# AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN First Federal Bank of Texas Tyler, TX and The Comptroller of the Currency

First Federal Bank of Texas, Tyler, TX ("Bank") and the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller") wish to protect the interests of the depositors, other customers, and shareholders of the Bank, and, toward that end, wish the Bank to operate safely and soundly and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

The Comptroller has found unsafe and unsound banking practices relating to credit risk, liquidity management and violations of law at the Bank.

In consideration of the above premises, it is agreed, between the Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors ("Board"), and the Comptroller, through his authorized representative, that the Bank shall operate at all times in compliance with the articles of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE I

# **JURISDICTION**

- (1) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "written agreement entered into with the agency" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).
- (2) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "written agreement between such depository institution and such agency" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(1) and 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2).
- (3) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "formal written agreement" within the meaning of 12 C.F.R. § 163.555. See 12 U.S.C. § 1831i.

- (4) This Agreement shall be construed to be a "written agreement" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(u)(1)(A).
- (5) This Agreement shall cause the Bank not to be eligible for "expedited treatment" for purposes of 12 C.F.R. § 116.5, unless otherwise informed in writing by the Comptroller.
- (6) All reports or plans which the Bank or Board has agreed to submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller pursuant to this Agreement shall be forwarded to the:

Assistant Deputy Comptroller Longview Field Office 1800 West Loop 281, Suite 306 Longview, TX 75604-2516

#### ARTICLE II

## COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

- (1) Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Agreement, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least three (3) directors, of which no more than one (1) shall be an employee or controlling shareholder of the Bank or any of its affiliates (as the term "affiliate" is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 371c(b)(1)), or a family member of any such person. Upon appointment, the names of the members of the Compliance Committee and, in the event of a change of the membership, the name of any new member shall be submitted in writing to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Compliance Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Bank's adherence to the provisions of this Agreement.
  - (2) The Compliance Committee shall meet at least monthly.
- (3) Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Agreement and quarterly thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:

- (a) a description of the action needed to achieve full compliance with eachArticle of this Agreement;
- (b) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Agreement; and
- (c) the results and status of those actions.
- (4) The Board shall forward a copy of the Compliance Committee's report, with any additional comments by the Board, to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within ten (10) days of receiving such report.

# ARTICLE III

# CAPITAL PLAN AND HIGHER MINIMUMS

- (1) Effective immediately, the Bank shall maintain the following capital levels (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 167):
  - (a) Total risk based capital at least equal to twelve percent (12%) of risk-weighted assets;
  - (b) Tier 1 (core) capital at least equal to eight percent (8%) of adjusted total assets.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) The requirement in this Agreement to meet and maintain a specific capital level means that the Bank may not be deemed to be "well capitalized" for purposes of 12 U.S.C. § 1831o and 12 C.F.R. Part 165 pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 165.4(b)(1)(iv).
- (3) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a three year capital program. The program shall include:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Adjusted total assets is defined in 12 C.F.R. § 167.1.

- (a) specific plans for the maintenance of adequate capital that may in no event be less than the requirements of paragraph (1);
- (b) projections for growth and capital requirements based upon a detailed analysis of the Bank's assets, liabilities, earnings, fixed assets, and off-balance sheet activities;
- (c) projections of the sources and timing of additional capital to meet theBank's current and future needs;
- (d) the primary source(s) from which the Bank will strengthen its capital structure to meet the Bank's needs;
- (e) contingency plans that identify alternative methods should the primary source(s) under (d) above not be available; and
- (f) a dividend policy that permits the declaration of a dividend only:
  - (i) when the Bank is in compliance with its approved capital program;
  - (ii) when the Bank is in compliance with 12 U.S.C. § 1467a(f) and 12 C.F.R. § 163.143; and
  - (iii) with prior written notice to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the dividend policy.
- (4) Upon completion, the Bank's capital program shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for prior determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall implement and adhere to the capital program. The Board shall review and update the Bank's

capital program on an annual basis, or more frequently if necessary. Copies of the reviews and updates shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.

