

#2004-113

AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
First National Bank in Las Vegas
Las Vegas, New Mexico
and
The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

First National Bank in Las Vegas, Las Vegas, New Mexico (“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 for the examination that commenced on March 25, 2004 (“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.

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. § 5.51(c)(6)(ii). 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) 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
Arizona/New Mexico Field Office
9633 South 48th Street, Suite 265
Phoenix, Arizona

ARTICLE II

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

(1) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee of at least five (5) directors, of which no more than three (3) 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 III

MANAGEMENT AND BOARD SUPERVISION STUDY

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall employ an independent outside management consultant.

(2) Prior to the appointment or employment of any consultant or entering into any contract with a consultant, the Board shall submit the name and qualifications of the proposed consultant and the proposed terms of employment to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection.

(3) The requirement to submit information and the provision for a prior written determination of no supervisory objection in this Article are based on the authority of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and do not require the Comptroller or the Assistant Deputy Comptroller to complete his review and act on any such information or authority within ninety (90) days.

(4) Within ninety (90) days of the Consultant's employment pursuant to paragraph (1) of this Article, the Consultant shall complete a study of current management and Board supervision presently being provided to the Bank, the Bank's management structure, and its staffing requirements in light of the Bank's present condition. The findings and recommendations of the Consultant shall be set forth in a written report to the Board. At a minimum, the report shall contain:

- (a) the identification of present and future management and staffing requirements of each area of the Bank, with particular emphasis given to the lending and investment areas;

- (b) an evaluation of each officer's qualifications and abilities and a determination of whether each of these individuals possesses the experience and other qualifications required to perform present and anticipated duties of his/her officer position;
- (c) recommendations as to whether management or staffing changes should be made, including the need for additions to or deletions from the current management team;
- (d) objectives by which management's effectiveness will be measured;
- (e) a training program to address identified weaknesses in the skills and abilities of the Bank's staff and management team;
- (f) an assessment of the Board's strengths and weaknesses along with a director education program designed to strengthen identified weaknesses;
- (g) an assessment of whether Board members are receiving adequate information on the operation of the Bank to enable them to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities and other responsibilities under law;
- (h) recommendations to expand the scope, frequency and sufficiency of information provided to the Board by management;
- (i) an evaluation of the extent of responsibility of current management and/or the Board for present weaknesses in the Bank's condition; and
- (j) recommendations to correct or eliminate any other deficiencies in the supervision or organizational structure of the Bank.

(5) Within thirty (30) days of completion of this study, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written plan, with specific time frames, that will correct any deficiencies which are noted in the study.

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

(7) Copies of the Board's written plan and the Consultant's study shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. The Assistant Deputy Comptroller shall retain the right to determine the adequacy of the report and its compliance with the terms of this Agreement. In the event the written plan, or any portion thereof, is not implemented, the Board shall immediately advise the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, in writing, of specific reasons for deviating from the plan.

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 National Bank Examiners during any examination.

(2) Within thirty (30) 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 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 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);
- (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 National Bank Examiners during any examination and whose aggregate loans or other extensions exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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

LOAN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

(1) The Board shall, within ninety (90) days, develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program to improve the Bank's loan portfolio management. The program shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) procedures to ensure satisfactory and perfected collateral documentation;
- (b) procedures to ensure that extensions of credit are granted, by renewal or otherwise, to any borrower only after obtaining and analyzing current and satisfactory credit information;
- (c) procedures to ensure conformance with loan approval requirements;
- (d) a system to track and analyze exceptions;
- (e) a performance appraisal process, including performance appraisals, job descriptions, and incentive programs for loan officers, which adequately consider their performance relative to policy compliance, documentation standards, accuracy in credit grading, and other loan administration matters; and

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

(3) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to systems which provide for effective monitoring of:

- (a) early problem loan identification to assure the timely identification and rating of loans and leases based on lending officer submissions;
- (b) compliance with the Bank's lending policies and laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the Bank's lending function; and
- (c) adequacy of credit and collateral documentation.

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

ARTICLE VI

LOAN REVIEW

(1) The Board shall within thirty (30) days employ or designate a sufficiently experienced and qualified person(s) or firm to ensure the timely and independent identification of problem loans and leases.

(2) Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall establish an effective, independent and on-going loan review system to review, at least quarterly, the Bank's loan and lease portfolios to assure the timely identification and categorization of problem credits. The system shall provide for a written report to be filed with the Board after each review and shall use a loan and lease grading system consistent with the guidelines set forth in Rating Credit Risk, A-RCR, of the Comptroller's Handbook. Such reports shall, at a minimum, include conclusions regarding:

- (a) the overall quality of the loan and lease portfolios;
- (b) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;
- (c) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
- (d) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;
- (e) the identification and status of credit related violations of law, rule or regulation;

(3) A written description of the program called for in this Article shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller upon implementation.

