# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

In the Matter of:	
First National Bank of Crossett	
Crossett, Arkansas	Ì

## CONSENT ORDER

The Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller"), through his National Bank Examiner, has supervisory authority over First National Bank of Crossett ("Bank").

The Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors ("Board"), has executed a "Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of a Consent Order," dated <u>November 10, 2009</u>, that is accepted by the Comptroller. By this Stipulation and Consent, which is incorporated by reference, the Bank has consented to the issuance of this Consent Order ("Order") by the Comptroller.

Pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1818, the Comptroller hereby orders that:

## ARTICLE I

# **COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

(1) Within fifteen (15) days of the date of this Order, the Board shall appoint a Compliance Committee that shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the Bank's adherence to the provisions of this Order. A majority of the directors appointed to the Compliance Committee shall be outside directors who are not employees or controlling shareholders 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 ("ADC").

- (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 description of the action needed to achieve full compliance with each Article of this Order;
  - (b) actions taken to comply with each Article of this Order; and
  - (c) the results of those actions.
- (4) The Board shall promptly review the Compliance Committee's report, and within ten (10) days of receipt, the Board shall forward a copy of the report, with any additional comments by the Board, to the ADC.

## **ARTICLE II**

# CAPITAL PLAN AND HIGHER MINIMUMS

- (1) The Bank shall maintain, at a minimum, the following capital levels (which are defined in 12 C.F.R. Part 3):
  - (a) Total Risk-Based capital at least equal to thirteen percent (13%) of risk-weighted assets;
  - (b) Tier 1 capital at least equal to nine percent (9%) of adjusted total assets.
- (2) The requirement in this Order to meet and maintain a specific capital level means that the Bank may not be deemed "well capitalized" for purposes of 12 U.S.C. § 18310 and 12 C.F.R. Part 6 pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 6.4(b)(1)(iv).
- (3) Within (90) ninety days, the Board shall review, revise, and thereafter ensure compliance with its capital program, which shall span a three year period. 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) 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. §§ 56 and 60; and
  - (iii) with the prior written determination of no supervisory objection by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (4) Upon revision, the Bank's capital program shall be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within ten (10) days for a 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) If the OCC determines, in its sole judgment, that the Bank has failed to submit an acceptable capital program as required by paragraph (3) of this Article, or fails to implement or adhere to a capital program for which the OCC has taken no supervisory objection pursuant to paragraph (4) of this Article, then within ninety (90) days of receiving written notice from the OCC of such fact, the Bank shall develop and shall submit to the OCC for its review and prior determination of no supervisory objection a capital contingency plan, which shall detail the Board's proposal to sell or merge the Bank, or liquidate the Bank under 12 U.S.C. § 181. After the OCC has advised the Bank that it does not take supervisory objection to the capital contingency plan, the Board shall immediately implement, and shall thereafter ensure adherence to, the terms of the contingency plan. Failure to submit a timely, acceptable contingency plan may be deemed a violation of this Order, in the exercise of the OCC's sole discretion.
- (6) 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 III

# **LOAN PERSONNEL & STAFFING PLAN**

- (1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall ensure that the structure, expertise, and level of staffing in the Bank's loan department is sufficient to effectively manage the complexity of the Bank's loan portfolio. The Board shall ensure there are sufficient staffing levels and that the lending staff possesses the required expertise to administer the loan portfolio, identify problem loans, reduce the level of problem loans, manage concentrations of credit, oversee LTV exceptions, monitor credit and collateral exceptions, and provide detailed, accurate, and timely reports to management and the Board.
- (2) In fulfilling the requirements of this Article, the Bank shall take actions to remedy the weaknesses outlined in the Report of Examination by developing a written staffing plan that is

consistent with the goals and objectives established in the Bank's strategic plan and that takes into account the overall risk profile of the Bank. At a minimum, the plan shall consist of the following:

- (a) identification of the skills and expertise needed to develop, market, and administer the products identified in the strategic plan;
- (b) identification of the skills and expertise of the Bank's current staff/staffing levels(taking into account weaknesses identified in the Report of Examination);
- (c) comparison of the current staff's skills and expertise identified in (2)(b) of this

  Article to the skills and expertise needed to develop, market, and administer the

  products in the strategic plan, as identified in (2)(a); and
- (d) determinations regarding whether staff should be reallocated or receive additional training and what level of additional staff is needed.
- (3) Upon completion, a copy of the staffing plan shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review and a prior written determination of no supervisory objection. Upon receiving a determination of no supervisory objection from the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, the Bank shall adopt, implement, and thereafter adhere to the staffing plan.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to this Article.

