and all other relevant parties to ensure such individuals' obligations under the Plan are performed in a manner that is acceptable under the Plan and applicable law.
- D.** The Plan Administrator will have all of the powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish their duties under the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1. to appoint and retain such persons as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Plan Administrator;
  - 2. to appoint and retain counsel, specialists, or other persons as the Plan Administrator deems necessary or advisable in the administration of the Plan;
  - 3. to resolve all questions of administration of the Plan;
  - 4. to establish such uniform and nondiscriminatory rules that it deems necessary to carry out the terms of the Plan;
  - 5. to make any adjustments in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner that it deems necessary to correct any arithmetical or accounting errors that may have been made for any Plan Year;
  - 6. to correct any defect, supply any omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in such manner and to such extent as will be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose of the Plan; and
  - 7. if the Plan permits a form of distribution other than a lump sum, and a Participant elects such form of distribution, the Plan Administrator may place that Participant's Individual Account into a segregated Investment Fund for the purpose of maintaining the necessary liquidity to provide benefit installments on a periodic basis.

## **7.04 EXPENSES AND COMPENSATION**

All reasonable expenses of administration, including, but not limited to, those involved in retaining necessary professional assistance, may be paid from the assets of the Fund. Alternatively, the Employer may, in its discretion, pay any or all such expenses. Pursuant to uniform and nondiscriminatory rules that the Plan Administrator may establish from time to time, administrative expenses and expenses unique to a particular Participant or group of Participants may be charged to the Individual Account of such Participant or may be assessed against terminated Participants even if not assessed against active Participants (subject to rules promulgated by the IRS and the DOL), or the Plan Administrator may allow Participants to pay such fees outside of the Plan. The Employer shall furnish the Plan Administrator with such clerical and other assistance as the Plan Administrator may need in the performance of their duties.

## **7.05 INFORMATION FROM EMPLOYER**

To enable the Plan Administrator to perform their duties, the Employer shall supply complete, accurate, and timely information to the Plan Administrator (or their designated agents) on all matters relating to the Compensation of all Participants; their regular employment; retirement, death, Disability, Severance from Employment, or Termination of Employment; and such other pertinent facts as the Plan Administrator (or their agents) may require. The Plan Administrator shall advise the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) of such of the preceding facts as may be pertinent to the Trustee's (or Custodian's) duties under the Plan. The Plan Administrator (or their agents) is entitled to rely on such information as is supplied by the Employer and will have no duty or responsibility to verify such information. Such information, including authorizations and directions, may be exchanged among the Employer, the Plan Administrator, the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable), or their agents through electronic, telephonic, or other means (including, for example, through the internet) pursuant to applicable servicing arrangements in effect for the Plan.

## **7.06 PLAN AMENDMENTS**

### **A. Right of Pre-approved Document Provider to Amend the Plan or Terminate Sponsorship**

1. The Pre-approved Document Provider has the power to amend the Plan without any further action or consent of the Employer as the Pre-approved Document Provider deems either necessary for the purpose of adjusting the Plan to comply with all laws and regulations governing pension or profit sharing plans or desirable to the extent consistent with such laws and regulations. Specifically, it is understood that the amendments may be made unilaterally by the Pre-approved Document Provider. However, it will be understood that the Pre-approved Document Provider will be under no obligation to amend the Plan documents, and the Employer expressly waives any rights or claims against the Pre-approved Document Provider for not exercising this power to amend. For purposes of Pre-approved Document Provider amendments, the mass submitter will generally be recognized as the agent of the Pre-approved Document Provider. If the Pre-approved Document Provider does not adopt IRS model amendments adopted by the mass submitter, the Plan will no longer be identical to or a minor modifier of the mass submitter plan and will be considered an individually designed plan. Notwithstanding the preceding, the adoption of good faith IRS amendments must be accomplished pursuant to the rules for each such amendment as prescribed by the IRS.

However, for purposes of reliance on an opinion letter, the Pre-approved Document Provider will no longer have the authority to amend the Plan on behalf of the Employer as of the date the Employer amends the Plan to incorporate a type of plan that is not permitted under the Revenue Procedure 2017-41 Pre-approved program, or as of the date the IRS notifies the Employer that the Plan is an individually designed plan due to the nature and extent of the Employer's amendments to the Plan.

2. An amendment by the Pre-approved Document Provider will be accomplished by giving notice (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Adopting Employer of the amendment to be made. The notice will set forth the text of such amendment and the date such amendment is to be effective. Such amendment will take effect unless within the 30-day period after such notice is provided, or within such shorter period as the notice may specify, the Adopting Employer gives the Pre-approved Document Provider written notice of refusal to consent to the amendment. Such written notice of refusal will have the effect of withdrawing the Plan as a pre-approved plan and will cause the Plan to be considered an individually designed plan.
3. In addition to the amendment rights described above, the Pre-approved Document Provider will have the right to terminate its sponsorship of this Plan by providing notice (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) to the Adopting Employer of such termination. Such termination of sponsorship will have the effect of withdrawing the Plan as a pre-approved plan and will cause the Plan to be considered an individually designed plan. The Pre-approved Document Provider will have the right to terminate its sponsorship of this Plan regardless of whether the Pre-approved Document Provider has terminated sponsorship with respect to other employers adopting its pre-approved Plan.

### **B. Right of Adopting Employer to Amend the Plan – The Adopting Employer may amend the Plan to**

1. change options previously selected in the Adoption Agreement;
2. add overriding language in the Adoption Agreement when such language is necessary to satisfy Code section 415 or Code section 416 because of the required aggregation of multiple plans;
3. amend administrative provisions of the Plan such as provisions relating to investments, claims procedures, and Employer contact information provided the amended provisions are not in conflict with any other provision of the Plan and do not cause the Plan to fail to qualify under section 401;
4. add certain sample and model amendments published by the IRS or other required good faith amendments, that specifically provide that their adoption will not cause the Plan to be treated as individually designed;
5. add or change provisions permitted under the Plan or specify or change the Effective Date of a provision as permitted under the Plan;



6. amend to adjust for limitations provided under sections 415, 402(g), 401(a)(17) and 414(q)(1)(B) to reflect annual cost-of-living increases, other than to add automatic cost-of-living adjustments to the Plan; and
7. make amendments that are related to a change in qualification requirements.

An Adopting Employer who wishes to amend the Plan shall document the amendment in writing, executed by a duly authorized officer of the Adopting Employer. If the amendment is in the form of a restated Adoption Agreement, the amendment will become effective on the date provided in the Adoption Agreement. Any other amendment will become effective as described therein upon execution by the Adopting Employer and, if appropriate, the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable). A copy of a restated Adoption Agreement or other amendment must be provided to the Pre-approved Document Provider and the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) before the effective date of the amendment.

The Adopting Employer further reserves the right to replace the Plan in its entirety by adopting another retirement plan which the Adopting Employer designates as a replacement plan.