(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 shall evaluate the internal loan and lease review report(s) and shall ensure that immediate, adequate, and continuing remedial action, if appropriate, is taken upon all findings noted in the report(s).

ARTICLE VII

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 Policy Statement on Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses Methodologies and Documentation (OCC Bulletin 2001-37), and shall focus particular attention on the following factors:

- (a) results of the Bank's loan review;
- (b) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each significant credit;
- (c) loan loss experience;
- (d) trends of delinquent and nonaccrual loans;
- (e) concentrations of credit in the Bank; and
- (f) present and prospective economic conditions.

(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 VIII

INTEREST RATE RISK POLICY

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall revise its written interest rate risk policy. In revising this policy, the Board shall refer to the Interest Rate Risk booklet, L-IRR, of the Comptroller's Handbook. The revised policy shall provide for a coordinated interest rate risk strategy and, at a minimum, address:

- (a) the establishment of adequate management reports on which to base sound interest rate risk management decisions;
- (b) establishment and guidance of the Bank's strategic direction and tolerance for interest rate risk;
- (c) implementation of effective tools to measure and monitor the Bank's performance and overall interest rate risk profile;
- (d) employment of competent personnel to manage interest rate risk;
- (e) prudent limits on the nature and amount of interest rate risk that can be taken; and
- (f) periodic review of the Bank's adherence to the policy.

(2) Upon completion, the Bank's revised Interest Rate Risk Policy shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy

Comptroller, the Board shall immediately adopt and implement the revised policy and shall thereafter ensure Bank adherence to the revised policy.

(3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to the policy that is revised pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE IX

ASSET/LIABILITY MANAGEMENT POLICY

(1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall develop a written liquidity, asset and liability management policy. In formulating this policy, the Board shall refer to the Liquidity booklet, L-L, of the Comptroller's Handbook. The policy shall provide for a coordinated asset/liability management strategy and, at a minimum, address:

- (a) adequate management reports that enable the Board and management to monitor the Bank's liquidity position and maintain liquidity at an adequate level;
- (b) the liquidity, maturity and pledging requirements of the investment portfolio;
- (c) development of a liquidity contingency plan;
- (d) guidelines concerning the nature, extent, and purpose of the Bank's use of brokered deposits consistent with the Bank's overall funds management strategies;
- (e) the nature, extent and purpose of Bank borrowings;
- (f) limits on concentrations of funding sources; and
- (g) periodic review of the Bank's adherence to the policy.

(2) Upon completion, the policy shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a written determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Board shall immediately adopt and implement the policy and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to the policy.

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

ARTICLE X

CAPITAL PLAN AND HIGHER MINIMUMS

(1) The Bank shall maintain the following capital levels (as defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 3):

(a) Tier 1 capital at least equal to fifteen percent (15%) of risk-weighted assets;

(b) Tier 1 capital at least equal to eight percent (8%) of adjusted total assets.

(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 6 pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 6.4(b)(1)(iv).

(3) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall develop, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a three-year capital program. The program shall include:

(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 the Bank's current and future needs;
- (d) contingency plans that identify alternative methods should the primary source(s) under (c) above not be available; and
- (e) 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. §§ 56 and 60; and

(4) Upon completion, the Bank's capital program shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a written 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 XI

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME

(1) If the Bank determines that an exception to any provision of this Agreement is in the best interests of the Bank, or requires an extension of any timeframe within this Agreement, the Board shall submit a written request to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller asking for relief.

(2) Any written requests submitted pursuant to this Article shall include a statement setting forth in detail the special circumstances that prevent the Bank from complying with any provision, that require the Assistant Deputy Comptroller to exempt the Bank from any provision, or that require an extension of any timeframe within this Agreement. All such requests shall be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation.

(3) The Assistant Deputy Comptroller's decision regarding the request is final and not subject to further review.

ARTICLE XII

CLOSING

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

(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:

- (a) 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 non-compliance with such actions.

(6) This Agreement is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a supervisory “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 OCC or the United States. Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the OCC may enforce any of the commitments or obligations

herein undertaken by the Bank under its 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 OCC has any intention to enter into a contract. The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no OCC officer or employee has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the U.S. Treasury Department, the OCC, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or employee of any of those entities to a contract affecting the OCC's exercise of its 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.

Signed
Richard F. Schobert
Assistant Deputy Comptroller
Arizona/New Mexico Field Office

9/7/04
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.

Signed _____ Alan Franken	9/7/04 _____ Date
Signed _____ Joyce Litherland	9/7/04 _____ Date
Signed _____ Ray Litherland	9/07/04 _____ Date
Signed _____ William Ludi, Jr.	9-21-04 _____ Date
Signed _____ Ruth Mares	09/07/04 _____ Date
Signed _____ Arthur Montoya	9-7-04 _____ Date
Signed _____ Danelle Smith	9-7-04 _____ Date
Signed _____ Keith Tucker	9/07/04 _____ Date
Signed _____ Sam Vigil	9/07/04 _____ Date