

**#2000-112**

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
White Hall National Bank  
White Hall, Illinois  
and  
The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

White Hall National Bank, White Hall, Illinois (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, through his National Bank Examiner, has examined the Bank, and his findings are contained in the Report of Examination, dated October 10, 2000 (ROE).

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.

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).

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).

This Agreement shall be construed to be a “formal written agreement” within the meaning of 12 C.F.R. § 5.51(c)(6)(ii). See 12 U.S.C. § 1831i.

This Agreement shall be construed to be a “written agreement” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(u).

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 Lawrence E. Beard  
Fairview Heights Field Office  
13 Executive Drive, Suite 7  
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

## ARTICLE I

### COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least four (4) directors, of which no more than two shall be employees 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 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 thirty (30) days of the appointment of the Committee and quarterly thereafter, the Compliance Committee shall submit a written progress report to the Board setting forth in detail:

- (a) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Agreement; and
- (b) the results 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.

## ARTICLE II

### PROGRESS REPORTING - QUARTERLY

(1) The Board shall submit quarterly progress reports to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, Fairview Heights Field Office, 13 Executive Drive, Suite 7, Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208. These reports shall set forth in detail:

- (a) actions taken to comply with each Article of the Agreement;
- (b) results of those actions; and
- (c) a description of the actions needed to achieve full compliance with each Article of this Agreement.

(2) The progress reports should also include any actions initiated by the Board and the Bank pursuant to the criticisms and comments in the Report of Examination or in any future Report of Examination.

(3) The first progress report shall be submitted for the period ending January 31, 2001 and will be due within fifteen (15) days of that date. Thereafter, progress reports will be due within fifteen (15) days after the quarter end.

## ARTICLE III

### NEW SENIOR LOAN OFFICER

(1) Within one hundred twenty (120) days, the Board shall appoint a new, capable Senior Loan Officer who shall be vested with sufficient executive authority to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the position and ensure the safe and sound operation of the Bank.

(2) Prior to the appointment of any individual to the Senior Loan Officer position, the Board shall submit to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller the following information:

- (a) the information sought in the “Changes in Directors and Senior Executive Officers” booklet of the Comptroller’s Corporate Manual, together with a legible fingerprint card for the proposed individual;
- (b) a written statement of the Board's reasons for selecting the proposed officer; and
- (c) a written description of the proposed officer's duties and responsibilities.

(3) The Assistant Deputy Comptroller shall have the power of veto over the employment of the proposed Senior Loan Officer. However, the failure to exercise such veto power shall not constitute an approval or endorsement of the proposed officer.

(4) The requirement to submit information and the prior veto provisions of this Article are based on the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller to complete his/her review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.

(5) The requirement to submit information and the prior veto provisions of this Article are based on the authority of 12 U.S.C. 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller to complete his review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### LOAN REVIEW CONSULTANT

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall employ a qualified consultant to perform an ongoing asset quality review of the Bank. The consultant shall be utilized until such time as an ongoing internal asset quality review system is developed by the Board, implemented and demonstrated to be effective. Before terminating the consultant's asset quality review services,

the Board shall both certify the effectiveness of the internal asset quality review system, and receive prior approval from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(2) Prior to hiring a consultant or entering into any contract with a consultant, the Bank shall submit the proposed terms of employment and the qualifications of the consultant to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller who shall have the power of veto. However, the failure to exercise such veto power shall not constitute an approval or endorsement of the proposed consultant.

(3) The requirement to submit information and the prior veto provisions of this Article are based on the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller to complete his review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.

## ARTICLE V

### ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

(1) 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 in light of the comments on maintaining a proper Allowance found in the Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses booklet, A-ALLL, of the Comptroller's Handbook, and shall focus particular attention on the following factors:

- (a) results of the Bank's external loan review;
- (b) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each significant credit;
- (c) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each credit in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);
- (d) loan loss experience;

- (e) trends of delinquent and nonaccrual loans;
- (f) concentrations of credit in the Bank;
- (g) present and prospective economic conditions; and
- (h) supervision of the loan portfolio including exception levels, compliance with policy, and risk rating accuracy.

(2) 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.

(3) 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 VI

### CREDIT RISK

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program to reduce the level of credit risk in the Bank. The program shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) procedures to strengthen credit underwriting;
- (b) procedures to strengthen ongoing supervision of problem loans; and
- (c) procedures for strengthening collections.