## ARTICLE IV

## LOAN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

- (1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall review, revise, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to its written program to reduce the high level of credit risk in the Bank. 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) procedures to ensure periodic post-funding analysis;
- (f) procedures to ensure the accuracy of internal management information systems;
- (g) 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
- (h) procedures to track and analyze concentrations of credit, significant economic factors, and general conditions and their impact on the credit quality of the Bank's loan and lease portfolios.
- (2) Upon completion of the revisions to the Bank's written program, a copy of the program shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller.
- (3) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall review, revise, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to systems that provide for effective monitoring of:
  - early problem loan identification to assure the timely identification and rating of loans and leases based on lending officer submissions;

- (b) statistical records that will serve as a basis for identifying sources of problem loans and leases by industry, size, collateral, division, group, indirect dealer, and individual lending officer;
- (c) previously charged-off assets and their recovery potential;
- (d) compliance with the Bank's lending policies and laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the Bank's lending function;
- (e) adequacy of credit and collateral documentation; and
- (f) concentrations of credit.
- (4) Beginning on November 30, 2009, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, management shall continue to provide the Board with written reports. The written reports shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
  - (a) the identification, type, rating, and amount of problem loans and leases;
  - (b) the identification and amount of delinquent loans and leases;
  - (c) credit and collateral documentation exceptions;
  - (d) the identification and status of credit related violations of law, rule or regulation;
  - (e) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (a) through (d) of this Article and Paragraph;
  - (f) an analysis of concentrations of credit, significant economic factors, and general conditions and their impact on the credit quality of the Bank's loan and lease portfolios; and
  - (g) the identification of loans and leases not in conformance with the Bank's lending and leasing policies, and exceptions to the Bank's lending and leasing policies.

(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 V

## REDUCING THE LEVEL OF CRITICIZED ASSETS

- (1) The Bank shall take 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 review, revise, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to its 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 cover, for each criticized asset, 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 or securities 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 completion, a copy of the program shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller. Any subsequent modifications or additions to the program shall be forwarded to the ADC with ten (10) days of the modification or addition.

- (4) 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 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00);
  - (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.
- (5) 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).
- (6) 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 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) 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.
- (7) A copy of the approval of the Board or of the designated committee shall be maintained in the file of the affected borrower.
- (8) 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

## LOAN REVIEW

- (1) The Board shall within sixty (60) 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 sixty (60) 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" and "Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses" booklets of the Comptroller's Handbook. Such reports shall include, at a minimum, 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;
- (f) the identity of the loan officer who originated each loan reported in accordance with subparagraphs (b) through (e) of the Article;
- (g) concentrations of credit;
- (h) loans and leases to executive officers, directors, principal shareholders (and their related interests) of the Bank; and
- loans and leases not in conformance with the Bank's lending and leasing policies,and exceptions to the Bank's lending and leasing policies.
- (3) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall adopt, implement, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written program providing for independent review of problem loans and leases in the Bank's loan and lease portfolios for the purpose of monitoring portfolio trends, on at least a quarterly basis. The program shall require a quarterly report to the Board. At a minimum the program shall provide for an independent reviewer's assessment of the Bank's:
  - (a) monitoring systems for early problem loan identification to assure the timely identification and rating of loans and leases based on lending officer submissions;
  - (b) statistical records that serve as a basis for identifying sources of problem loans and leases by industry, size, collateral, division, group, indirect dealer, and individual lending officer;
  - (c) system for monitoring previously charged-off assets and their recovery potential;
  - (d) system for monitoring compliance with the Bank's lending policies and laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the Bank's lending function; and
  - (e) system for monitoring the adequacy of credit and collateral documentation.

