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✦ Traditional Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement

(Form 5305 - A under Section 408(a) of the Internal Revenue Code)

The Accountholder named on the application ("Depositor") is establishing a Traditional individual retirement account under section 408(a) to provide for his or her retirement and for the support of his or her beneficiaries after death.

Equity Trust Company, d.b.a. Sterling Trust ("Custodian") has given the Depositor the disclosure statement required by Regulations section 1.408-6.

The Depositor has assigned the custodial account the sum indicated on the application.

The Depositor and the Custodian make the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

Except in the case of a rollover contribution described in section 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3), or 457(e)(16), an employer contribution to a simplified employee pension plan as described in section 408(k), or a recharacterized contribution described in section 408A(d)(6), the Custodian will accept only cash contributions up to \$3,000 per year for tax years 2002 through 2004. That contribution limit is increased to \$4,000 for tax years 2005 through 2007 and \$5,000 for 2008 and 2009 and thereafter. For individuals who have reached the age of 50 before the close of the tax year, the contribution limit is increased to \$3,500 per year for tax years 2002 through 2004, \$4,500 for 2005, \$5,000 for 2006 and 2007, and \$6,000 for 2008 and 2009 and thereafter. For tax years after 2009, the above limits will be increased to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment, if any.

ARTICLE II

The Depositor's interest in the balance in the custodial account is nonforfeitable.

ARTICLE III

1. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the assets of the custodial account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund (within the meaning of section 408(a)(5)).
2. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of section 408(m)) except as otherwise permitted by section 408(m)(3), which provides an exception for certain gold, silver, and platinum coins, coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

ARTICLE IV

1. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the distribution of the Depositor's interest in the custodial account shall be made in accordance with the following requirements and shall otherwise comply with section 408(a)(6) and the regulations thereunder, the provisions of which are herein incorporated by reference.
2. The Depositor's entire interest in the custodial account must be, or begin to be, distributed not later than the Depositor's required beginning date, April 1 following the calendar year in which the Depositor reaches age 70 1/2. By that date, the Depositor may elect, in a manner acceptable to the Custodian, to have the balance in the custodial account distributed in: (a) A single sum or (b) Payments over a period not longer than the life of the Depositor or the joint lives of the Depositor and his or her designated beneficiary.
3. If the Depositor dies before his or her entire interest is distributed to him or her, the remaining interest will be distributed as follows:
 - (a) If the Depositor dies on or after the required beginning date and:
 - (i) the designated beneficiary is the Depositor's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the surviving spouse's life expectancy as determined each year until such spouse's death, or over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below if longer. Any interest remaining after the spouse's death will be distributed over such spouse's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year of the spouse's death and reduced by 1 for each subsequent year, or, if distributions are being made over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below, over such period.
 - (ii) the designated beneficiary is not the Depositor's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the beneficiary's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year following the death of the Depositor and reduced by 1 for each subsequent year, or over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below if longer.
 - (iii) there is no designated beneficiary, the remaining interest will be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of the Depositor as determined in the year of the Depositor's death and reduced by 1 for each subsequent year.
 - (b) If the Depositor dies before the required beginning date, the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with (i) below or, if elected or there is no designated beneficiary, in accordance with (ii) below:
 - (i) the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above (but not over the period in paragraph (a)(iii), even if longer), starting by the end of the calendar year following the year of the Depositor's death. If, however, the designated



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beneficiary is the Depositor's surviving spouse, then this distribution is not required to begin before the end of the calendar year in which the Depositor would have reached age 70 1/2. But, in such case, if the Depositor's surviving spouse dies before distributions are required to begin, then the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with (a)(ii) above (but not over the period in paragraph (a)(iii), even if longer), over such spouse's designated beneficiary's life expectancy, or in accordance with (ii) below if there is no such designated beneficiary.

(ii) the remaining interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Depositor's death.

4. If the Depositor dies before his or her entire interest has been distributed and if the designated beneficiary is not the Depositor's surviving spouse, no additional contributions may be accepted in the account.
5. The minimum amount that must be distributed each year, beginning with the year containing the Depositor's required beginning date, is known as the "required minimum distribution" and is determined as follows:
 - (a) the required minimum distribution under paragraph 2(b) for any year, beginning with the year the Depositor reaches age 70 1/2, is the Depositor's account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the distribution period in the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. However, if the Depositor's designated beneficiary is his or her surviving spouse, the required minimum distribution for a year shall not be more than the Depositor's account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the number in the joint and last survivor table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. The required minimum distribution for a year under this paragraph (a) is determined using the Depositor's (or, if applicable, the Depositor and spouse's) attained age (or ages) in the year.
 - (b) the required minimum distribution under paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i) for a year, beginning with the year following the year of the Depositor's death (or the year the Depositor would have reached age 70 1/2, if applicable under paragraph 3(b)(i)) is the account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the life expectancy (in the single life table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9) of the individual specified in such paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i).
 - (c) the required minimum distribution for the year the Depositor reaches age 70 1/2 can be made as late as April 1 of the following year. The required minimum distribution for any other year must be made by the end of such year.
6. The owner of two or more Traditional IRAs may satisfy the minimum distribution requirements described above by taking from one Traditional IRA the amount required to satisfy the requirement for another in accordance with the Regulations under section 408(a)(6).

ARTICLE V

1. The Depositor agrees to provide the Custodian with all information necessary to prepare any reports required by section 408(i) and Regulations sections 1.408-5 and 1.408-6.
2. The Custodian agrees to submit to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Depositor the reports prescribed by the IRS.

ARTICLE VI

Notwithstanding any other articles which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through III and this sentence will be controlling. Any additional articles inconsistent with section 408(a) and the related Regulations will be invalid.

ARTICLE VII

This Agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the related Regulations. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signatures appear on the Application, as provided in section 8.10 below.

ARTICLE VIII

8.01 Definitions: In this part of this Agreement (Article VIII), the words "you" and "your" mean the Depositor, the words "we," "us" and "our" mean the Custodian, "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code, and "Regulations" means the Treasury Regulations.

8.02 Notices and Change of Address: Any required notice regarding this IRA will be considered effective when we send it to the intended recipient at the last address which we have in our records. Any notice to be given to us will be considered effective when we actually receive it. You, or the intended recipient, must notify us of any change of address.

8.03 Representations and Responsibilities:

- (a) In General. You represent and warrant to us that any information you have given or will give us with respect to this Agreement is complete and accurate. Further, you agree that any directions you give us, or action you take will be proper under this Agreement, and that we are entitled to rely upon any such information or directions. If we fail to receive directions from you regarding any transaction, or if we receive ambiguous directions regarding any transaction, or we, in good faith, believe that any transaction requested is in dispute, we reserve the right to take no action until further clarification acceptable to us is received from you or the appropriate government or judicial authority. We shall not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from your directions to us or your actions or failures to act, and you agree to reimburse and indemnify us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions or failures to act. **We shall not be responsible for any penalties, taxes, judgments or expenses you incur in connection with your IRA** We have no duty



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to determine whether your contributions or distributions comply with the Code, Regulations, rulings or this Agreement. We may permit you to appoint, through written notice acceptable to us, an authorized agent to act on your behalf with respect to this Agreement (e.g., attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, investment manager), however, we have no duty to determine the validity of such appointment or any instrument appointing such authorized agent. **We shall not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from directions, actions or failures to act by your authorized agent, and you agree to reimburse and indemnify us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions or failures to act by your authorized agent.** Except as otherwise indicated herein, you will have sixty (60) days after you receive any documents, statements or other information from us to notify us in writing of any errors or inaccuracies reflected in these documents, statements or other information. If you do not notify us within 60 days, the documents, statements or other information shall be deemed correct and accurate, and we shall have no further liability or obligation for such documents, statements, other information or the transactions described therein.

By performing services under this Agreement we are acting as your agent. You acknowledge and agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as conferring fiduciary status upon us. We shall not be required to perform any additional services unless specifically agreed to under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or as required under the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to IRAs. We may employ agents and organizations, including but not limited to Sterling Administrative Services, LLC, for the purpose of performing administrative or other custodial-related services with respect to your IRA for which we otherwise have responsibility under this Agreement, and the limitations on our duties to you under this Agreement or otherwise shall also apply with respect to each agent or organization so employed.

You represent to us that any loss sustained in your IRA will not affect your retirement income standard; and if a mandatory distribution arises, you will have the ability through your IRA and/or other retirement accounts to meet any mandatory distribution requirements.

You agree to release and indemnify, hold harmless and defend us from any and all claims, damages, liability, actions, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) and responsibility for any loss, resulting to the IRA, to you or to any beneficiary or incurred by or asserted against us, in connection with or by reason of any sale or investment made or other action taken (or omitted to be taken) pursuant to and/or in connection with any investment transaction directed by you or your investment advisor or resulting from serving as the custodian hereunder, including, without limitation, claims, damages, liability, actions and losses asserted by you.

You agree to reimburse or advance to us, on demand, all legal fees, expenses, costs, fines, penalties and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection with the defense, contest, prosecution or satisfaction of any claim made, threatened or asserted pertaining to any investment or action you or your investment advisor directed through the custodian, including, without limitation, claims asserted by you, any state or federal regulatory authority or self regulatory organization.

To the extent written instructions or notices are required under this Agreement, we may accept or provide such information in any other form permitted by the Code or applicable regulations.

- (b) Prohibited Transactions. You understand that certain transactions are prohibited in IRAs and qualified retirement plans under Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code. You further understand that the determination of a prohibited transaction depends on the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. We will make no determination as to whether any IRA investment is prohibited. You further understand that should your IRA engage in a prohibited transaction, you will incur a taxable distribution as well as possible penalties. You represent to us that you have consulted or will consult with your own tax or legal professional to ensure that none of your IRA investments will constitute a prohibited transaction Traditional Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement and that your IRA investments will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and requirements.
- (c) Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT). Since your IRA is a tax-exempt organization under federal tax law, if your IRA earns income from an investment which utilizes debt-financing or which is derived from a business regarded as not related to the exempt purpose of your IRA, it may be subject to the so-called "unrelated business income tax" if it is in excess of permitted deductions. For example, income from an IRA investment in a partnership generally will result in unrelated business taxable income. In the event that your direction of investment of IRA assets results in taxable income (unrelated or debt-financed) pursuant to Sections 511-514 of the Internal Revenue Code in excess of the \$1,000 exclusion (as that amount may be adjusted) for any taxable year, you agree to prepare or have prepared the required Form 990-T tax return, an application for employer identification number (if not previously obtained), and any other documents that may be required, and to submit them to us, for filing with the Internal Revenue Service, at least five days prior to the date on which the return is due for such taxable year, along with an appropriate payment directive authorizing the custodian to execute the forms on behalf of your IRA and to pay the applicable unrelated business income tax from your IRA.
- (d) Listed Transactions and Reportable Transactions. You understand that certain transactions are or may be identified by the Internal Revenue Service as abusive tax shelter schemes or transactions. You further understand that the determination of a listed or reportable transaction may depend upon the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. We will make no determination as to whether any IRA investment constitutes a listed or reportable transaction. You represent to us that you have consulted or will consult with your own tax or legal professional to ensure that any listed or reportable transactions engaged in by your IRA are identified. You further represent and acknowledge to us that with respect to any listed or reportable transaction you are considered the entity manager who approved or caused your IRA to be a party to the transaction and that you are responsible for: reporting each such transaction to the Internal Revenue Service, using Forms 8886-T and 8886; paying any applicable excise taxes, using Form 5330; disclosing to the IRA custodian that such transaction was a prohibited tax shelter transaction; and directing us as to any necessary corrective action to be taken by your IRA.



(e) **Passive Custodian Provides No Investment Advice.** We do not provide legal or tax services or advice with respect to your IRA investments; and you release and indemnify and agree to hold harmless and defend us in the event that any investment or sale of your IRA assets pursuant to a Direction of Investment form violates any federal or state law or regulation or otherwise results in a disqualification, penalty, fine or tax imposed upon you, your IRA, or us.

(f) Investment Conforms to All Applicable Securities Laws. You represent to us that if any investment by your IRA is a security under applicable federal or state securities laws, such investment has been registered or is exempt from registration under federal and state securities laws; and you release and waive all claims against us for our role in carrying out your instructions with respect to such investment.

You acknowledge that the foregoing representation is being relied upon by us in accepting your investment directions and you agree to indemnify us with respect to all costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), fines, penalties, liabilities, damages, actions, judgments and claims arising out of such investment and/or a breach of the foregoing representation, including, without limitation, claims asserted by you.

(g) Custodian Not Responsible for Insurance. We will not bear or assume any responsibility to notify you, secure or maintain fire, casualty, liability or other insurance coverage on any personal or real property held by your IRA or which serves as collateral under any mortgage or other security instrument held by your IRA with respect to any promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness. It is incumbent upon you as the IRA owner to arrange for such insurance as you determine necessary or appropriate to protect your IRA assets and to direct us in writing as to the payment of any premiums therefor. Furthermore it is your responsibility to determine that payment has been made upon your written request by verifying same with your IRA statements.

We will not be responsible for notification or payments of any insurance premiums, real estate taxes, utilities, or other charges with respect to any investment held in your IRA, unless you specifically direct us to pay the same in writing and sufficient funds are available to pay same from your IRA. Furthermore, it is your responsibility to determine that payment has been made from the custodial account. You must utilize an appropriate payment directive form available from us within a sufficient period of time for such direction to be accomplished in accordance with the custodian's normal business practices (without regard to whether we have undertaken efforts to comply with such directive).

8.04 Service Fees: We have the right to charge an annual service fee or other designated fees (e.g., a transfer, rollover or termination fee) for maintaining your IRA. In addition, we have the right to be reimbursed for all expenses, including legal expenses, we incur in connection with the administration of your IRA. We may charge you separately for any fees or expenses, or we may deduct the amount of the fees or expenses from the assets in your IRA at our discretion. We reserve the right to charge any additional fee upon 30 days notice to you that the fee will be effective. Fees such as subaccounting and other fees or commissions may be paid to us or our affiliates by third parties for assistance in performing certain transactions with respect to this IRA.

Upon establishment of the custodial account or at such time thereafter as we may require, you shall furnish us with a valid credit card account number and related information and hereby do authorize us to charge that account for our fees and expenses in accordance with this Section 8.04. If such credit card account expires or otherwise is or becomes invalid, you shall immediately inform us and provide us with another valid credit card number and related information and hereby do authorize us to so charge that account. In the absence of cash or money market shares in the custodial account sufficient to pay our fees and/or expenses when due, we shall charge the valid credit card on file for such fees and/or expenses. If Sterling Trust must produce a written invoice for any fees, because such fees are not paid directly from your account or charged to your credit card, you will be charged an invoice print fee. All invoices are due and payable upon receipt. If such charge cannot be consummated, we shall submit an invoice to you for all outstanding fees and expenses plus any applicable invoice costs and late charges and /or we may liquidate sufficient investments in the custodial account in accordance with Section 8.13 of this Article to pay such fees and expenses. Such credit card account shall not be used by us for the purpose of paying any other investment or investment maintenance expenses of your IRA.