#### ARTICLE IV

# CRITICIZED ASSETS

- (1) The Bank shall take immediate and continuing action to protect its interest in those assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, by internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the Bank Examiners during any examination.
- (2) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program designed to eliminate the basis of criticism of assets criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, or by any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the Bank Examiners during any examination as "doubtful," "substandard," or "special mention." This program shall include, at a minimum:
  - (a) an identification of the expected sources of repayment;
  - (b) the appraised value of supporting collateral and the position of the Bank's lien on such collateral where applicable;
  - (c) an analysis of current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis where loans are to be repaid from operations; and

- (d) the proposed action to eliminate the basis of criticism and the time frame for its accomplishment.
- (3) Upon adoption, a copy of the program for all criticized assets equal to or exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000) shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the program developed pursuant to this Article.
- (5) The Board, or a designated committee, shall conduct a review, on at least a monthly basis, to determine:
  - (a) the status of each criticized asset or criticized portion thereof that equals or exceeds Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000);
  - (b) management's adherence to the program adopted pursuant to this Article;
  - (c) the status and effectiveness of the written program; and
  - (d) the need to revise the program or take alternative action.
- (6) A copy of each review shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a quarterly basis in a format similar to Appendix A, attached hereto.
- (7) The Bank may extend credit, directly or indirectly, including renewals, extensions or capitalization of accrued interest, to a borrower whose loans or other extensions of credit are criticized in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the Bank Examiners during any examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000) only if each of the following conditions is met:

- (a) the Board or designated committee finds that the extension of additional credit is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank and that prior to renewing, extending or capitalizing any additional credit, a majority of the full Board (or designated committee) approves the credit extension and records, in writing, why such extension is necessary to promote the best interests of the Bank; and
- (b) a comparison to the written program adopted pursuant to this Article shows that the Board's formal plan to collect or strengthen the criticized asset will not be compromised.
- (8) A copy of the approval of the Board or of the designated committee shall be maintained in the file of the affected borrower.

#### ARTICLE V

## ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

(1) Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Agreement, the Board shall review the adequacy of the Bank's Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses ("Allowance") and shall establish a program for the maintenance of an adequate Allowance. This review and program shall be designed to be consistent with regulatory guidance set forth in the Interagency Policy Statement on the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses dated December 13, 2006 ("OCC Bulletin 2006-47") and accounting standards codifications (ASC) 310 and 450. The loss measurements calculated for ASC 450 loan pools must also consider and be adjusted for those qualitative or environmental factors that are likely to cause estimated credit losses to differ from historical experience. Factors to consider include the following:

- (a) changes in lending policies and procedures, including changes in underwriting standards and collection, charge-off, and recovery practices not considered elsewhere in estimating credit losses;
- changes in national, regional, and local economic and business conditions and developments that affect the collectibility of the portfolio, including the condition of various market segments;
- (c) changes in the nature and volume of the portfolio and in the terms of loans;
- (d) changes in the experience, ability, and depth of lending management and other relevant staff;
- (e) changes in the volume and severity of past due loans, the volume of nonaccrual loans, and the volume and severity of adversely classified or graded loans;
- (f) changes in the quality of the institution's loan review system;
- (g) changes in the value of underlying collateral for collateral-dependent loans;
- (h) the existence and effect of any concentrations of credit, and changes in the level of such concentrations; and
- (i) the effect of other external factors such as competition and legal and regulatory requirements on the level of estimated credit losses in the institution's existing portfolio.

- (2) Further, your methodology must identify and evaluate significant impaired loans under the guidelines contained in ASC 310. Any impairment identified must be appropriately allocated in your allowance for loan and lease losses.
- (3) The program shall provide for a review of the Allowance by the Board at least once each calendar quarter. Any deficiency in the Allowance shall be remedied in the quarter it is discovered, prior to the filing of the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, by additional provisions from earnings. Written documentation shall be maintained indicating the factors considered and conclusions reached by the Board in determining the adequacy of the Allowance.
- (4) A copy of the Board's review of the adequacy of the Allowance shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller on a quarterly basis.