- (4) A written description of the program called for in this Article shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller upon implementation.
- (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).
- (6) A copy of the reports submitted to the Board, as well as documentation of the action taken by the Bank to collect or strengthen assets identified as problem credits, shall be preserved in the Bank.
- (7) 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

# <u>COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT</u>

- (1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall review, revise, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to a written commercial real estate ("CRE") concentration risk management program consistent with OCC Bulletin 2006-46. The program shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
  - (a) Ongoing risk assessments to identify potential CRE concentrations in the portfolio, including exposures to similar interrelated groups of borrowers;
  - (b) Board and management oversight of CRE concentrations, to include:
    - (i) Policy guidelines and an overall CRE lending strategy, including actions required when the Bank approaches the limits of its CRE guidelines;
    - (ii) Procedures and controls to effectively adhere to and monitor compliance with the Bank's lending policies and strategies;

- (iii) Regular review of information and reports that identify, analyze and quantify the nature and level of risk presented by CRE concentrations; and
- (iv) Periodic review and approval of CRE risk exposure limits. policies and procedures to control and monitor concentrations of credit; and
- (c) Portfolio management, to include internal lending guidelines and concentration limits that control the Bank's overall risk exposure to CRE, and a contingency plan to reduce or mitigate concentrations in the event of adverse market conditions;
- (d) Management information systems, to provide sufficient timely information to management to identify, measure, monitor or manage CRE concentration risk;
- (e) Periodic market analysis, to provide management and the Board with information to assess whether its CRE lending strategy and policies continue to be appropriate in light of changes in CRE market conditions;
- (f) Credit underwriting standard for CRE, to include:
  - (i) Maximum loan amount by type of property;
  - (ii) Loan terms;
  - (iii) Pricing structures;
  - (iv) Collateral valuations;
  - (v) Loan-to-value limits by property type;
  - (vi) Requirements for feasibility studies and sensitivity analysis or stress testing;

- (vii) Minimum requirements for initial investment and maintenance of hard equity by the borrower; and
- (viii) Minimum standards for borrower net worth, property cash flow and debt service coverage for property;
- (g) Portfolio stress testing and sensitivity analysis of CRE concentrations; and
- (h) Credit risk review of CRE, to include an effective, accurate and timely riskrating system.
- (2) The Board shall forward a copy of any analysis performed on existing or potential CRE concentrations to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller immediately following the review.
- (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

# ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

- (1) Within sixty (60) days, 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 of the <u>Comptroller's</u> Handbook, and shall focus particular attention on the following factors:
  - (a) results of the Bank's internal loan review;
  - (b) results of the Bank's external loan review;
  - (c) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each significant credit;
  - (d) an estimate of inherent loss exposure on each credit in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000);

- (e) loan loss experience;
- (f) trends of delinquent and nonaccrual loans;
- (g) concentrations of credit in the Bank; and
- (h) 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 IX

## STRATEGIC PLAN

- (1) Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall review, revise, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to its written strategic plan for the Bank, which shall cover at least a three-year period. The strategic plan shall establish objectives for the Bank's overall risk profile, earnings performance, growth, balance sheet mix, off-balance sheet activities, liability structure, capital adequacy, reduction in the volume of nonperforming assets, product line development and market segments that the Bank intends to promote or develop, together with strategies to achieve those objectives and, at a minimum, include:
  - a mission statement that forms the framework for the establishment of strategic goals and objectives;
  - (b) an assessment of the Bank's present and future operating environment;

- (c) the development of strategic goals and objectives to be accomplished over the short and long term;
- (d) an identification of the Bank's present and future product lines (assets and liabilities) that will be utilized to accomplish the strategic goals and objectives established in (1)(c) of this Article;
- (e) an evaluation of the Bank's internal operations, staffing requirements, board and management information systems and policies and procedures for their adequacy and contribution to the accomplishment of the goals and objectives developed under (1)(c) of this Article;
- (f) a management employment and succession program to promote the retention and continuity of capable management;
- (g) product line development and market segments that the Bank intends to promote or develop;
- (h) an action plan to improve bank earnings and accomplish identified strategic goals and objectives, including individual responsibilities, accountability and specific time frames;
- (i) a financial forecast to include projections for major balance sheet and income statement accounts and desired financial ratios over the period covered by the strategic plan;
- (j) control systems to mitigate risks associated with planned new products, growth,or any proposed changes in the Bank's operating environment;

- (k) specific plans to establish responsibilities and accountability for the strategic planning process, new products, growth goals, or proposed changes in the Bank's operating environment; and
- systems to monitor the Bank's progress in meeting the plan's goals and objectives.
- (2) Upon revision, a copy of the plan shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review and prior written 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 strategic plan.
- (3) 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.