Any brokerage commissions attributable to the assets in your IRA will be charged to your IRA. You cannot reimburse your IRA for those commissions.

Fees are generally based upon the fair market value of the assets held in the IRA; provided that where such assets are nonmarketable investments or do not have a readily available market value, the fees shall be based upon cost or the estimated fair market value of such assets, whichever is greater. If an entity in which IRA assets are invested is subject to bankruptcy, reorganization, receivership or similar proceedings, the fee based upon such asset will not be less than \$50.00. Publicly traded securities shall be valued at their fair market value. If cost is not reflective of fair market value with respect to the assets held in your IRA, you may provide us with a qualified independent valuation of such assets for purposes of determining an appropriate fee; and we will give consideration to such independent valuation. Our determination shall be binding and conclusive for purposes of IRA fees based upon value.

We may perform sub-accounting, record-keeping, administrative and/or other services related to the IRA. We may receive fees up to \$40.00 per month per account and/or reimbursement of expenses from financial institutions and/or money market funds with which IRA funds have been deposited or invested for these services.

8.05 Investment of Amounts in the IRA:

(a) In General. You have exclusive responsibility for and control over the investment of the assets of your IRA. All transactions shall be subject to any and all restrictions or limitations, direct or indirect, which are imposed by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws; any and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; the rules, regulations, customs and usages of any exchange, market or clearing house where the transaction is executed; our internal policies, standards and practices; and this Agreement. After your death, your beneficiary(ies)



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shall have the right to direct the investment of your IRA assets, subject to the same conditions that applied to you during your lifetime under this Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 8.03 of this article). We will not exercise the voting rights and other shareholder rights with respect to investments in your IRA unless you provide timely written directions acceptable to us according to our then current policies and procedures.

You will select the type of investment for your IRA assets, provided, however, that your selection of investments shall be limited to those types of investments that we are authorized by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws to offer and comport with our internal policies, practices, and standards and are deemed administratively feasible by us. We may, in our sole discretion, make available to you, additional investment offerings, which shall be limited to publicly traded securities, mutual funds, money market instruments and other investments that are obtainable by us and that we are capable of holding in the ordinary course of our business.

- (b) Custodian Acting in Passive Capacity Only. We are acting solely as a passive custodian to hold IRA assets and we have no discretion to direct any investment in your IRA. Accordingly, we are not a fiduciary (as said term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, or any other applicable federal, state or local laws) with respect to your IRA account. However, through our affiliate, we may receive a commission in connection with the unsolicited purchase or sale of a publicly-traded security.

It is not our responsibility to review the prudence, merits, viability or suitability of any investment directed by you or your investment advisors or to determine whether the investment is acceptable under ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code or any other applicable law. We do not offer any investment advice, nor do we endorse any investment, investment product or investment strategy; and we do not endorse any investment advisor, representative, broker, or other party selected by you. We have no responsibility to question any investment directions given by you or by any investment advisor or representative appointed by you.

It is your responsibility to perform proper due diligence with regard to any such representative, investment advisor, broker or other party. We will follow the directions of any such investment advisor, representative, broker or other party selected by you provided you furnish us with written authorization and documentation acceptable to us, and the custodian will be entitled to all the same protections and indemnities in our reliance upon and execution of the directives of such investment advisor or other party as if such directives were given by you.

We shall be under no obligation or duty to investigate, analyze, monitor, verify title to, or otherwise evaluate or perform due diligence for any investment directed by you or your investment advisor, representative or agent; nor shall we be responsible to notify you or take any action should there be any default with regard to any investment.

Any review performed by us with respect to an investment shall be solely for our own purposes of determining compliance with our internal policies, practices and standards, as we determine from time to time and the administrative feasibility of the investment and neither such review nor its acceptance should be construed in any way as an endorsement of any investment, investment company or investment strategy. We also have the right not to effect any transaction/investment which we deem to be beyond the scope of our administrative responsibilities, capabilities or expertise or that we determine in our sole discretion does not comport with our internal policies, practices or standards.

We have no duty or obligation to notify you with respect to any information, knowledge, irregularities or our concerns relating to your investment or your investment advisor, broker, agent, promoter or representative, except as to civil pleadings or court orders received by us.

We shall use reasonable efforts to acquire or sell investments in accordance with your directions within a reasonable period of time after we have received an investment direction and we shall make reasonable efforts to notify you if we are unable or unwilling to comply with an investment direction. Subject to the foregoing, we shall remit funds as directed, but have no responsibility to verify or assure that such funds have been invested to purchase or acquire the asset selected by you.

- (c) Investment Documentation. In directing us with respect to any investment, you must utilize our Direction of Investment form suitable to such investment or such other form acceptable to us.

We shall be fully protected in acting upon any instrument, certificate, paper or transmission believed to be genuine and to be signed or presented by the proper person or persons whether or not by facsimile or other form acceptable to the custodian, and the custodian shall be under no duty to make any investigation or inquiry as to any statement contained in any such communication, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the truth and accuracy of the statements therein contained.

You authorize and direct us to execute and deliver, on behalf of your IRA, any and all documents delivered to us in connection with your IRA investments; and we shall have no responsibility to verify or determine that any such documents are complete, accurate or constitute the documents necessary to comply with your investment direction.

You authorize and direct us to correct errors in investment titling without notice to you and to correct other minor clerical errors with telephone or email consent from you upon verification of your identity.

- (d) Deposit Investments. The deposit investments available through us may include savings, share, and/or money market accounts, and various certificates of deposit (CDs).

- (e) Un-Invested Cash Funds. You direct us to sweep available free credit balances automatically into an FDIC insured bank account until such time as further direction is received from you or your designated representative(s).



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You also authorize us to transfer any such funds to a different FDIC insured bank account without any further approval from you.

8.06 Beneficiary(ies): If you die before you receive all of the amounts in your IRA, payments from your IRA will be made to your beneficiary(ies). You may designate one or more persons or entities as beneficiary of your IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during your lifetime. Unless otherwise specified, each beneficiary designation you file with us will cancel all previous ones. The consent of a beneficiary(ies) shall not be required for you to revoke a beneficiary designation. If you have designated both primary and contingent beneficiaries and no primary beneficiary(ies) survives you, the contingent beneficiary(ies) shall acquire the designated share of your IRA. If you do not designate a beneficiary, or if all of your primary and contingent beneficiary(ies) predecease you, your estate will be the beneficiary.

A spouse beneficiary shall have all rights as granted under the Code or applicable Regulations to treat your IRA as his or her own.

We may allow, if permitted by state law, an original IRA beneficiary(ies) (the beneficiary(ies) who is entitled to receive distribution(s) from an inherited IRA at the time of your death) to name a successor beneficiary(ies) for the inherited IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during the original IRA beneficiary's(ies) lifetime. Unless otherwise specified, each beneficiary designation form that the original IRA beneficiary(ies) files with us will cancel all previous ones. The consent of a successor beneficiary(ies) shall not be required for the original IRA beneficiary(ies) to revoke a successor beneficiary(ies) designation. If the original IRA beneficiary(ies) does not designate a successor beneficiary(ies), his or her estate will be the successor beneficiary. In no event shall the successor beneficiary(ies) be able to extend the distribution period beyond that required for the original IRA beneficiary.

8.07 Required Minimum Distributions: Your required minimum distribution is calculated using the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. However, if your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary and is more than 10 years younger than you, your required minimum distribution is calculated each year using the joint and last survivor table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9.

If you fail to request your required minimum distribution by your required beginning date, we can, at our complete and sole discretion, do any one of the following:

- make no distribution until you give us a proper withdrawal request;
- distribute your entire IRA to you in a single sum payment; or
- determine your required minimum distribution from your IRA with us each year based on your life expectancy, calculated using the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9, and pay those distributions to you until you direct otherwise.

We will not be liable for any penalties or taxes related to your failure to take a required minimum distribution or to your receipt of an amount in excess of the required minimum distribution.

8.08 Termination of Agreement, Resignation, or Removal of Custodian: Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other. We can resign as Custodian at any time effective 30 days after we mail written notice of our resignation to you. Upon receipt of that notice, you must make arrangements to transfer your IRA to another financial organization. If you do not complete a transfer of your IRA within 30 days from the date we mail the notice to you, we have the right to transfer your IRA assets to a successor IRA custodian or trustee that we choose in our sole discretion, or we may pay or distribute your IRA assets to you in a single sum or assignment. If we transfer your IRA, the existing IRA documents will govern your IRA relationship with the new custodian or trustee unless the successor custodian/trustee notifies you in writing of any changes and/or requires new IRA documents to be signed by you. We shall not be liable for any actions or failures to act on the part of any successor custodian or trustee, nor for any tax consequences you may incur that result from the transfer or distribution of your assets pursuant to this section.

If this Agreement is terminated, we may charge to your IRA a reasonable amount of money that we believe is necessary to cover any associated costs, including but not limited to, one or more of the following:

- any fees, expenses or taxes chargeable against your IRA;
- any penalties or surrender charges associated with the early withdrawal of any savings instrument or other investment in your IRA

After your IRA Account with us is closed, if there are additional assets remaining in or subsequently credited to your IRA account, we will endeavor to distribute or transfer such assets in accordance with your prior direction, but after offsetting any applicable administrative expenses and custodial fees (per our then operative fee schedule).

If we are required to comply with Regulations section 1.408-2(e), and we fail to do so, or we are not keeping the records, making the returns or sending the statements as are required by forms or Regulations, the IRS may, after notifying you, require you to substitute another trustee or custodian.

We may establish a policy requiring distribution of the entire balance of your IRA to you in cash or property if the balance of your IRA drops below the minimum balance required under the applicable investment or policy established.



8.09 Successor Custodian: If our organization changes its name, reorganizes, merges with another organization (or comes under the control of any federal or state agency), or if our entire organization (or any portion which includes your IRA) is bought by another organization, that organization (or agency) shall automatically become the trustee or custodian of your IRA, but only if it is the type of organization authorized to serve as an IRA trustee or custodian.

8.10 Amendments: We have the right to amend this Agreement at any time. Any amendment we make to comply with the Code and related Regulations does not require your consent. You will be deemed to have consented to any other amendment unless, within 30 days from the date we mail the amendment, you notify us in writing that you do not consent.

8.11 Withdrawals or Transfers: All requests for withdrawal or transfer shall be in writing on a form provided by or acceptable to us. The method of distribution must be specified in writing. The tax identification number of the recipient must be provided to us before we are obligated to make a distribution. Withdrawals shall be subject to all applicable tax and other laws and regulations, including possible early withdrawal penalties or surrender charges and withholding requirements.

8.12 Transfers from Other Plans: We can receive amounts transferred to this IRA from the custodian or trustee of another IRA. In addition, we can accept direct rollovers of eligible rollover distributions from employer-sponsored retirement plans as permitted by the Code. We reserve the right not to accept any transfer or direct rollover.

8.13 Liquidation of Assets: We have the right to liquidate assets in your IRA if necessary to make distributions or to pay fees, expenses, indemnities, taxes, federal tax levies, penalties or surrender charges properly chargeable against your IRA. If you fail to direct us as to which assets to liquidate, we will decide, in our complete and sole discretion, and you agree not to hold us liable for any adverse consequences that result from our decision.

8.14 Restrictions on the Fund: Neither you nor any beneficiary may sell, transfer or pledge any interest in your IRA in any manner whatsoever, except as provided by law or this Agreement.

The assets in your IRA shall not be responsible for the debts, contracts or torts of any person entitled to distributions under this Agreement.

8.15 What Law Applies: This Agreement is subject to all applicable federal laws and regulations and shall be governed by and construed under the applicable laws of the State of Ohio.

If any part of this Agreement is held to be illegal or invalid, the remaining parts shall not be affected. Neither your nor our failure to enforce at any time or for any period of time any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of such provisions, or your right or our right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.

Any suit filed against custodian arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall only be instituted in the county courts of Lorain County, Ohio where custodian maintains its principal office and you agree to submit to such jurisdiction both in connection with any such suit you may file and in connection with any suit which we may file against you.

8.16 Valuations Policy: In valuing the assets of the custodial account for record-keeping and reporting purposes we shall use reasonable, good faith efforts to ascertain the fair market value of each asset through utilization of various outside sources available to us and consideration of various relevant factors generally recognized as appropriate to the application of customary valuation techniques.

However where assets are illiquid or their value is not readily ascertainable on either an established exchange or generally recognized market, the valuation is by necessity not a true market value and is merely an estimate of value in a broad range of values and its accuracy should not be relied upon by you for any other purposes.

The precision with which a value is assigned is a factor of the nature of the asset and the cost effectiveness of pursuing a more comprehensive appraisal. In certain cases where fair market value is not readily ascertainable and we do not have a recent qualified independent appraisal we may follow an internal protocol for assigning value based on the cost of the asset or we may rely upon a current independent appraisal obtained by you.

We neither provide a guarantee of value nor the appropriateness of the appraisal techniques applied in developing an estimate of value and we assume no responsibility for the accuracy of the valuations presented with respect to assets whose value is not readily ascertainable on either an established exchange or a generally recognized market.

8.17 Form 990-T Filing for UBIT: Pursuant to Sections 511-514 of the Internal Revenue Code you agree to prepare or have prepared the required Form 990-T tax return, an application for employer identification number (if not previously obtained), and any other documents that may be required, and to submit them for filing with the Internal Revenue Service to the custodian at least fifteen days prior to the date on which the return is due for such taxable year, along with an appropriate payment directive authorizing the custodian to execute the forms on behalf of your IRA and to pay the applicable unrelated business income tax from your IRA on unrelated business income which exceeds the current \$1,000 exclusion.

8.18 Acknowledgment of and Authorization for Telephone Recordings: We reserve the right to install and/or maintain automatic telephone recording equipment on certain telephone lines used by personnel servicing the custodial account in connection with trading functions and customer inquiries. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge our right and expressly authorize us to record and play back any and all such telephone calls.

**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

Form 5305-A is a model custodial account agreement that meets the requirements of section 408(a) and has been pre-approved by the IRS. A traditional individual retirement account (Traditional IRA) is established after the form is fully executed by both the individual (Depositor) and the Custodian and must be completed no later than the due date (excluding extensions) of the individual's income tax return for the tax year. This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the Depositor and his or her beneficiaries.

Do not file Form 5305-A with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records.