- C. Limitation on Power to Amend** – No amendment to the Plan will be effective to the extent that it has the effect of decreasing a Participant's accrued benefit. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a Participant's Individual Account may be reduced to the extent permitted under Code section 412(d)(2) or to the extent permitted under Treasury Regulations sections 1.411(d)-3 and 1.411(d)-4. For purposes of this paragraph, a Plan amendment that has the effect of decreasing a Participant's Individual Account with respect to benefits attributable to service before the amendment will be treated as reducing an accrued benefit. For purposes of this paragraph, a Participant will not accrue a right to an allocation of an Employer Profit Sharing Contribution or Employer Money Purchase Pension Contribution for the current Plan Year until the last day of such Plan Year and after the application of all amendments required or permitted by the IRS.

No amendment to the Plan will be effective to eliminate or restrict an optional form of benefit. The preceding sentence will not apply to a Plan amendment that eliminates or restricts the ability of a Participant to receive payment of their Individual Account under a particular optional form of benefit if the amendment provides a single-sum distribution form. Where this Plan document is being adopted to amend another plan that contains a protected benefit not provided for in this document, the Employer must complete a "Protected Benefit and Prior Plan Document Provisions Attachment," describing such protected benefit which, will become part of the Plan.

- D. Amendment of Vesting Schedule** – For purposes of this provision, if the vesting schedule of the Plan is amended, an Employee who is a Participant as of the later of the date such amendment is adopted or the date it becomes effective, the Vested percentage (determined as of such date) of such Employee's Individual Account derived from Employer Contributions will not be less than the percentage computed under the Plan as of that date without regard to such amendment. Furthermore, if the Plan's vesting schedule is amended, or the Plan is amended in any way that directly or indirectly affects the computation of the Participant's Vested percentage, or if the Plan is deemed amended by an automatic change to or from a top-heavy vesting schedule, each Participant with at least three Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable) with the Employer may elect, within the time set forth below, to have the Vested percentage computed under the Plan without regard to such amendment.

The period during which the election may be made will commence with the date the amendment is adopted or deemed to be made and will end the later of:

1. 60 days after the amendment is adopted;
2. 60 days after the amendment becomes effective; or
3. 60 days after the Participant is issued a notice (either in writing or in any other form permitted under rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL) of the amendment by the Employer or Plan Administrator.

With respect to benefits accrued as of the later of the adoption or effective date of the amendment, the Vested percentage of each Participant will be the greater of the Vested percentage under the old vesting schedule or the Vested percentage under the new vesting schedule.

## 7.07 PLAN MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION

In the case of any merger or consolidation of the Plan with, or transfer of assets or liabilities of such Plan to, any other plan, each Participant will be entitled to receive benefits immediately after the merger, consolidation, or transfer (if the Plan had then terminated) that are equal to or greater than the benefits they would have been entitled to receive immediately before the merger, consolidation, or transfer (if the Plan had then terminated). The Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) has the authority to enter into merger agreements or agreements to directly transfer the assets of this Plan, but only if such agreements are made with trustees or custodians of other retirement plans described in Code section 401(a) or such other plans permitted by laws or regulations. If it is later determined that all or part of a non-elective transfer was ineligible to be transferred into the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall direct that any ineligible amounts, plus earnings or losses attributable thereto (determined in the manner described in Plan Section 7.02(B)), be returned to the transferor plan or correct the ineligible transfer using any other method permitted by the IRS under regulation or other guidance.

## 7.08 PERMANENCY

The Employer expects to continue this Plan and make the necessary contributions thereto indefinitely, but such continuance and payment is not assumed as a contractual obligation. Neither the Adoption Agreement nor the Plan nor any amendment or modification thereof nor the making of contributions hereunder will be construed as giving any Participant or any other person any legal or equitable right against the Employer, the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable), the Plan Administrator, or the Pre-approved Document Provider except as specifically provided herein, or as provided by law.

## **7.09 METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR TERMINATION**

The Plan may be terminated by the Adopting Employer at any time by appropriate action of its managing body. Such termination will be effective on the date specified by the Adopting Employer. The Plan shall terminate, if required by either the IRS or the DOL, if the Adopting Employer is dissolved or terminated. Written notice of the termination and effective date thereof will be given to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable), Plan Administrator, Pre-approved Document Provider, and the Participants and Beneficiaries of deceased Participants. The required filings (such as the Form 5500 series and others) must be made by the Adopting Employer with the IRS and any other regulatory body as required by current laws and regulations. Until all of the assets have been distributed from the Fund, the Adopting Employer must keep the Plan in compliance with current laws and regulations by making appropriate amendments to the Plan and by taking such other measures as may be required. If the Plan is abandoned by the Adopting Employer, however, a qualified termination administrator (QTA) (or other entity permitted by the IRS or DOL) may terminate the Plan according to rules promulgated by the IRS and DOL.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, a reversion to the Employer of amounts contributed to the Plan that exceed the limitations imposed under Code section 415(c) may occur upon termination of the Plan according to rules promulgated by the IRS.

## **7.10 CONTINUANCE OF PLAN BY SUCCESSOR EMPLOYER**

Notwithstanding the preceding Plan Section 7.09, a successor of the Adopting Employer may continue the Plan and be substituted in the place of the present Adopting Employer. The successor and the present Adopting Employer (or, if deceased, the executor of the estate of a deceased Self-Employed Individual who was the Adopting Employer) must execute a written instrument authorizing such substitution, and the successor shall amend the Plan in accordance with Plan Section 7.06.

## **7.11 CORRECTION**

The Employer may correct operational errors or issues involving the Plan in accordance with correction programs established by or guidance issued from the IRS or such other correction methods allowed by statute, regulation or regulatory authority. For example, the Employer must correct any Excess Annual Additions allocated to a Participant, the inclusion of ineligible employees or the exclusion of eligible Participants using any method permitted under the Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (EPCRS) or allowed by the IRS or DOL under regulations or other guidance. EPCRS is currently described in Revenue Procedure 2016-51. To the extent that a correction requires a repayment to the Plan of improperly distributed benefits, the Employer or Plan Administrator may take action to recover such amounts from the respective Participants or Beneficiaries.

If the Plan fails to retain its qualified status, the Plan will no longer be considered to be part of a pre-approved plan, and such Employer can no longer participate under this pre-approved. In such event, the Plan will be considered an individually designed plan.

## **7.12 GOVERNING LAWS AND PROVISIONS**

To the extent such laws are not preempted by federal law, the terms and conditions of this Plan will be governed by the laws of the state in which the Pre-approved Document Provider is located, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Pre-approved Document Provider and the Employer.

In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Basic Plan Document and provisions of the Adoption Agreement, the summary plan description, or any related documents, the Basic Plan Document will control.

## **7.13 STATE COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAWS**

The terms and conditions of this Plan will be applicable without regard to the community property laws of any state.

## **7.14 HEADINGS**

The headings of the Plan have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are to be ignored in any construction of the provisions hereof.