## ARTICLE X

# LIQUIDITY AND CONTINGENCY FUNDING PLAN

- (1) Within ninety (90) days, the Bank shall review, revise, and thereafter ensure Bank adherence to its contingency funding plan to enable the Bank to sustain sufficient liquidity to support the Bank's current operations and to withstand any anticipated or extraordinary demand against its funding base. The review should consider, but not necessarily be limited to, the following items:
  - (a) obtaining lines of credit from the Federal Reserve Bank;
  - (b) obtaining lines of credit from the Federal Home Loan Bank;
  - (c) obtaining lines of credit from correspondent banks;
  - (d) sale of assets; and
  - (e) injecting additional equity capital.

- (2) The Board shall review the Bank's contingency plan on a quarterly basis, and require at a minimum testing of the plan to include:
  - (a) verifying the continuing availability of present funding sources; and
  - (b) determining and identifying, if necessary, assets required to be pledged.
- (3) After each quarterly review, the Board shall take appropriate action to ensure adequate sources of liquidity in relation to the Bank's needs.
- (4) Monthly reports shall set forth liquidity requirements and sources and update the status of the 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.
- (5) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has adequate processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure the implementation of and adherence to this Article.

## ARTICLE XI

# APPRAISALS OF REAL PROPERTY

- (1) Within sixty (60) days, the Board shall engage the services of an independent, professionally certified, or licensed appraiser(s) to provide:
  - (a) a written or updated appraisal, in accordance with 12 C.F.R. Part 34, for each parcel of real property that represents primary collateral behind any extension of credit where:
    - (i) the loan was criticized in the ROE or by the Bank's internal loan review,

      and the most recent independent appraisal is more than twelve (12)

      months old; or

- (ii) accrued interest or loan fees have been or will be added to the outstanding principal balance, <u>and</u> the most recent independent appraisal is more than twelve (12) months old;
- (2) The Board shall specifically instruct the appraiser(s) to comply with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. Part 34. The details surrounding any and all other instructions given to the appraiser(s) by the Bank, whether written or oral, shall be provided to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for review prior to the appraiser(s) undertaking the actual appraisals.
- (3) All such appraisals shall be completed within sixty (60) days, and certification by the Board attesting to the completion of the appraisals shall be forwarded to the Assistant Deputy Comptroller within ninety (90) days.
- (4) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence 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 I of this Order shall include the date and manner in which each correction has been effected during that reporting period.
- (2) Within sixty (60) 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 sixty (60) 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

## PARTICIPATIONS PURCHASED

- (1) Effective immediately, the Bank may not grant, purchase, assume, or acquire, in any manner, directly or indirectly, or as a fiduciary or nominee, any loan, loan participation, loan obligation or other asset unless such grant, purchase, assumption, or acquisition is consistent with safe and sound banking practices, the guidelines set forth in Banking Circular 181 (Revised), dated August 2, 1984, and the requirements of 12 C.F.R. Part 34.
- (2) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to this Article.

## ARTICLE XIV

## AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS

- (1) The Bank may, directly or indirectly, pay money or its equivalent to or for the benefit of, or extend credit in any form to or for the benefit of, its affiliates, or transfer assets between the Bank and its affiliates, or enter into or engage in any transaction that obligates the Bank to do the same only after:
  - (a) the Board has conducted an independent review of the action, that is documented in writing; and
  - (b) the Board has determined in writing that it is advantageous for the Bank to engage in such action, and that the action complies with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and Comptroller's issuances, including, but not limited to 12 C.F.R. Part 223.
- (2) For purposes of this Article, "affiliate" shall have the meaning set forth in 12 C.F.R. Part 223. The exceptions set forth in 12 CFR 223.2(b) and (c) shall not apply.
- (3) The Board shall ensure that the Bank has processes, personnel, and control systems to ensure implementation of and adherence to this Article.