For more information on IRAs, including the required disclosures the Custodian must give the Depositor, see Pub. 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

Definitions

Custodian. The custodian must be a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in section 408(n), or any person who has the approval of the IRS to act as custodian.

Depositor. The depositor is the person who establishes the custodial account.

Identifying Number

The Depositor's social security number will serve as the identification number of his or her IRA. An employer identification number (EIN) is required only for an IRA for which a return is filed to report unrelated business taxable income. An EIN is required for a common fund created for IRAs.

Traditional IRA for Nonworking Spouse

Form 5305-A may be used to establish the IRA custodial account for a nonworking spouse. Contributions to an IRA custodial account for a nonworking spouse must be made to a separate IRA custodial account established by the nonworking spouse.

Specific Instructions

Article IV. Distributions made under this article may be made in a single sum, periodic payment, or a combination of both. The distribution option should be reviewed in the year the Depositor reaches age 70 1/2 to ensure that the requirements of section 408(a)(6) have been met.

Article VIII. Article VIII and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the Depositor and Custodian to complete the agreement. They may include, for example, definitions, investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of the Custodian, Custodian's fees, state law requirements, beginning date of distributions, accepting only cash, treatment of excess contributions, prohibited transactions with the Depositor, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary. General Instructions Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.



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Form 5305-RA under Section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code

The Accountholder named on the application ("Depositor") is establishing a Roth Individual Retirement Account under section 408A to provide for his or her retirement and for the support of his or her beneficiaries after death.

Equity Trust Company, d.b.a. Sterling Trust ("Custodian") has given the Depositor the disclosure statement required by Regulations section 1.408-6.

The Depositor has assigned the custodial account the sum indicated on the application.

The Depositor and the Custodian make the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

Except in the case of a rollover contribution described in section 408A(e), a recharacterized contribution described in section 408A(d)(6), or an IRA Conversion Contribution, the Custodian will accept only cash contributions up to \$3,000 per year for tax years 2002 through 2004. That contribution limit is increased to \$4,000 for tax years 2005 through 2007 and \$5,000 for 2008 and 2009 and thereafter. For individuals who have reached the age of 50 before the close of the tax year, the contribution limit is increased to \$3,500 per year for tax years 2002 through 2004, \$4,500 for 2005, \$5,000 for 2006 and 2007, and \$6,000 for 2008 and 2009 and thereafter. For tax years after 2009, the above limits will be increased to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment, if any.

ARTICLE II

1. The annual contribution limit described in Article I is gradually reduced to \$0 for higher income levels. For a single Depositor, the annual contribution is phased out between adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$101,000 and \$116,000; for a married Depositor filing jointly, between AGI of \$159,000 and \$169,000; and for a married Depositor filing separately, between AGI of \$0 and \$10,000. In the case of a conversion, the Custodian will not accept IRA Conversion Contributions in a tax year if the Depositor's AGI for the tax year the funds were distributed from the other IRA exceeds \$100,000 or if the Depositor is married and files a separate return. Adjusted gross income is defined in section 408A(c)(3) and does not include IRA Conversion Contributions.

2. In the case of a joint return, the AGI limits in the preceding paragraph apply to the combined AGI of the Depositor and his or her spouse.

ARTICLE III

The Depositor's interest in the balance in the custodial account is nonforfeitable.

ARTICLE IV

1. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the assets of the custodial account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund (within the meaning of section 408(a)(5)).

2. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of section 408(m)) except as otherwise permitted by section 408(m)(3), which provides an exception for certain gold, silver, and platinum coins, coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

ARTICLE V

1. If the Depositor dies before his or her entire interest is distributed to him or her and the Depositor's surviving spouse is not the designated beneficiary, the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with (a) below or, if elected or there is no designated beneficiary, in accordance with (b) below:

(a) The remaining interest will be distributed, starting by the end of the calendar year following the year of the Depositor's death, over the designated beneficiary's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year following the death of the Depositor.

(b) The remaining interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Depositor's death.

2. The minimum amount that must be distributed each year under paragraph 1(a) above is the account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the life expectancy (in the single life table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9) of the designated beneficiary using the attained age of the beneficiary in the year following the year of the Depositor's death and subtracting 1 from the divisor for each subsequent year.

3. If the Depositor's surviving spouse is the designated beneficiary, such spouse will then be treated as the Depositor.

ARTICLE VI

1. The Depositor agrees to provide the Custodian with all information necessary to prepare any reports required by sections 408(i) and 408A(d)(3)(E), Regulations sections 1.408-5 and 1.408-6, or other guidance published by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

2. The Custodian agrees to submit to the IRS and Depositor the reports prescribed by the IRS.

**ARTICLE VII**

Notwithstanding any other articles which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through IV and this sentence will be controlling. Any additional articles inconsistent with section 408A, the related regulations, and other published guidance will be invalid.

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code, the related Regulations, and other published guidance. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signatures appear on the Application, as provided in section 9.09 below.

ARTICLE IX

9.01 Definitions: In this part of this Agreement (Article IX), the words "you" and "your" mean the Depositor, the words "we," "us" and "our" mean the Custodian, "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code, and "Regulations" means the Treasury Regulations.

9.02 Notices and Change of Address: Any required notice regarding this Roth IRA will be considered effective when we send it to the intended recipient at the last address which we have in our records. Any notice to be given to us will be considered effective when we actually receive it. You, or the intended recipient, must notify us of any change of address.

9.03 Representations and Responsibilities:

(a) In General. You represent and warrant to us that any information you have given or will give us with respect to this Agreement is complete and accurate. Further, you agree that any directions you give us, or action you take will be proper under this Agreement, and that we are entitled to rely upon any such information or directions. If we fail to receive directions from you regarding any transaction, or if we receive ambiguous directions regarding any transaction, or we, in good faith, believe that any transaction requested is in dispute, we reserve the right to take no action until further clarification acceptable to us is received from you or the appropriate government or judicial authority. **We shall not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from your directions to us or your actions or failures to act, and you agree to reimburse us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions or failures to act. We shall not be responsible for any penalties, taxes, judgments or expenses you incur in connection with your Roth IRA.** We have no duty to determine whether your contributions or distributions comply with the Code, Regulations, rulings or this Agreement. We may permit you to appoint, through written notice acceptable to us, an authorized agent to act on your behalf with respect to this Agreement (e.g., attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, investment manager), however, we have no duty to determine the validity of such appointment or any instrument appointing such authorized agent. We shall not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from directions, actions or failures to act by your authorized agent, and you agree to reimburse us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions or failures to act by your authorized agent. Except as otherwise indicated herein, you will have sixty (60) days after you receive any documents, statements or other information from us to notify us in writing of any errors or inaccuracies reflected in these documents, statements or other information. If you do not notify us within 60 days, the documents, statements or other information shall be deemed correct and accurate, and we shall have no further liability or obligation for such documents, statements, other information or the transactions described therein.

By performing services under this Agreement we are acting as your agent. You acknowledge and agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as conferring fiduciary status upon us. We shall not be required to perform any additional services unless specifically agreed to under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or as required under the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to Roth IRAs. We may employ agents and organizations, including but not limited to Sterling Administrative Services, LLC, for the purpose of performing administrative or other custodial-related services with respect to your Roth IRA for which we otherwise have responsibility under this Agreement, and the limitations on our duties to you under this Agreement or otherwise shall also apply with respect to each agent or organization so employed.

You agree to release and indemnify, hold harmless and defend us from any and all claims, damages, liability, actions, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) and responsibility for any loss resulting to the Roth IRA, to you or to any beneficiary or incurred by or asserted against us, in connection with or by reason of any sale or investment made or other action taken (or omitted to be taken) pursuant to and/or in connection with any investment transaction directed by you or your investment advisor or resulting from serving as the custodian hereunder, including, without limitation, claims, damages, liability, actions and losses asserted by you.

You agree to reimburse or advance to us, on demand, all legal fees, expenses, costs, fines, penalties and obligations incurred or to be incurred in connection with the defense, contest, prosecution or satisfaction of any claim made, threatened or asserted pertaining to any investment or action you or your investment advisor directed through the custodian, including, without limitation, claims asserted by you, any state or federal regulatory authority or self regulatory organization.

To the extent written instructions or notices are required under this Agreement, we may accept or provide such information in any other form permitted by the Code or applicable regulations.

(b) Prohibited Transactions. You understand that certain transactions are prohibited in Roth IRAs and qualified retirement plans under Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code. You further understand that the determination of a prohibited transaction depends on the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. We will make no determination as to whether any Roth IRA investment is prohibited. You further understand that should your Roth IRA engage in a prohibited transaction, you may incur a taxable distribution as well as possible penalties. You represent to us that you have consulted or will consult with your own tax or legal professional to ensure that none of your Roth



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IRA investments will constitute a prohibited transaction and that your Roth IRA investments will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and requirements.

- (c) **Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT).** Since your Roth IRA is a tax-exempt organization under federal tax law, if your Roth IRA earns income from an investment which utilizes debt-financing or which is derived from a business regarded as not related to the exempt purpose of your Roth IRA, it may be subject to the so-called “unrelated business income tax” if it is in excess of permitted deductions. For example, income from a Roth IRA investment in a partnership generally will result in unrelated business taxable income. In the event that your direction of investment of Roth IRA assets results in taxable income (unrelated or debt-financed) pursuant to Sections 511-514 of the Internal Revenue Code in excess of the \$1,000 exclusion (as that amount may be adjusted) for any taxable year, you agree to prepare or have prepared the required Form 990-T tax return, an application for employer identification number (if not previously obtained), and any other documents that may be required, and to submit them to us, for filing with the Internal Revenue Service, at least five days prior to the date on which the return is due for such taxable year, along with an appropriate payment directive authorizing the custodian to execute the forms on behalf of your Roth IRA and to pay the applicable unrelated business income tax from your Roth IRA.
- (d) **Listed Transactions and Reportable Transactions.** You understand that certain transactions are or may be identified by the Internal Revenue Service as abusive tax shelter schemes or transactions. You further understand that the determination of a listed or reportable transaction may depend upon the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. We will make no determination as to whether any Roth IRA investment constitutes a listed or reportable transaction. You represent to us that you have consulted or will consult with your own tax or legal professional to ensure that any listed or reportable transactions engaged in by your Roth IRA are identified. You further represent and acknowledge to us that with respect to any listed or reportable transaction you are considered the entity manager who approved or caused your Roth IRA to be a party to the transaction and that you are responsible for: reporting each such transaction to the Internal Revenue Service, using Forms 8886-T and 8886; paying any applicable excise taxes, using Form 5330; disclosing to the Roth IRA custodian that such transaction was a prohibited tax shelter transaction; and directing us as to any necessary corrective action to be taken by your Roth IRA.
- (e) **Passive Custodian Provides No Investment Advice. We do not provide legal or tax services or advice with respect to your Roth IRA investments; and you release and indemnify and agree to hold harmless and defend us in the event that any investment or sale of your Roth IRA assets pursuant to a Direction of Investment form violates any federal or state law or regulation or otherwise results in a disqualification, penalty, fine or tax imposed upon you, your Roth IRA, or us.**
- (f) **Investment Conforms to All Applicable Securities Laws.** You represent to us that if any investment by your Roth IRA is a security under applicable federal or state securities laws, such investment has been registered or is exempt from registration under federal and state securities laws; **and you release and waive all claims against us for our role in carrying out your instructions with respect to such investment.**

You acknowledge that the foregoing representation is being relied upon by us in accepting your investment directions and you agree to indemnify us with respect to all costs, expenses (including attorneys’ fees), fines, penalties, liabilities, damages, actions, judgments and claims arising out of such investment and/or a breach of the foregoing representation, including, without limitation, claims asserted by you.

- (g) **Custodian Not Responsible for Insurance.** We will not bear or assume any responsibility to notify you, secure or maintain fire, casualty, liability or other insurance coverage on any personal or real property held by your Roth IRA or which serves as collateral under any mortgage or other security instrument held by your Roth IRA with respect to any promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness. It is incumbent upon you as the Roth IRA owner to arrange for such insurance as you determine necessary or appropriate to protect your Roth IRA assets and to direct us in writing as to the payment of any premiums therefor. Furthermore it is your responsibility to determine that payment has been made upon your written request by verifying same with your Roth IRA statements.

We will not be responsible for notification or payments of any insurance premiums, real estate taxes, utilities, or other charges with respect to any investment held in your Roth IRA, unless you specifically direct us to pay the same in writing and sufficient funds are available to pay same from your Roth IRA. Furthermore, it is your responsibility to determine that payment has been made from the custodial account. You must utilize an appropriate payment directive form available from us within a sufficient period of time for such direction to be accomplished in accordance with the custodian’s normal business practices (without regard to whether we have undertaken efforts to comply with such directive).

9.04 Service Fees: We have the right to charge an annual service fee or other designated fees (e.g., a transfer, rollover or termination fee) for maintaining your Roth IRA. In addition, we have the right to be reimbursed for all expenses, including legal expenses, we incur in connection with the administration of your Roth IRA. We may charge you separately for any fees or expenses, or we may deduct the amount of the fees or expenses from the assets in your Roth IRA at our discretion. We reserve the right to charge any additional fee upon 30 days notice to you that the fee will be effective. Fees such as subaccounting and other fees or commissions may be paid to us or our affiliates by third parties for assistance in performing certain transactions with respect to this Roth IRA.

Upon establishment of the custodial account or at such time thereafter as we may require, you shall furnish us with a valid credit card account number and related information and hereby do authorize us to charge that account for our fees and expenses in accordance with this Section 9.04. If such credit card account expires or otherwise is or becomes invalid, you shall immediately inform us and provide us with another valid credit card number and related information and hereby do authorize us to so charge that account. In the absence of cash or money market shares in the custodial account sufficient to pay our fees and/ or expenses when due, we shall charge the valid credit card on file for such fees and/or expenses. If Custodian must produce a written invoice for any fees, because such fees are not paid directly from your account or charged to your credit card, you will be charged an invoice print fee. All invoices are due and payable upon receipt. If such charge cannot be consummated,



we shall submit an invoice to you for all outstanding fees and expenses plus any applicable invoice costs and late charges and/or we may liquidate sufficient investments in the custodial account in accordance with Section 9.12 of this Article to pay such fees and expenses. Such credit card account shall not be used by us for the purpose of paying any other investment or investment maintenance expenses of your Roth IRA.

Any brokerage commissions attributable to the assets in your Roth IRA will be charged to your Roth IRA. You cannot reimburse your Roth IRA for those commissions.