## **7.15 GENDER AND NUMBER**

Whenever any words are used herein in the masculine gender, they will be construed as though they were also used in the feminine gender in all cases where they would so apply, and whenever any words are used herein in the singular form, they will be construed as though they were also used in the plural form in all cases where they would so apply.

## **7.16 STANDARD OF FIDUCIARY CONDUCT**

The Employer, Plan Administrator, Trustee, and any other Fiduciary under this Plan shall discharge their duties with respect to this Plan solely in the interests of Participants and their Beneficiaries, and with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. No Fiduciary will cause the Plan to engage in any transaction known as a "non-exempt prohibited transaction" under either the Code or ERISA.

## **7.17 GENERAL UNDERTAKING OF ALL PARTIES**

All parties to this Plan and all persons claiming any interest whatsoever hereunder agree to perform any and all acts and execute any and all documents and papers that may be necessary or desirable for the carrying out of this Plan and any of its provisions.

## **7.18 AGREEMENT BINDS HEIRS, ETC.**

This Plan shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns as those terms will apply to any and all parties hereto, present and future.

## 7.19 DETERMINATION OF TOP-HEAVY STATUS

**A. In General** – Except as provided in Plan Section 7.19(B), this Plan is a Top-Heavy Plan if any of the following conditions exist:

1. if the top-heavy ratio for this Plan exceeds 60 percent and this Plan is not part of any Required Aggregation Group or Permissive Aggregation Group of plans;
2. if this Plan is part of a Required Aggregation Group of plans but not part of a Permissive Aggregation Group and the top-heavy ratio for the group of plans exceeds 60 percent; or
3. if this Plan is a part of a Required Aggregation Group and part of a Permissive Aggregation Group of plans and the top-heavy ratio for the Permissive Aggregation Group exceeds 60 percent.

**B. Top-Heavy Ratio**

1. If the Employer maintains one or more defined contribution plans (including any simplified employee pension plan) and the Employer has not maintained any defined benefit plan that during the five-year period ending on the Determination Date(s) has or has had accrued benefits, the top-heavy ratio for this Plan alone or for the Required or Permissive Aggregation Group as appropriate is a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of the account balances of all Key Employees as of the Determination Date(s) (including any part of any account balance distributed in the one-year period ending on the Determination Date(s) (five-year period ending on the Determination Date in the case of a distribution made for a reason other than Severance from Employment, death, or Disability and in determining whether the Plan is top-heavy for Plan Years beginning before January 1, 2002)) and the denominator of which is the sum of all account balances (including any part of any account balance distributed in the one-year period ending on the Determination Date(s), (five-year period ending on the Determination Date in the case of a distribution made for a reason other than Severance from Employment, death, or Disability and in determining whether the Plan is top-heavy for Plan Years beginning before January 1, 2002)) both computed in accordance with Code section 416 and the corresponding regulations. Both the numerator and the denominator of the top-heavy ratio are increased to reflect any contribution not actually made as of the Determination Date, but that is required to be taken into account on that date under Code section 416 and the corresponding regulations.
2. If the Employer maintains one or more defined contribution plans (including any simplified employee pension plan) and the Employer maintains or has maintained one or more defined benefit plans that during the five-year period ending on the Determination Date(s) has or has had any accrued benefits, the top-heavy ratio for any Required or Permissive Aggregation Group, as appropriate, is a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of account balances under the aggregated defined contribution plan or plans for all Key Employees, determined in accordance with 1) above, and the Present Value of accrued benefits under the aggregated defined benefit plan or plans for all Key Employees as of the Determination Date(s), and the denominator of which is the sum of the account balances under the aggregated defined contribution plan or plans for all Participants, determined in accordance with 1) above, and the Present Value of accrued benefits under the defined benefit plan or plans for all Participants as of the Determination Date(s), all determined in accordance with Code section 416 and the corresponding regulations. The accrued benefits under a defined benefit plan in both the numerator and denominator of the top-heavy ratio are increased for any distribution of an accrued benefit made in the one-year period ending on the Determination Date (five-year period ending on the Determination Date in the case of a distribution made for a reason other than Severance from Employment, death, or Disability and in determining whether the Plan is top-heavy for Plan Years beginning before January 1, 2002).
3. For purposes of (1) and (2) above, the value of account balances and the Present Value of accrued benefits will be determined as of the most recent Valuation Date that falls within or ends with the 12-month period ending on the Determination Date, except as provided in Code section 416 and the corresponding regulations for the first and second plan years of a defined benefit plan. The account balances and accrued benefits of a Participant 1) who is not a Key Employee but who was a Key Employee in a prior year, or 2) who has not been credited with at least one Hour of Service with any employer maintaining the plan at any time during the one-year period (five-year period ending on the Determination Date in the case of a distribution made for a reason other than Severance from Employment, death, or Disability and in determining whether the Plan is top-heavy for Plan Years beginning before January 1, 2002) ending on the Determination Date will be disregarded. The calculation of the top-heavy ratio, and the extent to which distributions, rollovers, and transfers are taken into account will be made in accordance with Code section 416 and the corresponding regulations. Deductible employee contributions will not be taken into account for purposes of computing the top-heavy ratio. When aggregating plans, the value of account balances and accrued benefits will be calculated with reference to the Determination Dates that fall within the same calendar year.

The accrued benefit of a Participant other than a Key Employee will be determined under 1) the method, if any, that uniformly applies for accrual purposes under all defined benefit plans maintained by the Employer, or 2) if there is no such method, as if such benefit accrued not more rapidly than the slowest accrual rate permitted under the fractional rule of Code section 411(b)(1)(C).

**C. SIMPLE 401(k) Plan Exception** – Notwithstanding Plan Section 7.19(A) above, the Plan is not treated as a Top-Heavy Plan under Code section 416 for any Year for which an Eligible Employer maintains this Plan as a SIMPLE 401(k) Plan.

**D. Safe Harbor 401(k) Plan Exception** – Notwithstanding Plan Section 7.19(A) above, the Plan is not treated as a Top-Heavy Plan under Code section 416 for any Year for which an Eligible Employer makes only those contributions described in Code sections 401(k)(12) and 401(m)(11) for any Plan Year. If any other contributions are made for a Plan Year (e.g., Employer Profit Sharing Contributions, forfeitures), the top-heavy rules described in Code section 416(g)(4)(H) will apply for that Plan Year. However, ADP Test Safe Harbor Contributions and ACP Test Safe Harbor Matching Contributions may be applied to satisfy all or a portion of the top-heavy contribution, if any, that may be required.

- E. QACA Plan Exception** – Notwithstanding Plan Section 7.19(A) above, the Plan is not treated as a Top-Heavy Plan under Code section 416 for any Year for which an Employer makes only those contributions described in Code sections 401(k)(13) and 401(m)(12). If any other contributions are made for a Plan Year (e.g., Employer Profit Sharing Contributions, forfeitures), the top-heavy rules described in Code section 416(g)(4)(H) will apply for that Plan Year.