## ARTICLE XV

## CONCLUSION

(1) Although the Board is by this Order required to submit certain proposed actions and programs for the review or prior written determination of no supervisory objection of the Assistant Deputy Comptroller, 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 it by the several laws of the United States of America to undertake any action affecting the Bank, nothing in this Order shall in any way inhibit, estop, bar or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from so doing.
- (3) Any time limitations imposed by this Order shall begin to run from the effective date of this Order. Such time limitations may be extended in writing by the Assistant Deputy Comptroller for good cause upon written application by the Board.
- (4) The provisions of this Order are effective upon issuance of this Order by the Comptroller, through his authorized representative whose hand appears below, and shall remain effective and enforceable, except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions of this Order shall have been amended, suspended, waived, or terminated in writing by the Comptroller.
- (5) In each instance in this Order 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 Order;
  - (b) require the timely reporting by Bank management of such actions directed by the Board to be taken under the terms of this Order;
  - (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 Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the Comptroller or the United States.

(7) The terms of this Order, 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.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this <u>10th</u> day of <u>November</u>, <u>2009</u>.

/S/

F. Christian Dunn Assistant Deputy Comptroller Little Rock Field Office

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

In the Matter of:	
First National Bank of Crossett	
Crossett, Arkansas	

# STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER

The Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller") intends to initiate cease and desist proceedings against First National Bank of Crossett, Crossett, Arkansas ("Bank") pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), for unsafe and unsound banking practices including practices relating to capital, asset quality, and liquidity.

The Bank, in the interest of compliance and cooperation, consents to the issuance of a Consent Order, dated \_\_November 10, 2009 ("Order");

In consideration of the above premises, the Comptroller, through his authorized representative, and the Bank, through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors, hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

# ARTICLE I

## JURISDICTION

- (1) The Bank is a national banking association chartered and examined by the Comptroller pursuant to the National Bank Act of 1864, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq*.
- (2) The Comptroller is "the appropriate Federal banking agency" regarding the Bank pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(q) and 1818(b).
- (3) The Bank is an "insured depository institution" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1).

(4) This Order shall cause the Bank not to be designated as an "eligible bank" for purposes of 12 C.F.R. § 5.3(g), unless otherwise informed in writing by the Comptroller.

## ARTICLE II

# **AGREEMENT**

- (1) The Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, hereby consents and agrees to the issuance of the Order by the Comptroller.
- (2) The Bank further agrees that said Order shall be deemed an "order issued with the consent of the depository institution" as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h)(2), and consents and agrees that said Order shall become effective upon its issuance and shall be fully enforceable by the Comptroller under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i). 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(i), 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.
- (3) The Bank also expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Comptroller 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.

#### ARTICLE III

## **WAIVERS**

(1) The Bank, by signing this Stipulation and Consent, hereby waives:

- (a) the issuance of a Notice of Charges pursuant to 12 U.S.C.§ 1818(b);
- (b) any and all procedural rights available in connection with the issuance of the Order;
- (c) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), 12 C.F.R. Part 19
- (d) all rights to seek any type of administrative or judicial review of the Order; and
- (e) any and all rights to challenge or contest the validity of the Order.

## ARTICLE IV

# **OTHER ACTION**

(1) The Bank agrees that the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any other action affecting the Bank if, at any time, it deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon it by the several laws of the United States of America.

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

/S/	11/10/2009
F. Christian Dunn	Date
Assistant Deputy Comptroller	

Little Rock 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/	11/10/09
Edward L. Holt	Date
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/S/ Herbert R. Hutchison	11/12/09
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/S/ Charles Maxwell Pope	Date
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/S/ Douglas W. Reed	
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/S/	11/10/09
/S/ Dick E. Reynolds	Date
/S/ Dr. Benjamin J. Walsh	11/10/09
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/S/	11/10/09
Michael F. Webb	Date
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Dane Weindorf	Date