Fees are generally based upon the fair market value of the assets held in the Roth IRA; provided that where such assets are nonmarketable investments or do not have a readily available market value, the fees shall be based upon cost or the estimated fair market value of such assets, whichever is greater. If an entity in which Roth IRA assets are invested is subject to bankruptcy, reorganization, receivership or similar proceedings, the fee based upon such asset will not be less than \$50.00. Publicly traded securities shall be valued at their fair market value. If cost is not reflective of fair market value with respect to the assets held in your Roth IRA, you may provide us with a qualified independent valuation of such assets for purposes of determining an appropriate fee; and we will give consideration to such independent valuation. Our determination shall be binding and conclusive for purposes of Roth IRA fees based upon value.

We may perform sub-accounting, record-keeping, administrative and/or other services related to the Roth IRA. We may receive fees up to \$40.00 per month per account and/or reimbursement of expenses from financial institutions and/or money market funds with which Roth IRA funds have been deposited or invested for these services.

9.05 *Investment of Amounts in the Roth IRA:*

(a) In General. You have exclusive responsibility for and control over the investment of the assets of your Roth IRA. All transactions shall be subject to any and all restrictions or limitations, direct or indirect, which are imposed by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws; any and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; the rules, regulations, customs and usages of any exchange, market or clearing house where the transaction is executed; our internal policies, standards and practices; and this Agreement. After your death, your beneficiary(ies) shall have the right to direct the investment of your Roth IRA assets, subject to the same conditions that applied to you during your lifetime under this Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 9.03 of this article). We will not exercise the voting rights and other shareholder rights with respect to investments in your Roth IRA unless you provide timely written directions acceptable to us according to our then current policies and procedures.

You will select the type of investment for your Roth IRA assets, provided, however, that your selection of investments shall be limited to those types of investments that we are authorized by our charter, articles of incorporation, or bylaws to offer and comport with our internal policies, practices, and standards and are deemed administratively feasible by us. We may, in our sole discretion, make available to you, additional investment offerings, which shall be limited to publicly traded securities, mutual funds, money market instruments and other investments that are obtainable by us and that we are capable of holding in the ordinary course of our business.

(b) Custodian Acting in Passive Capacity Only. We are acting solely as a passive custodian to hold Roth IRA assets and we have no discretion to direct any investment in your Roth IRA. Accordingly, we are not a fiduciary (as said term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, or any other applicable federal, state or local laws) with respect to your Roth IRA account. However, through our affiliate, we may receive a commission in connection with the unsolicited purchase or sale of a publicly-traded security.

It is not our responsibility to review the prudence, merits, viability or suitability of any investment directed by you or your investment advisors or to determine whether the investment is acceptable under ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code or any other applicable law. We do not offer any investment advice, nor do we endorse any investment, investment product or investment strategy; and we do not endorse any investment advisor, representative, broker, or other party selected by you. We have no responsibility to question any investment directions given by you or by any investment advisor or representative appointed by you.

It is your responsibility to perform proper due diligence with regard to any such representative, investment advisor, broker or other party. We will follow the directions of any such investment advisor, representative, broker or other party selected by you provided you furnish us with written authorization and documentation acceptable to us, and the custodian will be entitled to all the same protections and indemnities in our reliance upon and execution of the directives of such investment advisor or other party as if such directives were given by you.

We shall be under no obligation or duty to investigate, analyze, monitor, verify title to, or otherwise evaluate or perform due diligence for any investment directed by you or your investment advisor, representative or agent; nor shall we be responsible to notify you or to take any action should there be any default with regard to any investment.

Any review performed by us with respect to an investment shall be solely for our own purposes of determining compliance with our internal policies, practices and standards, as we determine from time to time and the administrative feasibility of the investment and neither such review nor its acceptance should be construed in any way as an endorsement of any investment, investment company or investment strategy. We also have the right not to effect any transaction/investment which we deem to be beyond the scope of our administrative responsibilities, capabilities or expertise, or that we determine in our sole discretion does not comport with our internal policies, practices or standards.

We have no duty or obligation to notify you with respect to any information, knowledge, irregularities or our concerns relating to your investment or your investment advisor, broker, agent, promoter or representative, except as to civil pleadings or court orders received by us.



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We shall use reasonable efforts to acquire or sell investments in accordance with your directions within a reasonable period of time after we have received an investment direction and we shall make reasonable efforts to notify you if we are unable or unwilling to comply with an investment direction. Subject to the foregoing, we shall remit funds as directed, but have no responsibility to verify or assure that such funds have been invested to purchase or acquire the asset selected by you.

(c) Investment Documentation. In directing us with respect to any investment, you must utilize our Direction of Investment form suitable to such investment or such other form acceptable to us.

We shall be fully protected in acting upon any instrument, certificate, paper or transmission believed to be genuine and to be signed or presented by the proper person or persons whether or not by facsimile or other form acceptable to the custodian, and the custodian shall be under no duty to make any investigation or inquiry as to any statement contained in any such communication, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the truth and accuracy of the statements therein contained.

You authorize and direct us to execute and deliver, on behalf of your Roth IRA, any and all documents delivered to us in connection with your Roth IRA investments; and we shall have no responsibility to verify or determine that any such documents are complete, accurate or constitute the documents necessary to comply with your investment direction.

You authorize and direct us to correct errors in investment titling without notice to you and to correct other minor clerical errors with telephone or email consent from you upon verification of your identity.

(d) Deposit Investments. The deposit investments available through us may include savings, share, and/or money market accounts, and various certificates of deposit (CDs).

(e) Un-Invested Cash Funds. You direct us to sweep available free credit balances automatically into an FDIC insured bank account until such time as further direction is received from you or your designated representative(s).

You also authorize us to transfer any such funds to a different FDIC insured bank account without any further approval from you.

9.06 Beneficiary(ies): If you die before you receive all of the amounts in your Roth IRA, payments from your Roth IRA will be made to your beneficiary(ies).

You may designate one or more persons or entities as beneficiary of your Roth IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during your lifetime. Unless otherwise specified, each beneficiary designation you file with us will cancel all previous ones. The consent of a beneficiary(ies) shall not be required for you to revoke a beneficiary designation. If you have designated both primary and contingent beneficiaries and no primary beneficiary(ies) survives you, the contingent beneficiary(ies) shall acquire the designated share of your Roth IRA. If you do not designate a beneficiary, or if all of your primary and contingent beneficiary(ies) predecease you, your estate will be the beneficiary.

If your surviving spouse is the designated beneficiary, your spouse may elect to treat your Roth IRA as his or her own Roth IRA, and would not be subject to the required minimum distribution rules. Your surviving spouse will also be entitled to such additional beneficiary payment options as are granted under the Code or applicable Regulations.

We may allow, if permitted by state law, an original Roth IRA beneficiary(ies) (the beneficiary(ies) who is entitled to receive distribution(s) from an inherited Roth IRA at the time of your death) to name a successor beneficiary(ies) for the inherited Roth IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during the original Roth IRA beneficiary's(ies') lifetime. Unless otherwise specified, each beneficiary designation form that the original Roth IRA beneficiary(ies) files with us will cancel all previous ones. The consent of a successor beneficiary(ies) shall not be required for the original Roth IRA beneficiary(ies) to revoke a successor beneficiary(ies) designation. If the original Roth IRA beneficiary(ies) does not designate a successor beneficiary(ies), his or her estate will be the successor beneficiary. In no event shall the successor beneficiary(ies) be able to extend the distribution period beyond that required for the original Roth IRA beneficiary.

9.07 Termination of Agreement, Resignation, or Removal of Custodian: Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other. We can resign as Custodian at any time effective 30 days after we mail written notice of our resignation to you. Upon receipt of that notice, you must make arrangements to transfer your Roth IRA to another financial organization. If you do not complete a transfer of your Roth IRA within 30 days from the date we mail the notice to you, we have the right to transfer your Roth IRA assets to a successor Roth IRA custodian or trustee that we choose in our sole discretion, or we may pay or distribute your Roth IRA assets to you in a single sum or assignment. If we transfer your Roth IRA, the existing Roth IRA documents will govern your Roth IRA relationship with the new custodian or trustee unless the successor custodian/trustee notifies you in writing of any changes and/or requires new Roth IRA documents to be signed by you. We shall not be liable for any actions or failures to act on the part of any successor custodian or trustee, nor for any tax consequences you may incur that result from the transfer or distribution of your assets pursuant to this section.

If this Agreement is terminated, we may charge to your Roth IRA a reasonable amount of money that we believe is necessary to cover any associated costs, including but not limited to, one or more of the following:

- any fees, expenses or taxes chargeable against your Roth IRA;



- any penalties or surrender charges associated with the early withdrawal of any savings instrument or other investment in your Roth IRA.

After your Roth IRA Account with us is closed, if there are additional assets remaining in or subsequently credited to your Roth IRA account, we will endeavor to distribute or transfer such assets in accordance with your prior direction, but after offsetting any applicable administrative expenses and custodial fees (per our then operative fee schedule).

If we are required to comply with Regulations section 1.408-2(e), and we fail to do so, or we are not keeping the records, making the returns or sending the statements as are required by forms or Regulations, the IRS may, after notifying you, require you to substitute another trustee or custodian.

We may establish a policy requiring distribution of the entire balance of your Roth IRA to you in cash or property if the balance of your Roth IRA drops below the minimum balance required under the applicable investment or policy established.

9.08 Successor Custodian: If our organization changes its name, reorganizes, merges with another organization (or comes under the control of any federal or state agency), or if our entire organization (or any portion which includes your Roth IRA) is bought by another organization, that organization (or agency) shall automatically become the trustee or custodian of your Roth IRA, but only if it is the type of organization authorized to serve as a Roth IRA trustee or custodian.

9.09 Amendments: We have the right to amend this Agreement at any time. Any amendment we make to comply with the Code and related Regulations does not require your consent. You will be deemed to have consented to any other amendment unless, within 30 days from the date we mail the amendment, you notify us in writing that you do not consent.

9.10 Withdrawals or Transfers: All requests for withdrawal or transfer shall be in writing on a form provided by or acceptable to us. The method of distribution must be specified in writing. The tax identification number of the recipient must be provided to us before we are obligated to make a distribution. Withdrawals shall be subject to all applicable tax and other laws and regulations, including possible early withdrawal penalties or surrender charges and withholding requirements.

You are not required to take a distribution from your Roth IRA at age 70 1/2. At your death, however, your beneficiary(ies) must begin taking distributions in accordance with Article V and Section 9.06 of this Agreement. We will make no distributions to you from your Roth IRA until you provide us with a written request for a distribution on a form provided by or acceptable to us.

9.11 Transfers from Other Plans: We can receive amounts transferred to this Roth IRA from the custodian or trustee of another Roth IRA as permitted by the Code. We reserve the right not to accept any transfer.

9.12 Liquidation of Assets: We have the right to liquidate assets in your Roth IRA if necessary to make distributions or to pay fees, expenses, indemnities, taxes, penalties or surrender charges properly chargeable against your Roth IRA. If you fail to direct us as to which assets to liquidate, we will decide, in our complete and sole discretion, and you agree not to hold us liable for any adverse consequences that result from our decision.

9.13 Restrictions on the Fund: Neither you nor any beneficiary may sell, transfer or pledge any interest in your Roth IRA in any manner whatsoever, except as provided by law or this Agreement.

The assets in your Roth IRA shall not be responsible for the debts, contracts or torts of any person entitled to distributions under this Agreement.

9.14 What Law Applies: This Agreement is subject to all applicable federal laws and regulations and shall be governed by and construed under the applicable laws of the State of Ohio.

If any part of this Agreement is held to be illegal or invalid, the remaining parts shall not be affected. Neither your nor our failure to enforce at any time or for any period of time any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of such provisions, or your right or our right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.

Any suit filed against custodian arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall only be instituted in the county courts of Lorain County, Ohio where custodian maintains its principal office and you agree to submit to such jurisdiction both in connection with any such suit you may file and in connection with any suit which we may file against you.

9.15 Valuations Policy: In valuing the assets of the custodial account for record-keeping and reporting purposes we shall use reasonable, good faith efforts to ascertain the fair market value of each asset through utilization of various outside sources available to us and consideration of various relevant factors generally recognized as appropriate to the application of customary valuation techniques.

However where assets are liquid or their value is not readily ascertainable on either an established exchange or generally recognized market, the valuation is by necessity not a true market value and is merely an estimate of value in a broad range of values and its accuracy should not be relied upon by you for any other purposes.

The precision with which a value is assigned is a factor of the nature of the asset and the cost effectiveness of pursuing a more comprehensive appraisal. In certain cases where fair market value is not readily ascertainable and we do not have a recent qualified independent appraisal



we may follow an internal protocol for assigning value based on the cost of the asset or we may rely upon a current independent appraisal obtained by you.

We neither provide a guarantee of value nor the appropriateness of the appraisal techniques applied in developing an estimate of value and we assume no responsibility for the accuracy of the valuations presented with respect to assets whose value is not readily ascertainable on either an established exchange or a generally recognized market.

9.16 Form 990-T Filing for UBIT: Pursuant to Sections 511-514 of the Internal Revenue Code you agree to prepare or have prepared the required Form 990-T tax return, an application for employer identification number (if not previously obtained), and any other documents that may be required, and to submit them for filing with the Internal Revenue Service to the custodian at least fifteen days prior to the date on which the return is due for such taxable year, along with an appropriate payment directive authorizing the custodian to execute the forms on behalf of your Roth IRA and to pay the applicable unrelated business income tax from your Roth IRA on unrelated business income which exceeds the current \$1,000 exclusion.

9.17 Acknowledgment of and Authorization for Telephone Recordings: We reserve the right to install and/or maintain automatic telephone recording equipment on certain telephone lines used by personnel servicing the custodial account in connection with trading functions and customer inquiries. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge our right and expressly authorize us to record and play back any and all such telephone calls.

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

Form 5305-RA is a model custodial account agreement that meets the requirements of section 408A and has been pre-approved by the IRS. A Roth Individual Retirement Account (Roth IRA) is established after the form is fully executed by both the individual (Depositor) and the Custodian. This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the Depositor and his or her beneficiaries.

Do not file Form 5305-RA with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records.

Unlike contributions to Traditional individual retirement arrangements, contributions to a Roth IRA are not deductible from the Depositor's gross income; and distributions after 5 years that are made when the Depositor is 59 1/2 years of age or older or on account of death, disability, or the purchase of a home by a first-time homebuyer (limited to \$10,000), are not includible in gross income. For more information on Roth IRAs, including the required disclosures the Custodian must give the Depositor, see **Pub. 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)**.

Definitions

IRA Conversion Contributions. IRA Conversion Contributions are amounts rolled over, transferred, or considered transferred from a nonRoth IRA to a Roth IRA. A nonRoth IRA is an individual retirement account or annuity described in section 408(a) or 408(b), other than a Roth IRA.