## **7.20 INALIENABILITY OF BENEFITS**

No benefit or interest available under the Plan will be subject to assignment or alienation, either voluntarily or involuntarily. The preceding sentence will not apply to judgments and settlements described in Code section 401(a)(13)(C) and ERISA section 206(d)(4). Such sentence will, however, apply to the creation, assignment, or recognition of a right to any benefit payable with respect to a Participant pursuant to a Domestic Relations Order, unless such order is determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order as defined in the Definitions section of the Plan.

Generally, a Domestic Relations Order cannot be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order until January 1, 1985. However, in the case of a Domestic Relations Order entered before January 1, 1985, the Plan Administrator:

1. shall treat such order as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order if the Plan Administrator is paying benefits pursuant to such order on January 1, 1985; and
2. may treat any other such order entered before January 1, 1985, as a Qualified Domestic Relations Order even if such order does not meet the requirements of Code section 414(p).

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, a distribution to an Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order will be permitted even if the Participant affected by such order is not otherwise entitled to a distribution, and even if such Participant has not attained the earliest retirement age as defined in Code section 414(p).

## **7.21 BONDING**

Every Fiduciary and every person who handles funds or other property of the Plan shall be bonded to the extent required by ERISA section 412 and the corresponding regulations for purposes of protecting the Plan against loss by reason of acts of fraud or dishonesty on the part of the person, group, or class, alone or in connivance with others, to be covered by such bond. The amount of the bond will be fixed at the beginning of each Plan Year and will not be less than ten-percent of the amount of funds handled. The amount of funds handled will be determined by the funds handled the previous Plan Year or, if none, the amount of funds estimated, in accordance with rules provided by the Secretary of Labor, to be handled during the current Plan Year. Notwithstanding the preceding, no bond will be less than \$1,000 nor more than \$500,000, except that the Secretary of Labor will have the right to prescribe an amount in excess of \$500,000. In the case of a Plan that holds employer securities (within the meaning of ERISA section 407(d)(1)), the maximum bond amount is \$1,000,000 or such other amount as the Secretary of Labor prescribes.

## **7.22 INVESTMENT AUTHORITY**

- A. Plan Investments** – Except as provided in Plan Section 7.22(B) (relating to individual direction of investments by Participants), the Adopting Employer, not the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable), will have exclusive management and control over the investment of the Fund into any permitted investment. The Adopting Employer will be responsible for establishing a funding policy statement on behalf of the Plan and shall provide a copy of such funding policy statement to the Trustee who has the authority or discretion to select the appropriate investments for the Fund, if any. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Trustee has the authority or discretion to select the appropriate investments for the Fund, such Trustee may enter into an agreement with the Adopting Employer whereby the Trustee will manage the investment of all or a portion of the Fund. Any such agreement will be in writing and will set forth such matters as such Trustee deems necessary or desirable.
- B. Direction of Investments by Participants** – Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement, each Participant will have the responsibility for directing the Trustee (or Custodian, if provided for under a separate agreement between the Adopting Employer and the Custodian), regarding the investment of all or part of their Individual Account. If all of the requirements pertaining to Participant direction of investment in ERISA section 404(c)(1) are satisfied, then to the extent so directed, the Adopting Employer, Plan Administrator, Trustee, Custodian (if applicable), and all other Fiduciaries are relieved of Fiduciary liability under ERISA section 404.

The Plan Administrator shall direct that a Separate Fund be established in the name of each Participant who directs the investment of part or all of their Individual Account. Each Separate Fund will be charged or credited (as appropriate) with the earnings, gains, losses, or expenses attributable to such Separate Fund. No Fiduciary will be liable for any loss that results from a Participant's individual direction. The assets subject to individual direction will not be invested in collectibles as that term is defined in Code section 408(m).

The Plan Administrator shall establish such uniform and nondiscriminatory rules relating to individual direction as it deems necessary or advisable including, but not limited to, rules describing 1) which portions of Participants' Individual Accounts can be individually directed, 2) the frequency of investment changes, 3) the forms and procedures for making investment changes, and 4) the effect of a Participant's failure to make a valid direction.

The Plan Administrator may, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, limit the available investments for Participants' individual direction to certain specified investment options (including, but not limited to, certain mutual funds, investment contracts, deposit accounts, and group trusts). The Plan Administrator may permit, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, a Beneficiary of a deceased Participant or the Alternate Payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order to individually direct investments in accordance with this Plan Section 7.22(B).

Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, if the Adoption Agreement permits Participants to direct investments and also names a Trustee that does not have the authority or discretion to select the appropriate investments for the Fund, such Participants will furnish investment instruction to the Plan Administrator under procedures adopted by the Adopting Employer and/or the Plan Administrator consistent with the Plan, and it will be the responsibility of the Plan Administrator to provide direction to such Trustee regarding the investment of such amounts. If a Participant who has the right to direct investments under the terms of the Plan fails to provide such direction to the Plan Administrator, the Plan Administrator shall direct the investment of such Participant's Individual Accounts. The Plan Administrator shall maintain records showing the interest of each Participant and/or Beneficiary in the Fund unless the Trustee enters into a written agreement with the Adopting Employer to keep separate accounts for each such Participant or Beneficiary.

#### **C. Investment Managers**

1. Definition of Investment Manager – The Adopting Employer may appoint one or more investment managers to make investment decisions with respect to all or a portion of the Fund. The investment manager will be any firm or individual registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, a bank as defined in said Act, or an insurance company qualified under the laws of more than one state to perform services consisting of the management, acquisition, or disposition of any assets of the Plan.
2. Investment Manager's Authority – A separate Investment Fund will be established representing the assets of the Fund invested at the direction of the investment manager. The investment manager so appointed shall direct the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) with respect to the investment of such Investment Fund. The investments that may be acquired at the direction of the investment manager are those described in Plan Section 7.22(D).
3. Written Agreement – The appointment of any investment manager will be by written agreement between the Adopting Employer and the investment manager, and a copy of such agreement (and any modification or termination thereof) must be given to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable). The agreement will set forth, among other matters, the effective date of the investment manager's appointment and an acknowledgment by the investment manager that it is a Fiduciary of the Plan under ERISA.
4. Concerning the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) – Written notice of each appointment of an investment manager will be given to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) at least 30 days in advance of the effective date of such appointment. Such notice will specify which portion of the Fund will constitute the Investment Fund subject to the investment manager's direction. The Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) will comply with the investment direction given to it by the investment manager and will not be liable for any loss which may result by reason of any action (or inaction) it takes at the direction of the investment manager.