(d) The Board shall submit a copy of the program to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(e) At least quarterly, the Board shall prepare a written assessment of the bank's credit risk, which shall evaluate the Bank's progress under the aforementioned program. The Board shall submit a copy of this assessment to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(2) 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 VII

### CHARGE OFF ASSETS

(1) The Bank shall immediately charge off the list of assets provided to management during the examination which totaled \$238,284 from its books and records.

## ARTICLE VIII

### COLLECTION PROCEDURES

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Bank shall develop, implement and thereafter adhere to a written program designed to improve and strengthen collection efforts. The program shall include specific plans to:

- (a) reduce delinquent loans; and
- (b) improve recovery of charged-off assets.

(2) Upon completion, a copy of the program shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.

(3) 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 IX

### CREDIT AND COLLATERAL EXCEPTIONS

(1) Within sixty (60) days the Board shall obtain current and satisfactory credit information on all loans lacking such information, including those listed in reports provided to management, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination.

(2) Within sixty (60) days the Board shall ensure proper collateral documentation is maintained on all loans and correct each collateral exception listed in the ROE, in any subsequent Report of Examination, in any internal or external loan review, or in any listings of loans lacking such information provided to management by the National Bank Examiners at the conclusion of an examination.

(3) Effective immediately, the Bank may grant, extend, renew, alter or restructure any loan or other extension of credit only after:

- (a) documenting the specific reason or purpose for the extension of credit;
- (b) identifying the expected source of repayment in writing;
- (c) structuring the repayment terms to coincide with the expected source of repayment;
- (d) obtaining and analyzing current and satisfactory credit information, including cash flow analysis, where loans are to be repaid from operations;



- (i) Failure to obtain the information in (3)(d) shall require a majority of the full Board (or a delegated committee thereof) to certify in writing the specific reasons why obtaining and analyzing the information in (3)(d) would be detrimental to the best interests of the Bank.
- (ii) A copy of the Board certification shall be maintained in the credit file of the affected borrower(s). The certification will be reviewed by this Office in subsequent examinations of the Bank; and
- (e) documenting, with adequate supporting material, the value of collateral and properly perfecting the Bank's lien on it where applicable.

## ARTICLE X

### 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 National 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, by any internal or external loan review, or in any list provided to management by the National 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 \$25,000 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 quarterly basis, to determine:

- (a) the status of each criticized asset or criticized portion thereof that equals or exceeds \$25,000;
- (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.

(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 National Bank Examiners during any examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions exceed \$25,000 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 XI

### NONACCRUAL LOANS

(1) The Bank shall immediately reverse or charge off all interest that has been accrued contrary to the requirements contained in the Instructions for Preparation of Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report Instructions) governing nonaccrual loans. Further, the Bank shall immediately reverse or charge off that portion of the remaining accrued interest on such loans that, when combined with principal, is not protected by sound collateral values.

(2) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall adopt and implement written policies and procedures governing the supervision and control of nonaccrual loans. Such policies and procedures shall:

- (a) be consistent with the accounting requirements contained in the Call Report Instructions;
- (b) address the circumstances under which accrued interest due on a loan may be added to the outstanding principal amount when the loan is renewed or restructured; and
- (c) require the monthly presentation to the Board of all loans meeting any of the nonaccrual criteria.

(3) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop and implement a written policy governing the identification of and accounting treatment for nonaccrual loans. The policy shall be consistent with the accounting requirements contained in the Call Report Instructions.

(4) Upon adoption, a copy of the written policies and procedures shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller and the Board shall thereafter ensure Bank adherence to all policies and procedures developed pursuant to this Article.

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

## ARTICLE XII

### 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 XIII

CLOSING

(1) Although the Board has agreed to submit certain programs and reports to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review or approval, 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 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.

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

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Lawrence E. Beard  
Assistant Deputy Comptroller  
Fairview Heights Field Office

12-18-00

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Date

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.

<u>-signed-</u> Kevin J. Coultas	<u>12-18-00</u> Date
<u>-signed-</u> Robert T. Dean	<u>12-12-00</u> Date
<u>-signed-</u> Carl L. Moran	<u>12-12-00</u> Date
<u>-signed-</u> Allyn B. Nichols	<u>12-12-00</u> Date
<u>-signed-</u> Howard Piper	<u>12-12-00</u> Date
<u>-signed-</u> Robert V. Price, III	<u>12-12-00</u> Date
<u>-signed-</u> Gherald A. Ross	<u>12-12-00</u> Date