Custodian. The custodian must be a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in section 408(n), or any person who has the approval of the IRS to act as custodian.

Depositor. The depositor is the person who establishes the custodial account.

Specific Instructions

Article I. The Depositor may be subject to a 6% tax on excess contributions if **(1)** contributions to other individual retirement arrangements of the Depositor have been made for the same tax year, **(2)** the Depositor's adjusted gross income exceeds the applicable limits in Article II for the tax year, or **(3)** the Depositor's and spouse's compensation is less than the amount contributed by or on behalf of them for the tax year. The Depositor should see the Disclosure Statement or Pub. 590 for more information.

Article V. This article describes how distributions will be made from the Roth IRA after the Depositor's death. Elections made pursuant to this article should be reviewed periodically to ensure they correspond to the Depositor's intent. Under paragraph 3 of Article V, the Depositor's spouse is treated as the owner of the Roth IRA upon the death of the Depositor, rather than as the beneficiary. If the spouse is to be treated as the beneficiary, and not the owner, an overriding provision should be added to Article IX.

Article IX. Article IX and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the Depositor and Custodian to complete the agreement. They may include, for example, definitions, investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of the Custodian, Custodian's fees, state law requirements, beginning date of distributions, accepting only cash, treatment of excess contributions, prohibited transactions with the Depositor, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.



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RIGHT TO REVOKE YOUR IRA

If you receive this Disclosure Statement at the time you establish your IRA, you have the right to revoke your IRA within seven (7) days of its establishment. If revoked, you are entitled to a full return of the contribution you made to your IRA. The amount returned to you would not include an adjustment for such items as sales commissions, administrative expenses, or fluctuation in market value. You may make this revocation only by mailing or delivering a written notice to the Custodian at the address listed on the Application.

If you send your notice by first class mail, your revocation will be deemed mailed as of the postmark date.

If you have any questions about the procedure for revoking your IRA, please call the Custodian at the telephone number listed on the Application.

REQUIREMENTS OF AN IRA

- A. CASH CONTRIBUTIONS - Your contribution must be in cash, unless it is a rollover contribution.
- B. MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION - The total amount you may contribute to an IRA for any taxable year cannot exceed the lesser of 100 percent of your compensation or \$3,000 for years 2002-2004, \$4,000 for years 2005-2007, and \$5,000 for 2008, with possible cost-of-living adjustments in years 2009 and thereafter. If you also maintain a Roth IRA, the maximum contribution to your Traditional IRAs (i.e., IRAs subject to Internal Revenue Code (Code) sections 408(a) or 408(b)) is reduced by any contributions you make to your Roth IRA. Your total annual contribution to all Traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs cannot exceed the lesser of the dollar amounts described above or 100 percent of your compensation.
- C. CONTRIBUTION ELIGIBILITY - You are eligible to make a regular contribution to your IRA if you have compensation and have not attained age 70 1/2 by the end of the taxable year for which the contribution is made.
- D. CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTIONS - If you are age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, you may make an additional contribution to your IRA. The maximum additional contribution is \$500 for years 2002-2005 and \$1,000 for years 2006 and beyond.
- E. NONFORFEITABILITY - Your interest in your IRA is nonforfeitable.
- F. ELIGIBLE CUSTODIANS - The Custodian of your IRA must be a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or a person or entity approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.
- G. COMMINGLING ASSETS - The assets of your IRA cannot be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.
- H. LIFE INSURANCE - No portion of your IRA may be invested in life insurance contracts.
- I. COLLECTIBLES - You may not invest the assets of your IRA in collectibles (within the meaning of Code section 408(m)). A collectible is defined as any work of art, rug or antique, metal or gem, stamp or coin, alcoholic beverage, or other tangible personal property specified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). However, specially minted United States gold and silver coins, and certain state-issued coins are permissible investments. Platinum coins and certain gold, silver, platinum or palladium bullion (as described in Code section 408(m)(3)) are also permitted as IRA investments.
- J. REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS - You are required to take minimum distributions from your IRA at certain times in accordance with Regulations section 1.408-8. Below is a summary of the IRA distribution rules.
1. You are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA for the year in which you reach age 70 1/2 and for each year thereafter. You must take your first distribution by your required beginning date, which is April 1 of the year following the year you attain age 70 1/2. The minimum distribution for any taxable year is equal to the amount obtained by dividing the account balance at the end of the prior year by the applicable divisor.
 2. The applicable divisor is generally determined using the uniform lifetime table provided by the IRS. The table assumes a designated beneficiary exactly 10 years younger than you, regardless of who is named as your beneficiary(ies), if any. If your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary, and is more than 10 years younger than you, the required minimum distribution is determined annually using the actual joint life expectancy of you and your spouse obtained from the joint and last survivor table provided by the IRS, rather than the life expectancy divisor from the uniform lifetime table.
- We reserve the right to do any one of the following by April 1 of the year following the year in which you turn age 70 1/2 :
- (a) make no distribution until you give us a proper withdrawal request,
 - (b) distribute your entire IRA to you in a single sum payment, or
 - (c) determine your required minimum distribution from your IRA with us each year based on your life expectancy calculated using the uniform lifetime table, and pay those distributions to you until you direct otherwise.



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3. Your designated beneficiary is determined based on the beneficiary(ies) designated as of the date of your death, who remains your beneficiary(ies) as of September 30 of the year following the year of your death. If you die,

(a) on or after your required beginning date, distributions must be made to your beneficiary(ies) over the longer of the single life expectancy of your designated beneficiary(ies), or your remaining life expectancy. If a beneficiary other than an individual or qualified trust as defined in the Regulations is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary of your IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If there is no designated beneficiary of your IRA, distributions will commence using your single life expectancy, reduced by one in each subsequent year.

(b) before your required beginning date, the entire amount remaining in your account will, at the election of your designated beneficiary(ies), either

(i) be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, or

(ii) be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of your designated beneficiary(ies).

Your designated beneficiary(ies) must elect either option (i) or (ii) by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. If no election is made, distribution will be calculated in accordance with option (ii). In the case of distributions under option (ii), distributions must commence by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. Generally if your spouse is the designated beneficiary, distributions need not commence until December 31 of the year you would have attained age 70 1/2, if later. If a beneficiary(ies) other than an individual or qualified trust as defined in the Regulations is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary(ies) of your IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If there is no designated beneficiary of your IRA, the entire IRA must be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death.

A spouse who is the sole designated beneficiary of your entire IRA will be deemed to elect to treat your IRA as his or her own by either (1) making contributions to your IRA or (2) failing to timely remove a required minimum distribution from your IRA. Regardless of whether or not the spouse is the sole designated beneficiary of your IRA, a spouse beneficiary may roll over his or her share of the assets to his or her own IRA.

INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING AN IRA

A. IRA DEDUCTIBILITY - If you are eligible to contribute to your IRA, the amount of the contribution for which you may take a tax deduction will depend upon whether you (or, in some cases, your spouse) are an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan. If you (and your spouse, if married) are not an active participant, your entire IRA contribution will be deductible. If you are an active participant (or are married to an active participant), the deductibility of your contribution will depend on your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) and your tax filing status for the tax year for which the contribution was made. MAGI is determined on your income tax return using your adjusted gross income but disregarding any deductible IRA contribution.

Definition of Active Participant - Generally, you will be an active participant if you are covered by one or more of the following employer-maintained retirement plans:

1. a qualified pension, profit sharing, 401(k), or stock bonus plan;
2. a qualified annuity plan of an employer;
3. a simplified employee pension (SEP) plan;
4. a retirement plan established by the federal government, a state, or a political subdivision (except certain unfunded deferred compensation plans under Code section 457);
5. a tax-sheltered annuity for employees of certain tax-exempt organizations or public schools;
6. a plan meeting the requirements of Code section 501(c)(18);
7. a qualified plan for self-employed individuals (H.R. 10 or Keogh Plan); and
8. a savings incentive match plan for employees of small employers (SIMPLE) IRA plan or a SIMPLE 401(k) plan.

If you do not know whether your employer maintains one of these plans, or whether you are an active participant in it, check with your employer or your tax advisor. Also, the IRS Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, that you receive at the end of the year from your employer will indicate whether you are an active participant. If you are an active participant and are single, the deductible amount of your contribution is determined as follows: (1) begin with the appropriate phase-out range maximum for the applicable year (specified below), and subtract your MAGI; (2) divide this total by the difference between the phase-out maximum and minimum; (3) multiply this number by the maximum allowable contribution for the applicable year, including catch-up contributions if you are age 50 or older. The resulting figure will be the maximum IRA deduction you may take. For example, if you are age 30 with MAGI of \$36,000 in 2002, your maximum deductible contribution is \$2,400



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(the 2002 phase-out range maximum of \$44,000 minus your MAGI of \$36,000, divided by the difference between the maximum and minimum phase-out range limits of \$10,000 and multiplied by the contribution limit of \$3,000.)

If you are an active participant, are married and you file a joint income tax return, the deductible amount of your contribution is determined as follows: (1) begin with the appropriate phase-out maximum for the applicable year (specified below), and subtract your MAGI range; (2) divide this total by the difference between the phase-out range maximum and minimum; (3) multiply this number by the maximum allowable contribution for the applicable year, including catch-up contributions if you are age 50 or older. The resulting figure will be the maximum IRA deduction you may take. For example, if you are age 30 with MAGI of \$56,000 in 2002, your maximum deductible contribution is \$2,400 (the 2002 phase-out maximum of \$64,000 minus your MAGI of \$56,000, divided by the difference between the maximum and minimum phase-out limits of \$10,000 and multiplied by the contribution limit of \$3,000.)

If you are an active participant, are married and you file a separate income tax return, your MAGI phase-out range is generally \$0 - \$10,000. However, if you lived apart for the entire tax year, you are treated as a single filer.

Tax Year	Joint Filers	Single Taxpayer
	Phase-out Range	Phase-out Range
	<i>(minimum)(maximum)</i>	<i>(minimum)(maximum)</i>
2003	\$60,000 - \$70,000	\$40,000 - \$50,000
2004	\$65,000 - \$75,000	\$45,000 - \$55,000
2005	\$70,000 - \$80,000	\$50,000 - \$60,000
2006	\$75,000 - \$85,000	\$50,000 - \$60,000
2007	\$83,000 - \$103,000	\$52,000 - \$62,000
2008	\$85,000 - \$105,000	\$53,000 - \$63,000
2009	\$89,000 - \$109,000	\$55,000 - \$65,000
2010	\$89,000 - \$109,000	\$56,000 - \$66,000

If you are not an active participant in an employer-maintained retirement plan, are married to someone who is an active participant, and you file a joint income tax return, your maximum deductible contribution is determined based upon your jointly computed AGI and will be phased out between \$167,000 and \$177,000 for 2010.

You must round the resulting deduction to the next highest \$10 if the number is not a multiple of 10. If your resulting deduction is between \$0 and \$200 you may round up to \$200.

B. CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE - The deadline for making an IRA contribution is your tax return due date (not including extensions). You may designate a contribution as a contribution for the preceding taxable year in a manner acceptable to us. For example, if you are a calendar year taxpayer, and you make your IRA contribution on or before April 15, your contribution is considered to have been made for the previous tax year if you designate it as such.

C. TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS - For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, you may be eligible to receive a tax credit for your Traditional or Roth IRA contributions. This credit will be allowed in addition to any tax deduction that may apply, and may not exceed \$1,000 in a given year. You may be eligible for this tax credit if you are

- age 18 or older as of the close of the taxable year,
- not a dependent of another taxpayer, and
- not a full-time student.

The credit is based upon your income (see chart below), and will range from 0 to 50 percent of eligible contributions. In order to determine the amount of your contributions, add all of the contributions made to your Traditional or Roth IRA and reduce these contributions by any distributions that you have taken during the testing period. The testing period begins two years prior to the year for which the credit is sought and ends on the tax return due date (including extensions) for the year for which the credit is sought. In order to determine your tax credit, multiply the applicable percentage from the chart below by the amount of your contributions that do not exceed \$2,000.



For 2009 Adjusted Gross Income*			
Joint Return	Head of Household	All other cases	Applicable %
\$1 - \$33,000	\$1 - \$24,750	\$1 - \$16,500	50%
\$33,001 - \$36,000	\$24,751 - \$27,000	\$16,501 - \$18,000	20%
\$36,001 - \$55,500	\$27,001 - \$41,625	\$18,001 - \$27,750	10%
Over \$55,500	Over \$41,625	Over \$27,750	0%

*Adjusted gross income includes foreign earned income and income from Guam, American Samoa, North Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico.

For 2010, the credit is phased out when AGI exceeds \$55,500 for joint return filers, \$41,625 for heads of households, and \$27,750 for single and married filing separately.

- D. **TAX-DEFERRED EARNINGS** - The investment earnings of your IRA are not subject to federal income tax until distributions are made (or, in certain instances, when distributions are deemed to be made).
- E. **NONDEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS** - You may make nondeductible contributions to your IRA to the extent that deductible contributions are not allowed. The sum of your deductible and nondeductible IRA contributions cannot exceed your contribution limit (the lesser of the allowable contribution limit described previously, or 100 percent of compensation). You may elect to treat deductible IRA contributions as nondeductible contributions.

If you make nondeductible contributions for a particular tax year, you must report the amount of the nondeductible contribution along with your income tax return using IRS Form 8606. Failure to file IRS Form 8606 will result in a \$50 per failure penalty.

If you overstate the amount of designated nondeductible contributions for any taxable year, you are subject to a \$100 penalty unless reasonable cause for the overstatement can be shown.

- F. **TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS** - The taxation of IRA distributions depends on whether or not you have ever made nondeductible IRA contributions. If you have only made deductible contributions, any IRA distribution will be fully included in income.

If you have ever made nondeductible contributions to any IRA, the following formula must be used to determine the amount of any IRA distribution excluded from income.

$$\text{(Aggregate Nondeductible Contributions) x (Amount Withdrawn) = Amount Excluded from Income (Aggregate IRA Balance) + (Amount of IRA Distributions)}$$

NOTE: Aggregate nondeductible contributions include all nondeductible contributions made by you through the end of the year of the distribution (which have not previously been withdrawn and excluded from income). Also note that the aggregate IRA balance includes the total balance of all of your IRAs as of the end of the year of distribution and any distributions occurring during the year.

- G. **ROLLOVERS AND CONVERSIONS** - Your IRA may be rolled over to an IRA of yours, may receive rollover contributions, and may be converted to a Roth IRA, provided that all of the applicable rollover and conversion rules are followed. Rollover is a term used to describe a tax-free movement of cash or other property to your IRA from another IRA, or from your employer's qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity plan, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan. Conversion is a term used to describe the movement of Traditional IRA assets to a Roth IRA. A conversion is generally a taxable event. The rollover and conversion rules are generally summarized below. These transactions are often complex. If you have any questions regarding a rollover or conversion, please see a competent tax advisor.