- D. Permissible Investments** – The Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) may invest the assets of the Plan in property of any character, real or personal, including, but not limited to, the following: stocks, including Qualifying Employer Securities, and including shares of open-end investment companies (mutual funds); bonds; notes; debentures; proprietary mutual funds; deposit accounts; options; limited partnership interests; mortgages; real estate or any interests therein (including Qualifying Employer Real Property); unit investment trusts; Treasury Bills, and other U.S. Government obligations; common trust funds, combined investment trusts, collective trust funds or commingled funds maintained by a bank or similar financial organization (whether or not the Trustee hereunder); savings accounts, certificates of deposit, demand or time deposits or money market accounts of a bank or similar financial organization (whether or not the Trustee hereunder); unless excluded in the Adoption Agreement, annuity contracts that are "guaranteed benefit policies," as defined in ERISA section 401(b)(2)(B); life insurance policies; or in such other investments as is deemed proper without regard to investments authorized by statute or rule of law governing the investment of trust funds but with regard to ERISA and this Plan. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Pre-approved Document Provider may, as a condition of making the Plan available to the Adopting Employer, limit the types of property in which the assets of the Plan may be invested. The list of permissible investment options will be further limited in accordance with any applicable law, regulations, or other restrictions applicable to the Trustee or Custodian, including, but not limited to, internal operational procedures adopted by such Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable). The actions of a Trustee who has the authority or discretion to select the appropriate investments for the Fund will also be subject to the funding policy statement provided by the Adopting Employer. If any Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) invests all or any portion of the Fund pursuant to written instructions provided by the Adopting Employer (including an investment manager appointed by the Adopting Employer pursuant to Plan Section 7.22(C)) or any Participant pursuant to Plan Section 7.22(B), the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) will be deemed to have invested pursuant to the Adopting Employer's funding policy statement.

To the extent the assets of the Plan are invested in a group trust, including a collective trust fund or commingled funds maintained by a bank or similar financial organization, the declaration of trust of such composite trust will be deemed to be a part of the Plan, and any investment in such composite trust will be subject to all of the provisions of such declaration of trust, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

If the responsibility for directing investments for Elective Deferrals (and earnings) is executed by someone other than the Participants, the acquisition of Qualifying Employer Securities and Qualifying Employer Real Property will be limited to ten-percent of the fair market value of the assets of the Plan, to the extent required by ERISA section 407(b)(2).

#### **E. Matters Relating to Insurance**

1. If elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, a life insurance contract may be purchased on behalf of a Participant. No life insurance contract may be purchased unless the insured under the contract is the Participant or, where this Plan is a profit sharing or 401(k) plan, the Participant's Spouse or another individual in whom the Participant has an insurable interest. If a life insurance contract is to be purchased for a Participant, the aggregate premium for certain life insurance for each Participant must be less than a certain percentage of the aggregate Employer Contributions and Forfeitures allocated to a Participant's Individual Account at any particular time as follows.

- a. *Ordinary Life Insurance* – For purposes of these incidental insurance provisions, ordinary life insurance contracts are contracts with both nondecreasing death benefits and nonincreasing premiums. If such contracts are purchased, less than 50 percent of the aggregate Employer Contributions and Forfeitures allocated to any Participant's Individual Account will be used to pay the premiums attributable to them.
- b. *Term and Universal Life Insurance* – No more than 25 percent of the aggregate Employer Contributions and Forfeitures allocated to any Participant's Individual Account will be used to pay the premiums on term life insurance contracts, universal life insurance contracts, and all other life insurance contracts that are not ordinary life.
- c. *Combination* – The sum of 50 percent of the ordinary life insurance premiums and all other life insurance premiums will not exceed 25 percent of the aggregate Employer Contributions and Forfeitures allocated to any Participant's Individual Account.

If this Plan is a profit sharing plan, the above incidental benefits limits do not apply to life insurance contracts (1) purchased by an Employee who has been a Participant in the Plan for five or more years, (2) purchased with Employer Contributions and Forfeitures that have been in the Participant's Individual Account for at least two full Plan Years, measured from the date such contributions were allocated, or (3) purchased using rollover contributions. For purposes of this Plan Section 7.22(E)(1), transfer contributions will be considered Employer Contributions, and therefore may be used to pay contract premiums. No part of the Deductible Employee Contribution account will be used to purchase life insurance.

2. Subject to Plan Section 5.10, the contracts on a Participant's life will be converted to cash or an annuity or distributed to the Participant upon separation from service with the Employer. In addition, contracts on the joint lives of a Participant and another person may not be maintained under this Plan if such Participant ceases to have an insurable interest in such other person.
3. The Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) shall apply for and will be the owner of any insurance contract(s) purchased under the terms of this Plan. The insurance contract(s) must provide that proceeds will be payable to the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable). However, the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) will be required to pay over all proceeds of the contract(s) to the Participant's Designated Beneficiary in accordance with the distribution provisions of this Plan. A Participant's Spouse will be the designated beneficiary of the proceeds in all circumstances unless a Qualified Election has been made in accordance with Plan Section 5.10. Under no circumstances will the Fund retain any part of the proceeds. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Plan and the terms of any insurance contract purchased hereunder, the Plan provisions will control.
4. The Plan Administrator may direct the Trustee (or Custodian, if applicable) to sell and distribute insurance or annuity contracts to a Participant (or other party as may be permitted) in accordance with applicable law or regulations.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, and except as may be otherwise provided by ERISA, the Employer will indemnify and hold harmless the insurer, its officers, directors, employees, agents, heirs, executors, successors, and assigns, from and against any and all liabilities, damages, judgments, settlements, losses, costs, charges, or expenses (including legal expenses) at any time arising out of or incurred in connection with any action taken by such parties in the performance of their duties with respect to this Plan, unless there has been a final adjudication of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such duties.

Further, except as may be otherwise provided by ERISA, the Employer will indemnify the insurer from any liability, claim, or expense (including legal expense) that the insurer incurs by reason of, or which results in whole or in part from, the reliance of the insurer on the facts and other directions and elections the Employer communicates or fails to communicate.

**F. Diversification Requirements When Employer Securities are Held as Investments in the Plan** – For Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, Code section 401(a)(35) requires qualified retirement plans that hold employer securities to allow Participants, Alternate Payees with Individual Accounts under the Plan, or Beneficiaries of deceased Participants to diversify their investments. This Code section and other relevant guidance govern the diversification procedures, which include the following.

1. Employee Contributions and Elective Deferrals Invested in Employer Securities – In the case of the portion of an Individual Account attributable to Nondeductible Employee Contributions and Elective Deferrals (if applicable) that are invested in employer securities, the Participant, Alternate Payee, or Beneficiary, as applicable, may elect to direct the Plan to divest any such securities and to reinvest an equivalent amount in other investments that meet the investment option requirements below.
2. Employer Contributions Invested in Employer Securities – In the case of the portion of an Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions other than Elective Deferrals that are invested in employer securities, a Participant who has completed at least three Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable), an Alternate Payee with respect to a Participant who has completed at least three Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable), or a Beneficiary, as applicable, may elect to direct the Plan to divest any such securities and to reinvest an equivalent amount in other investments that meet the investment option requirements below. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Plan provides for immediate vesting, the three years of service requirement will be satisfied on the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of the Participant's date of hire.
3. Investment Options – The diversification requirements above are met if the Plan offers not less than three investment options, other than employer securities, to which a Participant, Alternate Payee, or Beneficiary, as applicable may direct the proceeds from the divestment of employer securities, each of which is diversified and has materially different risk and return characteristics. The Plan may limit the time for divestment and reinvestment to periodic, reasonable opportunities that occur no less frequently than quarterly. Except as provided in regulations, the Plan must not impose employer securities investment restrictions or conditions that are not imposed on the investment of other Plan assets (other than restrictions or conditions imposed by securities laws or other relevant guidance) except that a Plan may allow for more frequent transfers to or from either a stable value fund or a qualified default investment alternative.