#### ARTICLE VI

## LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT

- (1) Within sixty (60) days the Board shall develop a plan designed to improve the Bank's liquidity position and maintain adequate sources of stable funding given the Bank's anticipated liquidity and funding needs. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to:
  - (a) reduction of wholesale or credit sensitive liabilities and/or increase of liquid assets;
  - (b) revision of the Bank's strategic plan in light of the requirement of thisArticle; and
  - (c) development of a Contingency Funding Plan that identifies and quantifies potential triggers that could result in reduced availability of wholesale funding sources

(2) The Board shall take appropriate action to ensure adequate sources of liquidity in relation to the Bank's needs. Monthly reports shall set forth liquidity requirements and sources and establish a contingency plan. Copies of these reports shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller in the Bank's quarterly report to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

#### ARTICLE VII

### **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

- (1) The Board shall immediately take all necessary steps to ensure that Bank management corrects each violation of law, rule or regulation cited in the ROE and in any subsequent Report of Examination. The quarterly progress reports required by Article II of this Agreement shall include the date and manner in which each correction has been effected during that reporting period.
- (2) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the ROE and shall adopt, implement, and ensure Bank adherence to general procedures addressing compliance management which incorporate internal control systems and education of employees regarding laws, rules and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.
- (3) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of any subsequent Report of Examination which cites violations of law, rule, or regulation, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to specific procedures to prevent future violations as cited in the ROE and shall adopt, implement, and ensure Bank adherence to general procedures addressing compliance management which incorporate internal control systems and education of employees regarding laws, rules and regulations applicable to their areas of responsibility.

- (4) Upon adoption, a copy of these procedures shall be promptly forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has policies, processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the procedures developed pursuant to this Article.

#### ARTICLE VIII

## **CLOSING**

- (1) Although the Board has agreed to submit certain programs and reports to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review or prior written determination of no supervisory objection, the Board has the ultimate responsibility for proper and sound management of the Bank.
- (2) It is expressly and clearly understood that if, at any time, the Comptroller deems it appropriate in fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon him/her by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.
- (3) Any time limitations imposed by this Agreement shall begin to run from the effective date of this Agreement. Such time requirements may be extended in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for good cause upon written application by the Board.
- (4) The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective upon execution by the parties hereto and its provisions shall continue in full force and effect unless or until such provisions are amended in writing by mutual consent of the parties to the Agreement or excepted, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.

- (5) In each instance in this Agreement in which the Board is required to ensure adherence to, and undertake to perform certain obligations of the Bank, it is intended to mean that the Board shall:
  - authorize and adopt such actions on behalf of the Bank as may be
     necessary for the Bank to perform its obligations and undertakings under
     the terms of this Agreement;
  - (b) require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of this Agreement;
  - (c) follow-up on any non-compliance with such actions in a timely and appropriate manner; and
  - (d) require corrective action be taken in a timely manner of any noncompliance with such actions.
- "written agreement entered into with the agency" as contemplated by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the Comptroller or the United States. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the Comptroller may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under his supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither the Bank nor the Comptroller has any intention to enter into a contract. The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department, the Comptroller, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of

any of those entities to a contract affecting the Comptroller's exercise of his supervisory responsibilities. The terms of this Agreement, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller, has hereunto set his hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

/s/	4/5/2012
Terry N. Richter	Date

Terry N. Richter
Assistant Deputy Comptroller
Longview Field Office

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of the Bank, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

/s/	4/5/2012
Derrell W. Chapman	Date
/s/	4/5/2012
M. Earl Davis	Date
/s/	4/5/2012
Gerald W. Free	Date
/s/	4/5/2012
Charles R. Halstead	Date
/s/	4/5/2012
Robert A. McKinney, Jr.	Date
Jimmy W. Murphy	Date
/s/	4/5/2012
Thomas G. Prothro	Date