- 1. Traditional IRA to Traditional IRA Rollovers** - Funds distributed from your IRA may be rolled over to an IRA of yours if the requirements of Code section 408(d)(3) are met. A proper IRA to IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received. You may not have completed another IRA to IRA rollover from the distributing IRA during the 12 months preceding the date you receive the distribution. Further, you may roll over the same dollars or assets only once every 12 months.
- 2. SIMPLE IRA to Traditional IRA Rollovers** - Funds may be distributed from your SIMPLE IRA and rolled over to your IRA without IRS penalty provided, two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer. As with Traditional IRA to Traditional IRA rollovers, the requirements of Code section 408(d)(3) must be met. A proper SIMPLE IRA to IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received. You may not have completed another SIMPLE IRA to IRA or SIMPLE IRA to SIMPLE IRA rollover from the distributing SIMPLE IRA during the 12 months preceding the date you receive the distribution. Further, you may roll over the same dollars or assets only once every 12 months.



3. **Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan to Traditional IRA Rollovers** - You may roll over, directly or indirectly, any eligible rollover distribution from an eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan. An eligible rollover distribution is defined generally as any distribution from a qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan (including trustee-to-trustee transfers after December 31, 2006 to nonspouse beneficiaries) unless it is part of a certain series of substantially equal periodic payments, a required minimum distribution, or a hardship distribution.

If you elect to receive your rollover distribution prior to placing it in an IRA, thereby conducting an indirect rollover, your plan administrator will generally be required to withhold 20 percent of your distribution as a payment of income taxes. When completing the rollover, you may make up the amount withheld, out of pocket, and roll over the full amount distributed from your employer-sponsored retirement plan. To qualify as a rollover, your eligible rollover distribution must be rolled over to your IRA not later than 60 days after you receive it. Alternatively, you may claim the withheld amount as income, and pay the applicable income tax and, if you are under age 59 1/2, the 10 percent early distribution penalty (unless an exception to the penalty applies).

As an alternative to the indirect rollover, your employer generally must give you the option to directly roll over your employer-sponsored retirement plan balance to an IRA. If you elect the direct rollover option, your eligible rollover distribution will be paid directly to the IRA (or other eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan) that you designate. The 20 percent withholding requirements do not apply to direct rollovers.

4. **Traditional IRA to Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans** - You may roll over, directly or indirectly, any eligible rollover distribution from an IRA to an employer's qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan so long as the employer-sponsored retirement plan accepts such rollover contributions. An eligible rollover distribution is defined as any taxable distribution from an IRA that is not a part of a required minimum distribution.
5. **Traditional IRA to Roth IRA Conversions** - If your modified adjusted gross income is not more than \$100,000, and you are not married filing a separate income tax return, you are eligible to convert all or any portion of your existing Traditional IRA(s) into your Roth IRA(s). However, if you are age 70 1/2 or older you must remove your required minimum distribution prior to converting your Traditional IRA. The amount of the conversion from your Traditional IRA to your Roth IRA shall be treated as a distribution for income tax purposes, and is includable in your gross income (except for any nondeductible contributions). Although the conversion amount is generally included in income, the 10 percent early distribution penalty shall not apply to conversions from a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, regardless of whether you qualify for any exceptions to the 10 percent penalty.
6. **Written Election** - At the time you make a proper rollover to an IRA, you must designate in writing to us, your election to treat that contribution as a rollover. Once made, the rollover election is irrevocable.
- H. **TRANSFER DUE TO DIVORCE** - If all or any part of your IRA is awarded to your spouse or former spouse in a divorce or legal separation proceeding, the amount so awarded will be treated as the spouse's IRA (and may be transferred pursuant to a court-approved divorce decree or written legal separation agreement to another IRA of your spouse), and will not be considered a taxable distribution to you. A transfer is a tax-free direct movement of cash and/or property from one Traditional IRA to another.
- I. **RECHARACTERIZATIONS** - If you make a contribution to a Traditional IRA and later recharacterize either all or a portion of the original contribution to a Roth IRA along with net income attributable, you may elect to treat the original contribution as having been made to the Roth IRA. The same methodology applies when recharacterizing a contribution from a Roth IRA to a Traditional IRA. If you have converted from a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA you may recharacterize the conversion along with net income attributable back to the Traditional IRA. The deadline for completing a recharacterization is your tax filing deadline (including any extensions), for the year for which the original contribution was made or conversion completed. You must report a recharacterized contribution on your federal income tax return in accordance with the instructions to IRS Form 8606. You may not recharacterize Roth IRA contributions as contributions to a SEP or SIMPLE IRA.

LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- A. **SEP PLANS** - Under a simplified employee pension (SEP) plan that meets the requirements of Code section 408(k), your employer may make contributions to your IRA. Your employer is required to provide you with information which describes the terms of your employer's SEP plan.
- B. **SPOUSAL IRA** - If you are married and have compensation, you may contribute to an IRA established for the benefit of your spouse for any year prior to the year your spouse turns age 70 1/2, regardless of whether or not your spouse has compensation. You may make these spousal contributions even if you are age 70 1/2 or older. You must file a joint income tax return for the year for which the contribution is made.

The amount you may contribute to your IRA and your spouse's IRA is the lesser of 100 percent of your combined compensation or \$6,000 for 2002-2004, \$8,000 for 2005-2007, and \$10,000 for 2008. This amount may be increased with cost-of-living adjustments in 2009 and beyond. However, you may not contribute more than the individual contribution limit to each IRA.

If your spouse is age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, and is otherwise eligible, you may make an additional contribution to your spouse's IRA. The maximum additional contribution is \$500 for years 2002-2005, and \$1,000 for years 2006 and beyond.



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- C. DEDUCTION OF ROLLOVERS AND TRANSFERS - A deduction is not allowed for rollover contributions or transfers.
- D. GIFT TAX - Transfers of your IRA assets to a beneficiary made during your life and at your request may be subject to federal gift tax under Code section 2501.
- E. SPECIAL TAX TREATMENT - Capital gains treatment and 10-year forward income averaging authorized by Code section 402 do not apply to IRA distributions.
- F. INCOME TAX TREATMENT - Any withdrawal from your IRA is subject to federal income tax withholding. You may, however, elect not to have withholding apply to your IRA withdrawal. If withholding is applied to your withdrawal, not less than 10 percent of the amount withdrawn must be withheld.
- G. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS - If you or your beneficiary engage in a prohibited transaction with your IRA, as described in Code section 4975, your IRA will lose its tax-deferred status, and you must include the value of your account in your gross income for the taxable year you engage in the prohibited transaction. The following transactions are examples of prohibited transactions with your IRA: (1) taking a loan from your IRA; (2) buying property for personal use (present or future) with IRA funds; or (3) receiving certain bonuses or premiums because of your IRA.
- H. PLEDGING - If you pledge any portion of your IRA as collateral for a loan, the amount so pledged will be treated as a distribution, and will be included in your gross income for the taxable year in which you pledge the assets.
- I. LISTED TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS -- Certain transactions are or may be identified by the Internal Revenue Service as abusive tax shelter schemes or transactions. A prohibited tax shelter transaction, as described in Code section 4965, is a transaction that is a listed transaction (including a subsequently listed transaction), as described in Code section 6707A(c)(2), or a prohibited reportable transaction, which is either a confidential transaction or a transaction with contractual protection and which is a reportable transaction defined in Code section 6707A(c)(1). A listed transaction is a transaction that is the same as or substantially similar to any of the types of transactions that the IRS has determined to be a tax avoidance transaction and are identified by notice, regulation or other form of published guidance as a listed transaction. A confidential transaction is a transaction that is offered under conditions of confidentiality and for which a minimum fee was paid. A transaction with contractual protection is a transaction for which the party to the transaction has the right to a full or partial refund of fees if all or part of the intended tax consequences from the transaction are not sustained or with respect to which fees are contingent on the realization of tax benefits from the transaction.

As a type of tax-exempt entity subject to the prohibited tax shelter transaction rules, an IRA is required to file IRS Form 8886-T to disclose information with respect to each prohibited tax shelter transaction, entered into after May 17, 2006, to which it is a party. If the IRA participates in a reportable transaction (as defined in Treasury Regulations section 1.6011-4) the IRA also may be required to file IRS Form 8886. These forms must be filed by the entity manager, who in the case of a self-directed IRA, is the IRA owner who approved or caused the IRA to be a party to the transaction. Code section 6011(g) also requires a taxable party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction to disclose to the IRA custodian that such transaction has occurred. In addition to the reporting and disclosure requirements, an IRA entity manager may be liable for excise taxes in connection with the prohibited tax shelter transaction. IRS Form 5330 is to be used for reporting such excise taxes. Additional penalties are imposed by Code section 6662A for failure to disclose required information with respect to prohibited tax shelter transactions.

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- A. EARLY DISTRIBUTION PENALTY - If you are under age 59 1/2 and receive an IRA distribution, an additional tax of 10 percent will apply, unless made on account of 1) death, 2) disability, 3) a qualifying rollover, 4) the timely withdrawal of an excess contribution, 5) a series of substantially equal periodic payments (at least annual payments) made over your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary, 6) medical expenses which exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income, 7) health insurance payments if you are separated from employment and have received unemployment compensation under a federal or state program for at least 12 weeks, 8) certain qualified education expenses, 9) first-home purchases (up to a life-time maximum of \$10,000), or 10) a levy issued by the IRS. This additional tax will apply only to the portion of a distribution which is includible in your taxable income.
- B. EXCESS CONTRIBUTION PENALTY - An additional tax of six percent is imposed upon any excess contribution you make to your IRA. This additional tax will apply each year in which an excess remains in your IRA. An excess contribution is any amount that is contributed to your IRA that exceeds the amount that you are eligible to contribute.
- C. EXCESS ACCUMULATION PENALTY - As previously described, you must take a required minimum distribution by your required beginning date for the year you attain age 70 1/2 and by the end of each year thereafter. Your beneficiary(ies) is required to take certain minimum distributions after your death. An additional tax of 50 percent is imposed on the amount of the required minimum distribution which should have been taken but was not.
- D. PENALTY REPORTING - You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to the IRS to report and remit any additional taxes.
- E. PROHIBITED TAX SHELTER TRANSACTION EXCISE TAX - For tax years beginning after May 17, 2006, if you, as entity manager of your IRA, approve or otherwise cause your IRA to be a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction during the taxable year and you know or have



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a reason to know the transaction is a prohibited tax shelter transaction, you must pay an excise tax under Code section 4965(b)(2). You must file IRS Form 5330 to report this tax.

OTHER INFORMATION

- A. **IRS PLAN APPROVAL** - Articles I through VII of the Traditional Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement reflect the precise language of the corresponding articles of the IRS Model Traditional Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement (Form 5305-A). Therefore, your Traditional Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement is treated as satisfying all applicable IRS requirements as to the form of the IRA, without the need for specific IRS approval. However, because this treatment relates to the form of the IRA only, nothing in your Custodial Account Agreement constitutes an endorsement of, or a determination or opinion of the merits or consequences of, any action in connection with the operation of your Traditional IRA or of any investments made
- B. **NO PREDICTION, REPRESENTATION OR GUARANTEE OF FUTURE VALUE** - The value of your IRA at any time will depend on the amount of contributions to it, the performance of its investments as selected by you or your Authorized Agent, and the time and amount of charges to and payments from it. The Custodian does not predict, represent or guarantee the value of your IRA at any future time.
- C. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT** - To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial organizations to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. What this means for you: When you open an account, you are required to provide your name, residential address, date of birth, and identification number. We may require other information that will allow us to identify you.
- D. **STATEMENTS/ACCOUNTING** - Each year Equity Trust Company, d.b.a. Sterling Trust ("Sterling Trust" or "Sterling") will furnish you a statement of account which will state the amount of the contributions to your custodial account, distributions from the custodial account and the total value of the custodial account as of the end of the year. Information relating to contributions and withdrawals must be reported annually to the Internal Revenue Service by you or, in the case of a spousal IRA, by your spouse. Statements will reflect information provided to Sterling Trust by you and/or your Authorized Agent. Therefore, statements will be only as accurate as the information provided. Sterling Trust neither assumes any responsibility for the accuracy of information provided, nor guarantees the particular tax treatment of any amounts entered in its records.
- E. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AFTER DEPOSIT** - Generally, before Sterling Trust can or will execute on or otherwise effectuate a directed transaction with respect to your IRA account, Sterling Trust requires knowledge that your IRA account has or is in receipt of good funds needed for such transaction. Thus, generally, Sterling Trust will need to wait until it knows that checks deposited or other funds transferred into your IRA account have cleared before Sterling Trust can or will act on investment directives from you or your Authorized Agent. The availability of funds deposited with Sterling Trust will depend upon the method utilized to accomplish such transmission and several other factors. However, as a general rule, checks deposited from another IRA custodian will be available within five business days from deposit, and personal checks deposited by you as an IRA contribution or from third parties in payment of amounts owing to your IRA from investments, etc. will be available within seven business days from deposit. Utilization of wire transfers and online banking may expedite clearance of such funds.
- F. **TELEPHONE AUTHORIZATION** - Sterling Trust is authorized, at its option, to honor telephone transaction requests placed by you or your Authorized Agent with respect to your custodial account. These requests may include purchases, sales and exchanges of assets whose sponsors accept telephone authorizations from Sterling Trust on your behalf. Sterling Trust may require you to complete and provide a Telephone Authorization Form. Sterling Trust also may require the use of a special identification number and Social Security number for each transaction. Sterling Trust is not responsible for determining whether or not a caller is authorized other than verifying that such caller is using the proper identification number for the account. You agree that Sterling Trust is not responsible for unauthorized transactions in your custodial account by callers who provide the proper identification number for your account.
- G. **AMENDMENTS** - Sterling Trust may amend, change or terminate the Custodial Account Agreement at any time. Any amendment made by Sterling Trust to comply with the Code and related Regulations does not require your consent. You will be deemed to have consented to any other amendment unless, within 30 days from the date Sterling Trust mails or otherwise transmits the amendment, you notify Sterling Trust in writing that you do not consent. Amendments also may be made by written agreement of Sterling Trust and you.
- H. **ACCOUNT TERMINATION** - You may terminate your Sterling Trust IRA at any time upon written notice signed by you. The notice must identify your Sterling Trust IRA account number, give instructions on the disposition of your IRA's assets and be sent to:

Sterling Trust	<u>Overnight Delivery Address:</u>	Phone: (800) 955-3434
P. O. Box 2526	7901 Fish Pond Road	Fax: (254) 751-0872
Waco, Texas 76702	Waco, Texas 76710	

Your Sterling Trust IRA will terminate upon the earliest of:

- The date the IRA assets have been disposed of in accordance with your instructions if you terminate Sterling Trust as custodian;
- The date all the IRA's assets have been distributed;
- The date the IRA ceases to meet the requirements of Code section 408; or



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- The date the IRA assets have been transferred to and accepted by a successor custodian or trustee as a result of the resignation of Sterling Trust and selection of a successor custodian or trustee.
- I. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - You may obtain further information on IRAs from your District Office of the IRS. In particular, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements, by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM, or by visiting www.irs.gov on the Internet.