4. **Exception for Certain Plans** – The diversification requirement does not apply to a one-Participant retirement plan, an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) if 1) there are no contributions or earnings in the ESOP that are held within such plan and that are subject to Code sections 401(k) or (m), and 2) such plan is a separate plan for purposes of Code section 414(l) with respect to any other defined benefit plan or defined contribution plan maintained by the same employer or employers, or to a retirement plan where employer securities are held in an investment fund as described in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(35)-1(f)(2)(B)(3)(ii).
5. **Transition Rule for Securities Attributable to Employer Contributions** – In the case of the portion of an Individual Account attributable to Employer Contributions other than Elective Deferrals that are invested in employer securities, including, a Participant who has completed at least three Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable), an Alternate Payee with respect to a Participant who has completed at least three Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable), or a Beneficiary, as applicable, the employer securities acquired in a Plan Year beginning before January 1, 2007, will be subject to the following divestiture and reinvestment transition schedule, which applies separately with respect to each class of securities.

For the Plan Year in which diversification requirement applies, the applicable percentage subject to diversification is:

- First. . . . . 33%
- Second. . . . . 66%
- Third. . . . . 100%

This three-year phase-in requirement does not apply to a Participant who has attained age 55 and who has completed at least three Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable) before the first Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2005.

Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Plan provides for immediate vesting, the three-years-of-service requirement will be satisfied on the day immediately preceding the third anniversary of the Participant's date of hire.

#### **G. Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract (QLAC)**

1. If elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, a Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract (QLAC) may be purchased on behalf of a Participant. Such Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contract is an annuity contract, purchased from an insurance company on or after July 2, 2014, for the benefit of a Participant under the Plan, stating its intent to be a QLAC and otherwise meeting the requirements under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(9)-6.
  - a. **Excess Premiums** – The amount of the premiums paid for the QLAC under the Plan will not exceed the lesser of:
    - (i) an amount equal to the excess of \$125,000 (as adjusted by the Commissioner) over the sum of
      - (A) the premiums paid before that date with respect to the contract, and
      - (B) premiums paid on or before that date with respect to any other contract that is intended to be a QLAC and that is purchased for the Participant under the Plan, or any other plan, annuity, or account described in Code section 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), or 408 or eligible governmental plan under Code section 457(b); or
    - (ii) an amount equal to the excess of
      - (A) 25 percent of the Participant's Individual Account balance (as of the last Valuation Date preceding the date of the premium payment) under the Plan (including the value of any QLAC held under the Plan for the Participant) as of the contract date, over
      - (B) the sum of premiums paid before that date with respect to the contract and premiums paid on or before that date with respect to any other contract that is intended to be a QLAC and that is held or was purchased for the Participant under the Plan.

If an annuity contract fails to be a QLAC solely because a premium for the contract exceeds the above limits, the excess premium will be returned (either in cash or in the form of a contract that is not intended to be a QLAC) to the non-QLAC portion of the Participant's Individual Account by the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the excess premium was originally paid.

- d. **Distributions** – Distributions under the QLAC portion of the Participant's Individual Account will commence not later than the first day of the month next following the participant's 85th birthday. After distributions commence, those distributions will satisfy all applicable required minimum distribution requirements from that point forward (other than the requirement that annuity payments commence on or before the Required Beginning Date.).

## **7.23 PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS REGARDING DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS**

- A. To the extent provided in any Qualified Domestic Relations Order, the former Spouse of a Participant will be treated as a surviving Spouse of such Participant for purposes of any benefit payable in the form of either a Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity or Qualified Preretirement Survivor Annuity.
- B. The Plan will not be treated as failing to meet the requirements of the Code, which generally prohibits payment of benefits before the Participant's Termination of Employment or Severance from Employment, as applicable, with the Employer, solely by reason of payments to an Alternate Payee pursuant to a Qualified Domestic Relations Order.

**C. In the case of any Domestic Relations Order received by the Plan:**

1. the Plan Administrator shall promptly notify the Participant and any other Alternate Payee of the receipt of such order and the Plan's procedure for determining the qualified status of Domestic Relations Orders; and
2. within a reasonable period after receipt of such order, the Plan Administrator shall determine whether such order is a Qualified Domestic Relations Order and notify the Participant and each Alternate Payee of such determination.

The Plan Administrator shall establish reasonable procedures to determine the qualified status of Domestic Relations Orders and to administer distributions under such qualified orders.

- D.** During any period in which the issue of whether a Domestic Relations Order is a Qualified Domestic Relations Order is being determined by the Plan Administrator, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or otherwise, the Plan Administrator shall segregate in a separate account in the Plan or in an escrow account the amounts which would have been payable to the Alternate Payee during such period if the order had been determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order. If within 18 months the order or modification thereof is determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, the Plan Administrator shall pay the segregated amounts (plus any interest thereon) to the person or persons entitled thereto. If within 18 months either 1) it is determined that the order is not a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or 2) the issue as to whether such order is a Qualified Domestic Relations Order is not resolved, then the Plan Administrator shall pay the segregated amounts (plus any interest thereon) to the person or persons who would have been entitled to such amounts if there had been no order. Any determination that an order is a Qualified Domestic Relations Order that is made after the close of the 18-month period will be applied prospectively only.

## **7.24 INDEMNIFICATION OF PRE-APPROVED DOCUMENT PROVIDER**

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, and except as may be otherwise provided by ERISA, the Employer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Pre-approved Document Provider, its officers, directors, employees, agents, heirs, executors, successors, and assigns, from and against any and all liabilities, damages, judgments, settlements, losses, costs, charges, or expenses (including legal expenses) at any time arising out of or incurred in connection with any action taken by such parties in the performance of their duties with respect to this Plan, unless there has been a final adjudication of gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such duties. Further, except as may be otherwise provided by ERISA, the Employer will indemnify the Pre-approved Document Provider from any liability, claim, or expense (including legal expense) that the Pre-approved Document Provider incurs by reason of, or which results in whole or in part from, the reliance of the Pre-approved Document Provider on the facts and other directions and elections the Employer, Plan Administrator, or Investment Fiduciary communicates or fails to communicate.

## **7.25 MILITARY SERVICE**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, contributions, benefits, and service credit with respect to qualified military service will be provided in accordance with Code section 414(u), including, but not limited to the following.