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RIGHT TO REVOKE YOUR ROTH IRA

If you receive this Disclosure Statement at the time you establish your Roth IRA, you have the right to revoke your Roth IRA within seven (7) days of its establishment. If revoked, you are entitled to a full return of the contribution you made to your Roth IRA. The amount returned to you would not include an adjustment for such items as sales commissions, administrative expenses, or fluctuation in market value. You may make this revocation only by mailing or delivering a written notice to the Custodian at the address listed on the Application.

If you send your notice by first class mail, your revocation will be deemed mailed as of the postmark date.

If you have any questions about the procedure for revoking your Roth IRA, please call the Custodian at the telephone number listed on the Application.

REQUIREMENTS OF A ROTH IRA

A. *CASH CONTRIBUTIONS* - Your contribution must be in cash, unless it is a rollover or conversion contribution.

B. *MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION* - The total amount you may contribute to a Roth IRA for any taxable year cannot exceed the lesser of 100 percent of your compensation or \$3,000 for years 2002-2004, \$4,000 for years 2005-2007, and \$5,000 for years 2008 - 2009, with possible cost-of-living adjustments in years 2010 and thereafter. If you also maintain a Traditional IRA (i.e., an IRA subject to the limits of Internal Revenue Code (Code) sections 408(a) or 408(b)), the maximum contribution to your Roth IRAs is reduced by any contributions you make to your Traditional IRA. Your total annual contribution to all Traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs cannot exceed the lesser of the dollar amounts described above or 100 percent of your compensation.

Your Roth IRA contribution is further limited if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) equals or exceeds \$166,000 if you are a married individual filing a joint income tax return, or equals or exceeds \$105,000 if you are a single individual. Married individuals filing a joint income tax return with MAGI equaling or exceeding \$176,000 may not fund a Roth IRA. Single individuals with MAGI equaling or exceeding \$120,000 may not fund a Roth IRA. Married individuals filing a separate income tax return with MAGI equaling or exceeding \$10,000 may not fund a Roth IRA.

If you are married filing a joint income tax return and your MAGI is between \$166,000 and \$176,000, your maximum Roth IRA contribution is determined as follows: (1) Subtract your MAGI from \$176,000; (2) divide the difference by \$10,000; and (3) multiply the result in step (2) by the maximum allowable contribution for the year, including catch-up contributions if you are age 50 or older. For example, if you are age 30 and your MAGI is \$172,000, your maximum Roth IRA contribution for 2009 is \$2,000. This amount is determined as follows: [(\$176,000 minus \$172,000) divided by \$10,000] multiplied by \$5,000.

If you are single and your MAGI is between \$105,000 and \$120,000, your maximum Roth IRA contribution is determined as follows: (1) Subtract your MAGI from \$120,000; (2) divide the difference by \$15,000; and (3) multiply the result in step (2) by the maximum allowable contribution for the year, including catch-up contributions if you are age 50 or older. For example, if you are age 30 and your MAGI is \$114,000, your maximum Roth IRA contribution for 2008 is \$2,000. This amount is determined as follows: [(\$120,000 minus \$114,000) divided by \$15,000] multiplied by \$5,000.

C. *CONTRIBUTION ELIGIBILITY* - You are eligible to make a regular contribution to your Roth IRA, regardless of your age, if you have compensation and your MAGI is below the maximum threshold. Your Roth IRA contribution is not limited by your participation in a retirement plan, other than a Traditional IRA.

D. *CATCH-UP CONTRIBUTION* - If you are age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, you may make an additional contribution to your Roth IRA. The maximum additional contribution is \$500 for years 2002-2005 and \$1,000 for years 2006 and beyond.

E. *NONFORFEITABILITY* - Your interest in your Roth IRA is nonforfeitable.

F. *ELIGIBLE CUSTODIANS* - The Custodian of your Roth IRA must be a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or a person or entity approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

G. *COMMINGLING ASSETS* - The assets of your Roth IRA cannot be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.

H. *LIFE INSURANCE* - No portion of your Roth IRA may be invested in life insurance contracts.

I. *COLLECTIBLES* - You may not invest the assets of your Roth IRA in collectibles (within the meaning of Code section 408(m)). A collectible is defined as any work of art, rug or antique, metal or gem, stamp or coin, alcoholic beverage, or other tangible personal property specified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). However, specially minted United States gold and silver coins, and certain state-issued coins are permissible investments. Platinum coins and certain gold, silver, platinum or palladium bullion (as described in Code section 408(m)(3)) are also permitted as Roth IRA investments.



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J. **BENEFICIARY PAYOUTS** - Your designated beneficiary is determined based on the beneficiary(ies) designated as of the date of your death who remains your beneficiary(ies) as of September 30 of the year following the year of your death. The entire amount remaining in your account will, at the election of your beneficiary(ies), either

1. be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, or
2. be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of your designated beneficiary(ies).

Your designated beneficiary(ies) must elect either option (1) or (2) by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. If no election is made, distribution will be calculated in accordance with option (2). In the case of distributions under option (2), distributions must commence by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. Generally if your spouse is the designated beneficiary, distributions need not commence until December 31 of the year you would have attained age 70 1/2, if later. If a beneficiary(ies) other than an individual or qualified trust as defined in the Regulations is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary(ies) of your Roth IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If there is no designated beneficiary of your Roth IRA, the entire Roth IRA must be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death.

A spouse who is the sole designated beneficiary of your entire Roth IRA will be deemed to elect to treat your Roth IRA as his or her own by either (1) making contributions to your Roth IRA or (2) failing to timely remove a required minimum distribution from your Roth IRA. Regardless of whether or not the spouse is the sole designated beneficiary of your Roth IRA, a spouse beneficiary may roll over his or her share of the assets to his or her own Roth IRA.

INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING A ROTH IRA

A. **CONTRIBUTIONS NOT DEDUCTED** - No deduction is allowed for Roth IRA contributions, including transfers, rollovers and conversion contributions.

B. **CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE** - The deadline for making a Roth IRA contribution is your tax return due date (not including extensions). You may designate a contribution as a contribution for the preceding taxable year in a manner acceptable to us. For example, if you are a calendar year taxpayer, and you make your Roth IRA contribution on or before April 15, your contribution is considered to have been made for the previous tax year if you designate it as such.

C. **TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS** - For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, you may be eligible to receive a tax credit for your Traditional or Roth IRA contributions. This credit will be allowed in addition to any tax deduction that may apply, and may not exceed \$1,000 in a given year. You may be eligible for this tax credit if you are

- age 18 or older as of the close of the taxable year,
- not a dependent of another taxpayer, and
- not a full-time student.

The credit is based upon your income (see chart below), and will range from 0 to 50 percent of eligible contributions. In order to determine the amount of your contributions, add all of the contributions made to your Traditional or Roth IRA and reduce these contributions by any distributions that you have taken during the testing period. The testing period begins two years prior to the year for which the credit is sought and ends on the tax return due date (including extensions) for the year for which the credit is sought. In order to determine your tax credit, multiply the applicable percentage from the chart below by the amount of your contributions that do not exceed \$2,000.

For 2009 Adjusted Gross Income*			
Joint Return	Head of Household	All other cases	Applicable %
\$1 - \$33,000	\$1 - \$24,750	\$1 - \$16,500	50%
\$33,001 - \$36,000	\$24,751 - \$27,000	\$16,501 - \$18,000	20%
\$36,001 - \$55,500	\$27,001 - \$41,625	\$18,001 - \$27,750	10%
Over \$55,500	Over \$41,625	Over \$27,750	0%

*Adjusted gross income includes foreign earned income and income from Guam, American Samoa, North Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico.

For 2010, the credit is phased out when AGI exceeds \$55,500 for joint return filers, \$41,625 for heads of households, and \$27,750 for single and married filing separately.



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D. **TAX-DEFERRED EARNINGS** - The investment earnings of your Roth IRA are not subject to federal income tax as they accumulate in your Roth IRA. In addition, distributions of your Roth IRA earnings will be free from federal income tax if you take a qualified distribution, as described below.

E. **TAXATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS** - The taxation of Roth IRA distributions depends on whether the distribution is a qualified distribution or a nonqualified distribution.

1. **Qualified Distributions** - Qualified distributions from your Roth IRA (both the contributions and earnings) are not included in your income. A qualified distribution is a distribution which is made after the expiration of the five-year period beginning January 1 of the first year for which you made a contribution to any Roth IRA (including a conversion from a Traditional IRA), and is made on account of one of the following events:

- attainment of age 59 1/2,
- disability,
- the purchase of a first home, or
- death.

For example, if you made a contribution to your Roth IRA for 1998, the five-year period for determining whether a distribution is a qualified distribution is satisfied as of January 1, 2003.

2. **Nonqualified Distributions** - If you do not meet the requirements for a qualified distribution, any earnings you withdraw from your Roth IRA will be included in your gross income and, if you are under age 59 1/2, may be subject to an early distribution penalty. However, when you take a distribution, the amounts you contributed annually to any Roth IRA account will be deemed to be removed first, followed by conversion contributions made to any Roth IRA on a first-in, first-out basis. Therefore, your nonqualified distributions will not be taxable to you until your withdrawals exceed the amount of your annual contributions and your conversion contributions. However, the 10 percent early distribution penalty may apply to conversion contributions distributed within the five-year period beginning with the year in which the conversion occurred. These "ordering rules" are complex. If you have any questions regarding the taxation of distributions from your Roth IRA, please see a competent tax advisor.

F. **REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS** - You are not required to take distributions from your Roth IRA at age 70 1/2 (as required for Traditional and SIMPLE IRAs). However, your beneficiary(ies) is generally required to take distributions from your Roth IRA after your death. See the section titled Beneficiary Payouts in this Disclosure Statement regarding beneficiary's(ies)' required minimum distributions.

G. **ROLLOVERS AND CONVERSIONS** - Your Roth IRA may be rolled over to another Roth IRA of yours, may receive rollover contributions, or may receive conversion contributions provided that all of the applicable rollover or conversion rules are followed. Rollover is a term used to describe a tax-free movement of cash or other property to your Roth IRA from another Roth IRA. Conversion is a term used to describe the movement of Traditional IRA or SIMPLE IRA assets to a Roth IRA. A conversion is generally a taxable event. The rollover and conversion rules are generally summarized below. These transactions are often complex. If you have any questions regarding a rollover or conversion, please see a competent tax advisor.

1. **Roth IRA to Roth IRA Rollovers** - Funds distributed from your Roth IRA may be rolled over to a Roth IRA of yours if the requirements of Code section 408(d)(3) are met. A proper Roth IRA to Roth IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received. You may not have completed another Roth IRA to Roth IRA rollover from the distributing Roth IRA during the 12 months preceding the date you receive the distribution. Further, you may roll over the same dollars or assets only once every 12 months. Roth IRA assets may not be rolled over to other types of IRAs (e.g., Traditional IRA, SIMPLE IRA).

2. **Traditional IRA to Roth IRA Conversions** - If your MAGI is not more than \$100,000, and you are not married filing a separate income tax return, you are eligible to convert all or any portion of your existing Traditional IRA(s) into your Roth IRA(s). However, if you are age 70 1/2 or older you must remove your required minimum distribution prior to converting your Traditional IRA. The amount of the conversion from your Traditional IRA to your Roth IRA shall be treated as a distribution for income tax purposes, and is includible in your gross income (except for any nondeductible contributions). Although the conversion amount is generally included in income, the 10 percent early distribution penalty shall not apply to conversions from a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, regardless of whether you qualify for any exceptions to the 10 percent penalty.

3. **SIMPLE IRA to Roth IRA Conversions** - If your MAGI is not more than \$100,000 and you are not married filing a separate income tax return, you are eligible to convert all or any portion of your existing savings incentive match plan for employees of small employers (SIMPLE) IRA(s) into your Roth IRA(s), provided two years have passed since you first participated in a SIMPLE IRA plan sponsored by your employer. However, if you are age 70 1/2 or older you must remove your required minimum distribution prior to converting your SIMPLE IRA. The amount of the conversion from your SIMPLE IRA to your Roth IRA shall be treated as a distribution for income tax purposes and is includible in your gross income. Although the conversion amount is generally included in income, the 10 percent early distribution penalty shall not apply to conversions from a SIMPLE IRA to a Roth IRA, regardless of whether you qualify for any exceptions to the 10 percent penalty.



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4. **Rollovers from Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans** - Effective after 2007, if you satisfy certain requirements, you may directly roll over distributions from your employer's qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity plan, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan into your Roth IRA.
5. **Written Election** - At the time you make a proper rollover or conversion to a Roth IRA, you must designate in writing to us, your election to treat that contribution as a rollover or conversion. Once made, the election is irrevocable.
- H. **TRANSFER DUE TO DIVORCE** - If all or any part of your Roth IRA is awarded to your spouse or former spouse in a divorce or legal separation proceeding, the amount so awarded will be treated as the spouse's Roth IRA (and may be transferred pursuant to a court-approved divorce decree or written legal separation agreement to another Roth IRA of your spouse), and will not be considered a taxable distribution to you. A transfer is a tax-free direct movement of cash and/or property from one Roth IRA to another.
- I. **RECHARACTERIZATIONS** - If you make a contribution to a Traditional IRA and later recharacterize either all or a portion of the original contribution to a Roth IRA along with net income attributable, you may elect to treat the original contribution as having been made to the Roth IRA. The same methodology applies when recharacterizing a contribution from a Roth IRA to a Traditional IRA. If you have converted from a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA you may recharacterize the conversion along with net income attributable back to the Traditional IRA. The deadline for completing a recharacterization is your tax filing deadline (including any extensions), for the year for which the original contribution was made or conversion completed. You must report a recharacterized contribution on your federal income tax return in accordance with the instructions to IRS Form 8606. You may not recharacterize Roth IRA contributions as contributions to a SEP or SIMPLE IRA.

LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- A. **SPOUSAL ROTH IRA** - If you are married and have compensation, you may contribute to a Roth IRA established for the benefit of your spouse, regardless of whether or not your spouse has compensation. You must file a joint income tax return for the year for which the contribution is made. Your contribution may be further limited if your MAGI falls within the minimum and maximum thresholds.