**A. Benefit Accrual in the Case of Death or Disability Resulting from Active Military Service.**

1. Benefit Accrual – If elected in the Adoption Agreement, for benefit accrual purposes, an individual who dies or becomes disabled while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code section 414(u)) will be treated as if the individual resumed employment in accordance with the individual's reemployment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), on the day preceding death or Disability (as applicable) and terminated employment on the actual date of death or Disability. If the Employer elects to treat an individual as having resumed employment as described above, subject to items (2) and (3) below, any full or partial compliance by the Plan with respect to the benefit accrual requirements will be treated for purposes of Code section 414(u)(1) as if such compliance were required under USERRA.
2. Nondiscrimination Requirement – Part A, item (1) above will only apply if all individuals performing qualified military service with respect to the Employer (as determined under Code sections 414(b), (c), (m), and (o)) who die or became disabled as a result of performing qualified military service (as defined in Code section 414(u)) before reemployment by the Employer are credited with service and benefits on reasonably equivalent terms.
3. Determination of Benefits – The amount of Nondeductible Employee Contributions and the amount of Elective Deferrals of an Employee treated as reemployed under Part A, item (1) for purposes of applying Code section 414(u)(8)(C) will be determined on the basis of the individual's average actual Nondeductible Employee Contributions or Elective Deferrals for the lesser of
  - a. the 12-month period of service with the Employer immediately before qualified military service (as defined in Code section 414(u)), or
  - b. if service with the Employer is less than such 12-month period, the actual length of continuous service with the Employer.

**B. Vesting in the Case of Disability Resulting from Active Military Service**

1. Years of Vesting Service (Periods of Service, if applicable) – If elected in the Adoption Agreement, for vesting purposes, an individual who becomes disabled while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code section 414(u)) will be treated as if the individual resumed employment in accordance with the individual's reemployment rights under USERRA, on the day preceding Disability (as applicable) and terminated employment on the actual date of Disability. If the Employer elects to treat an individual as having resumed employment as described above, subject to item (2) below, compliance by the Plan with respect to the vesting requirements will be treated for purposes of Code section 414(u)(1) as if such compliance were required under USERRA.



2. **Nondiscrimination Requirements** – Part B, item (1) above will apply to the extent permitted under other applicable rules, including the rules provided in Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-11(d)(3), which provides nondiscrimination rules for crediting imputed service. Under Treasury Regulation section 1.401(a)(4)-11(d)(3), the provisions crediting vesting service to any Highly Compensated Employee must apply on the same terms to all similarly situated non-Highly Compensated Employees.
- C. Death Benefits** – In the case of an individual Participant who dies on or after January 1, 2007, while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code section 414(u)), the Participant's survivors are entitled to any additional benefits (other than benefit accruals relating to the period of qualified military service) provided under the Plan had the Participant resumed employment with the Employer and then terminated employment on account of death.

## 7.26 MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN

If allowed by the Adopting Employer, the Plan may also be adopted by employers that are not Related Employers of the Adopting Employer. Such employers will adopt the Plan by completing a Participating Employer Election Attachment. If the Adopting Employer allows the Plan to have Unrelated Participating Employers, the Plan will be considered a multiple employer plan and will be subject to the specific reporting requirements and rules of Code section 413(c) and the corresponding regulations.

- A. Service** – For purposes of eligibility and vesting service under the Plan, the Adopting Employer and all Participating Employers will be considered a single employer. An Employee's service includes all service with the Adopting Employer and any Participating Employer(s) (and with any employer that is a Related Employer of the Adopting Employer or Participating Employer(s)). An Employee who discontinues service with the Adopting Employer or a Participating Employer will no longer be considered to have a Severance from Employment or Termination of Employment upon resuming service with the Adopting Employer or a Participating Employer.
- B. Testing** – For purposes of the limitations under the Plan relating to the requirements of Code sections 415, 402(g), and 414(v) the Adopting Employer and all Participating Employers will be considered a single employer. The requirements of Code sections 410(b), 401(a)(4), 401(k)(3)(A)(ii), 401(m)(2)(A), 414(q), and 416 will be applied separately to the Adopting Employer and to each Participating Employer, except as required under Code sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o). For purposes of determining a Participant's Required Beginning Date, a Participant will be considered a five-percent owner in a year in which the Participant is both a five-percent owner and an Employee of the Adopting Employer or a Participating Employer.
- C. Plan Document and Amendments** – Except to the extent that the Participating Employer elects separate provisions on a Participating Employer Election Attachment with respect to its Employees, the Participating Employer will be bound by the terms of the Plan and trust, including amendments thereto and any elections made by the Adopting Employer. If a Participating Employer so elects on a Participating Employer Election Attachment, Employer Contributions will be determined by the Participating Employer and will be allocated only to Participants employed by the Participating Employer. If a Participating Employer so elects on a Participating Employer Election Attachment, Forfeitures related to the Participating Employer will be allocated only to Participants employed by the Participating Employer.
- D. Duties of the Participating Employer and Indemnification** – Each Participating Employer agrees to provide, in a timely manner, all information and contributions to the Plan Administrator that the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion deems necessary to keep the Plan operating in compliance with all Code and regulatory requirements.

Notwithstanding any provisions hereof, each Participating Employer agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Plan Administrator, the Adopting Employer, the Plan, all Participants and Beneficiaries, all Fiduciaries, and their respective directors, managers, officers, employees, agents and other representatives harmless from any loss, costs, expenses, fees, liabilities, damages, claims, suits, or actions and appeals thereof resulting from their reliance upon any certificate, notice, confirmation, or instruction purporting to have been delivered by a representative of a Participating Employer that has been duly identified to the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer in a manner required or accepted by such Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer ("Designated Representative"). Each Participating Employer waives any and all claims of any nature it now has or may have against the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer and its affiliates, and their respective directors, managers, officers, employees, agents, and other representatives, which arise, directly or indirectly, from any action that it takes in good faith in accordance with any certificate, notice, confirmation, or instruction from a Designated Representative of a Participating Employer. Each Participating Employer also hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer, and any parent, subsidiary, related corporation, or affiliates of the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer, including their respective directors, managers, officers, employees, agents, and other representatives, harmless from and against any and all loss, costs, damages, liability, expenses, or claims of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to legal expenses, court costs, legal fees, and costs of investigation, including appeals thereof, arising, directly or indirectly, out of any loss or diminution of the Fund resulting from changes in the market value of the Fund assets; reliance, or action taken in reliance, on instructions from a Participating Employer or its Designated Representative; any exercise or failure to exercise investment direction authority by a Participating Employer or by its Designated Representative; Plan Administrator's or Adopting Employer's refusal on advice of counsel to act in accordance with any investment direction by a Participating Employer or its Designated Representative; any other act or failure to act by a Participating Employer or its Designated Representative; any prohibited transaction or plan disqualification of a qualified plan due to any actions taken or not taken by the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer, in reliance on instructions from a Participating Employer or its Designated Representative; or any other act the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer, takes in good faith hereunder that arises under the Plan or the administration of the Fund.

The Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer will not be liable to a Participating Employer for any act, omission, or determination made in connection with the Plan except for its gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer will not be liable for any losses arising from its compliance with instructions from a Participating Employer or its Designated Representative; for executing, failing to execute, failing to timely execute, or for any mistake in the execution of any instructions, unless such action or inaction is by reason of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Plan Administrator or Adopting Employer.

The provisions of this Plan Section 7.26(D) will survive the termination or amendment of the Plan.

- E. Termination** – A Participating Employer will have the right to cease participation in the Plan at any time by giving written notice to the Adopting Employer. The termination of participation will become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice unless a different period is agreed upon by both the Adopting Employer and the Participating Employer. The Adopting Employer will have the power to terminate the participation in the Plan of any Participating Employer at any time by giving written notice to such Participating Employer. The termination will become effective thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice unless a different period is agreed upon by both the Adopting Employer and the Participating Employer. Upon termination of participation, Employees of the former Participating Employer will cease to accrue further benefits under the Plan pertaining to the former Participating Employer. Upon termination of participation of a Participating Employer, the Participating Employer must promptly contribute to the Plan such amounts as necessary to cover accrued but unfunded contributions related to its Participants under the Plan.

A Participating Employer's termination of participation is not a termination of the Plan which allows distributions to be made to Participants. Upon termination of participation of a Participating Employer, the Adopting Employer has the right, but not the duty, to establish a new qualified retirement plan for the benefit of the Participants of such former Participating Employer and to initiate a non-elective transfer to the spin-off plan. The Adopting Employer may, in its sole discretion, appoint either itself or the former Participating Employer as the Adopting Employer and/or Plan Administrator of the spin-off plan. If a spin-off plan is not established, the former Participating Employer has the right, but not the duty, to initiate a non-elective transfer to another qualified retirement plan that the former Participating Employer either maintains or participates in. The former Participating Employer will bear all reasonable costs associated with ceasing participation in the Plan.

## **SECTION EIGHT: ADOPTING EMPLOYER SIGNATURE**

Adoption Agreement Section Eight must contain the signature of an authorized representative of the Adopting Employer evidencing the Employer's agreement to be bound by the terms of the Basic Plan Document and Adoption Agreement.



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Dear Applicant:

In our opinion, the form of the plan identified above is acceptable for use by employers for the benefit of their employees under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401.

We considered the changes in qualification requirements in the 2017 Cumulative List of Notice 2017-37, 2017-29 Internal Revenue Bulletin (IRB) 89. Our opinion relates only to the acceptability of the form of the plan under the IRC. We did not consider the effect of other federal or local statutes.

You must provide the following to each employer who adopts this plan:

- . A copy of this letter
- . A copy of the approved plan
- . Copies of any subsequent amendments including their dates of adoption
- . Direct contact information including address and telephone number of the plan provider

Our opinion on the acceptability of the plan's form is a determination as to the qualification of the plan as adopted by a particular employer only under the circumstances, and to the extent, described in Revenue Procedure (Rev. Proc.) 2017-41, 2017-29 I.R.B. 92. The employer who adopts this plan can generally rely on this letter to the extent described in Rev. Proc. 2017-41. Thus, Employee Plans Determinations, except as provided in Section 12 of Rev. Proc. 2020-4, 2020-01 I.R.B. 148 (as updated annually), will not issue a determination letter to an employer who adopts this plan. Review Rev. Proc. 2020-4 to determine the eligibility of an adopting employer, and the items needed, to submit a determination letter application. The employer must also follow the terms of the plan in operation.

Except as provided below, our opinion doesn't apply to the requirements of IRC Sections 401(a)(4), 401(l), 410(b), and 414(s). Our opinion doesn't apply to IRC Sections 415 and 416 if an employer maintains or ever maintained another qualified plan for one or more employees covered by this plan. For this purpose, we will not consider the employer to have maintained another defined contribution plan provided both of the following are true:

- . The employer terminated the other plan before the effective date of this plan
- . No annual additions have been credited to any participant's account under the other plan as of any date within the limitation year of this plan

Also, for this purpose, we'll consider an employer as maintaining another defined contribution plan, if the employer maintains any of the following:

- . A welfare benefit fund defined in IRC Section 419(e), which provides post-retirement medical benefits allocated to separate accounts for key employees as defined in IRC Section 419A(d)

- . An individual medical account as defined in IRC Section 415(l)(2), which is part of a pension or annuity plan maintained by the employer
- . A simplified employee pension plan

Our opinion doesn't apply to Treasury Regulations Section 1.401(a)-1(b)(2) requirements for a money purchase plan or target benefit plan where the normal retirement age under the employer's plan is lower than age 62.

Our opinion doesn't constitute a determination that the plan is an IRC Section 414(d) governmental plan. This letter is not a ruling with respect to the tax treatment to be given contributions which are picked up by the governmental employing unit within the meaning of IRC Section 414(h)(2).

Our opinion doesn't constitute a determination that the plan is an IRC Section 414(e) church plan.

Our opinion may not be relied on by a non-electing church plan for rules governing pre-ERISA participation and coverage.

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The provisions of this plan override any conflicting provision contained in the trust or custodial account documents used with the plan, and an adopting employer may not rely on this letter to the extent that provisions of a trust or custodial account that are a separate portion of the plan override or conflict with the provisions of the plan document. This opinion letter does not cover any provisions in trust or custodial account documents.

An employer who adopts this plan may not rely on this letter when:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

Plan Description: Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Money Purchase Pension Plan  
FFN: 31747972701-002 Case: 201901163 EIN: 44-0640487  
Letter Serial No: Q703645a  
Date of Submission: 12/31/2018

AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INC  
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513-975-6319  
In Reference To: TEGE:EP:7521  
Date: 06/30/2020

Dear Applicant:

In our opinion, the form of the plan identified above is acceptable for use by employers for the benefit of their employees under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401.

We considered the changes in qualification requirements in the 2017 Cumulative List of Notice 2017-37, 2017-29 Internal Revenue Bulletin (IRB) 89. Our opinion relates only to the acceptability of the form of the plan under the IRC. We did not consider the effect of other federal or local statutes.

You must provide the following to each employer who adopts this plan:

- . A copy of this letter
- . A copy of the approved plan
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- . Direct contact information including address and telephone number of the plan provider

Our opinion on the acceptability of the plan's form is a determination as to the qualification of the plan as adopted by a particular employer only under the circumstances, and to the extent, described in Revenue Procedure (Rev. Proc.) 2017-41, 2017-29 I.R.B. 92. The employer who adopts this plan can generally rely on this letter to the extent described in Rev. Proc. 2017-41. Thus, Employee Plans Determinations, except as provided in Section 12 of Rev. Proc. 2020-4, 2020-01 I.R.B. 148 (as updated annually), will not issue a determination letter to an employer who adopts this plan. Review Rev. Proc. 2020-4 to determine the eligibility of an adopting employer, and the items needed, to submit a determination letter application. The employer must also follow the terms of the plan in operation.

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- . The employer terminated the other plan before the effective date of this plan
- . No annual additions have been credited to any participant's account under the other plan as of any date within the limitation year of this plan

Also, for this purpose, we'll consider an employer as maintaining another defined contribution plan, if the employer maintains any of the following:

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- . A simplified employee pension plan

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