The amount you may contribute to your Roth IRA and your spouse's Roth IRA is the lesser of 100 percent of your combined compensation or \$6,000 for 2002-2004, \$8,000 for 2005-2007 and \$10,000 for 2008 - 2009. This amount may be increased with cost-of-living adjustments in 2010 and beyond. However, you may not contribute more than the individual contribution limit to each Roth IRA. Your contribution may be further limited if your MAGI falls within the minimum and maximum thresholds.

If your spouse is age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, and is otherwise eligible, you may make an additional contribution to your spouse's Roth IRA. The maximum additional contribution is \$500 for years 2002-2005, and \$1,000 for years 2006 and beyond.

- B. **GIFT TAX** - Transfers of your Roth IRA assets to a beneficiary made during your life and at your request may be subject to federal gift tax under Code section 2501.
- C. **SPECIAL TAX TREATMENT** - Capital gains treatment and 10-year forward income averaging authorized by Code section 402 do not apply to Roth IRA distributions.
- D. **INCOME TAX TREATMENT** - Any nonqualified withdrawal of earnings from your Roth IRA may be subject to federal income tax withholding. You may, however, elect not to have withholding apply to your Roth IRA withdrawal. If withholding is applied to your withdrawal, not less than 10 percent of the amount withdrawn must be withheld.
- E. **PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS** - If you or your beneficiary engage in a prohibited transaction with your Roth IRA, as described in Code section 4975, your Roth IRA will lose its tax-deferred or tax-exempt status, and you must generally include the value of the earnings in your account in your gross income for the taxable year you engage in the prohibited transaction. The following transactions are examples of prohibited transactions with your Roth IRA: (1) taking a loan from your Roth IRA; (2) buying property for personal use (present or future) with Roth IRA funds; or (3) receiving certain bonuses or premiums because of your Roth IRA.
- F. **PLEDGING** - If you pledge any portion of your Roth IRA as collateral for a loan, the amount so pledged will be treated as a distribution, and may be included in your gross income for the taxable year in which you pledge the assets to the extent it represents earnings.
- G. **LISTED TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS** - Certain transactions are or may be identified by the Internal Revenue Service as abusive tax shelter schemes or transactions. A prohibited tax shelter transaction, as described in Code section 4965, is a transaction that is a listed transaction (including a subsequently listed transaction), as described in Code section 6707A(c)(2), or a prohibited reportable transaction, which is either a confidential transaction or a transaction with contractual protection and which is a reportable transaction defined in Code section 6707A(c)(1). A listed transaction is a transaction that is the same as or substantially similar to any of the types of transactions that the IRS has determined to be a tax avoidance transaction and are identified by notice, regulation or other form of published guidance as a listed transaction. A confidential transaction is a transaction that is offered under conditions of confidentiality and for which a minimum fee was paid. A transaction with contractual protection is a transaction for which the party to the transaction has the right to a full or partial refund of fees if all or part of the intended tax consequences from the transaction are not sustained or with respect to which fees are contingent on the realization of tax benefits from the transaction.



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As a type of tax-exempt entity subject to the prohibited tax shelter transaction rules, a Roth IRA is required to file IRS Form 8886-T to disclose information with respect to each prohibited tax shelter transaction, entered into after May 17, 2006, to which it is a party. If the Roth IRA participates in a reportable transaction (as defined in Treasury Regulations section 1.6011-4) the Roth IRA also may be required to file IRS Form 8886. These forms must be filed by the entity manager, who in the case of a self-directed Roth IRA, is the Roth IRA owner who approved or caused the Roth IRA to be a party to the transaction. Code section 6011(g) also requires a taxable party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction to disclose to the Roth IRA custodian that such transaction has occurred. In addition to the reporting and disclosure requirements, a Roth IRA entity manager may be liable for excise taxes in connection with the prohibited tax shelter transaction. IRS Form 5330 is to be used for reporting such excise taxes. Additional penalties are imposed by Code section 6662A for failure to disclose required information with respect to prohibited tax shelter transaction.

FEDERAL TAX PENALTIES

- A. **EARLY DISTRIBUTION PENALTY** - If you are under age 59 1/2 and receive a nonqualified Roth IRA distribution, an additional tax of 10 percent will generally apply to the amount includible in income in the year of the distribution. If you are under age 59 1/2 and receive a distribution of conversion amounts within the five-year period beginning with the year in which the conversion occurred, an additional tax of 10 percent will generally apply to the amount of the distribution. The additional tax of 10 percent will generally not apply if a distribution is made on account of 1) death, 2) disability, 3) a qualifying rollover, 4) the timely withdrawal of an excess contribution, 5) a series of substantially equal periodic payments (at least annual payments) made over your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary, 6) medical expenses which exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income, 7) health insurance payments if you are separated from employment and have received unemployment compensation under a federal or state program for at least 12 weeks, 8) certain qualified education expenses, 9) first-home purchases (up to a life-time maximum of \$10,000), or 10) a levy issued by the IRS.
- B. **EXCESS CONTRIBUTION PENALTY** - An additional tax of six percent is imposed upon any excess contribution you make to your Roth IRA. This additional tax will apply each year in which an excess remains in your Roth IRA. An excess contribution is any amount that is contributed to your Roth IRA that exceeds the amount that you are eligible to contribute.
- C. **EXCESS ACCUMULATION PENALTY** - As previously described, your beneficiary(ies) is generally required to take certain required minimum distributions after your death. An additional tax of 50 percent is imposed on the amount of the required minimum distribution which should have been taken but was not.
- D. **PENALTY REPORTING** - You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to the IRS to report and remit any additional taxes.
- E. **PROHIBITED TAX SHELTER TRANSACTION EXCISE TAX** - For tax years beginning after May 17, 2006, if you, as entity manager of your Roth IRA, approve or otherwise cause your Roth IRA to be a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction during the taxable year and you know or have a reason to know the transaction is a prohibited tax shelter transaction, you must pay an excise tax under Code section 4965(b)(2). You must file IRS Form 5330 to report this tax.

OTHER INFORMATION

- A. **IRS PLAN APPROVAL** - Articles I through VIII of the Roth Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement reflect the precise language of the corresponding articles of the IRS Model Roth Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement (Form 5305-RA). Therefore, your Roth Individual Retirement Custodial Account Agreement is treated as satisfying all applicable IRS requirements as to the form of the IRA, without the need for specific IRS approval. However, because this treatment relates to the form of the Roth IRA only, nothing in your Custodial Account Agreement constitutes an endorsement of, or a determination or opinion of the merits or consequences of, any action in connection with the operation of your Roth IRA or of any investments made.
- B. **NO PREDICTION, REPRESENTATION OR GUARANTEE OF FUTURE VALUE** - The value of your Roth IRA at any time will depend on the amount of contributions to it, the performance of its investments as selected by you or your Authorized Agent, and the time and amount of charges to and payments from it. The Custodian does not predict, represent or guarantee the value of your Roth IRA at any future time.
- C. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT** - To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial organizations to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. What this means for you: When you open an account, you are required to provide your name, residential address, date of birth, and identification number. We may require other information that will allow us to identify you.
- D. **STATEMENTS/ACCOUNTING** - Each year Equity Trust Company, d.b.a. Sterling Trust ("Sterling Trust" or "Sterling") will furnish you a statement of account which will state the amount of the contributions to your custodial account, distributions from the custodial account and the total value of the custodial account as of the end of the year. Information relating to contributions and withdrawals must be reported annually to the Internal Revenue Service by you or, in the case of a spousal IRA, by your spouse. Statements will reflect information provided to Sterling Trust by you and/or your Authorized Agent. Therefore, statements will be only as accurate as the information provided. Sterling Trust neither assumes any responsibility for the accuracy of information provided, nor guarantees the particular tax treatment of any amounts entered in its records.



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- E. **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AFTER DEPOSIT** - Generally, before Sterling Trust can or will execute on or otherwise effectuate a directed transaction with respect to your Roth IRA account, Sterling Trust requires knowledge that your Roth IRA account has or is in receipt of good funds needed for such transaction. Thus, generally, Sterling Trust will need to wait until it knows that checks deposited or other funds transferred into your Roth IRA account have cleared before Sterling Trust can or will act on investment directives from you or your Authorized Agent. The availability of funds deposited with Sterling Trust will depend upon the method utilized to accomplish such transmission and several other factors. However, as a general rule, checks deposited from another IRA custodian will be available within five business days from deposit, and personal checks deposited by you as a Roth IRA contribution or from third parties in payment of amounts owing to your Roth IRA from investments, etc. will be available within seven business days from deposit. Utilization of wire transfers and online banking may expedite clearance of such funds.
- F. **TELEPHONE AUTHORIZATION** - Sterling Trust is authorized, at its option, to honor telephone transaction requests placed by you or your Authorized Agent with respect to your custodial account. These requests may include purchases, sales and exchanges of assets whose sponsors accept telephone authorizations from Sterling Trust on your behalf. Sterling Trust may require you to complete and provide a Telephone Authorization Form. Sterling Trust also may require the use of a special identification number and Social Security number for each transaction. Sterling Trust is not responsible for determining whether or not a caller is authorized other than verifying that such caller is using the proper identification number for the account. You agree that Sterling Trust is not responsible for unauthorized transactions in your custodial account by callers who provide the proper identification number for your account.
- G. **AMENDMENTS** - Sterling Trust may amend, change or terminate the Custodial Account Agreement at any time. Any amendment made by Sterling Trust to comply with the Code and related Regulations does not require your consent. You will be deemed to have consented to any other amendment unless, within 30 days from the date Sterling Trust mails or otherwise transmits the amendment, you notify Sterling Trust in writing that you do not consent. Amendments also may be made by written agreement of Sterling Trust and you.
- H. **ACCOUNT TERMINATION** - You may terminate your Sterling Trust Roth IRA at any time upon written notice signed by you. The notice must identify your Sterling Trust Roth IRA account number, give instructions on the disposition of your Roth IRA's assets and be sent to:

Sterling Trust	<u>Overnight Delivery Address:</u>	Phone: (800) 955-3434
P. O. Box 2526	7901 Fish Pond Road	Fax: (254) 751-0872
Waco, Texas 76702	Waco, Texas 76710	

Your Sterling Trust IRA will terminate upon the earliest of:

- The date the Roth IRA assets have been disposed of in accordance with your instructions if you terminate Sterling Trust as custodian;
- The date all the Roth IRA's assets have been distributed;
- The date the Roth IRA ceases to meet the requirements of Code section 408A; or
- The date the Roth IRA assets have been transferred to and accepted by a successor custodian or trustee as a result of the resignation of Sterling Trust and selection of a successor custodian or trustee.



✦ Personal Information Privacy Protection Policy

Our Commitment to You

At Equity Trust Company, d.b.a. Sterling Trust (“Sterling Trust”), protecting your privacy and the confidentiality of your personal information is important to us. We value your business and the trust you put in us, and to offer you the financial products and services you seek, we collect, maintain and use information about you. To help you better understand how your personal information is protected by Sterling Trust, we are providing you with the following statement describing our policies and procedures with respect to the privacy of your customer information. In the event you terminate your customer relationship with us, or become an inactive customer, we will continue to adhere to the policies and procedures described in this notice.

This notice applies only to non-public personal information about individuals who obtain financial products or services primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

Sterling Trust Privacy Policy

Sterling Trust restricts access to your personal and account information to those employees and affiliates who need to know the information to provide products, education materials or services to you and we educate our employees about the importance of confidentiality and customer privacy. For example, Sterling Trust may provide such information to its affiliate Equity University, which provides educational seminars and materials to individuals related to retirement planning. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to guard your non-public personal information. We do not sell any of your personal information to any third-party affiliates or non-affiliates and we will not do so; however we may provide such information to any successor custodian/trustee for your account. As such, we reserve the right to transfer such information in connection with a sale of our business, whether by sale of assets, or a merger, consolidation or other similar transaction, or a reorganization or liquidation of our business whether or not in connection with a filing for bankruptcy under applicable law.

Information We Collect About You

As your trusted financial institution, we collect, retain and use non-public personal information about individual current and former customers to provide products and services. We may collect the following categories of non-public personal information about you:

- Information we receive from you, through applications for our products or services or other forms; and
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates or with non-affiliated third parties.

You typically provide this personal information when you complete a Sterling Trust account application or when you open an account with an affiliated brokerage firm. This information may include, but is not limited to, your name, address, social security number, investment experience, relationship with brokers/dealers, risk tolerance, financial references, investment objective, tax bracket, net worth, annual income and occupational/educational background.

Information We Share

Sterling Trust does not disclose non-public personal information about you to any unaffiliated third parties, unless required by law. For example, Sterling Trust will provide your personal information in the following situations:

- Upon request by federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies;
- Upon request by the IRS for tax reporting purposes; and
- Upon request by other organizations that protect your privacy

However, since publicly held securities transactions are effected through a correspondent clearing firm, we do provide certain account information (such as your name, social security number, address, date of birth, and telephone number; under limited circumstances, net worth, annual income, tax bracket, investment objectives and risk tolerances) and transaction activity to our clearing firm to effect and administer your transaction request. In addition, certain account information (such as your name, address, account activity and positions) is provided to a service provider with whom Sterling Trust has contracted to print and mail account statements.

Your Privacy With Sterling Trust Online

Sterling Trust considers your online confidentiality and privacy to be as important as your written documentation. At Sterling Trust we use a variety of protections to maintain security of your online sessions and communication. For example, we make use of firewall barriers, authentication procedures and data encryption of 128 Bit SSL. For more information on our online privacy policies, please visit our website.

How Sterling Trust Will Inform You of Changes to Our Policies

As required by federal law and regulation we will notify you of our privacy policy annually. Sterling Trust reserves the right to modify its privacy policy and related procedures at any time, in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. You will be informed and receive appropriate notice if any such changes are made.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve your financial needs. We pledge to follow the policies, safeguards and guidelines as described in this notice, and to protect the confidentiality of your information. Your relationship is very important to us, and we will take great care to honor these commitments to you. Thank you for choosing Sterling Trust.



• Our USA PATRIOT Act Disclosure

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law (Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001) requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each individual or institution who opens an account or establishes a customer relationship with Sterling Trust.

What this means for you:

When you open an account, Sterling Trust will ask for your name, address, date of birth and other information that will allow us to identify you. As appropriate, we may also ask to see your driver's license or other identifying documents,

This information may be compared to information obtained through third party sources, as permitted by law. If we cannot verify this information, your account may not be opened or it may be restricted and/or closed, and we will not be responsible for any losses nor damages including, but not limited to, lost opportunities, you may incur.

We thank you for your understanding and for joining us in securing a safer tomorrow.