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Confirmation of Arbitration Agreement

In the binding arbitration of:

1. Agreement to Proceed. The parties to this proceeding, acting in their own capacity or through their designated legal representatives, have agreed to submit the dispute referenced above to binding arbitration conducted through Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service (“WAMS”), in accordance with the procedural provisions of RCW 7.04A and the administrative provisions of the most current WAMS Commercial Arbitration Rules (1/09). Discovery rules have been established by a Case Schedule as provided for by those rules, stipulation of counsel or order of the arbitrator. **The parties and designated legal representatives hereby acknowledge that they:**

a. have reviewed a copy of the WAMS Commercial Arbitration Rules and Arbitration Fee Schedule and agree to abide by the provisions contained therein;

b. agree to pay the costs of the arbitration proceeding as set forth in the WAMS fee memorandum provided to them at the time of scheduling confirmation. Excess hearing time will be billed at the arbitrator’s hourly rate plus \$75 per hour for late administrative staffing;

c. *understand that before accepting this appointment, the arbitrator has conducted the inquiry required by RCW 7.04A.120 and disclosed any applicable facts or relationships.*

2. Authority of the Arbitrator. The parties to this arbitration and their legal representatives accept the appointment of _____ to serve as arbitrator in this matter and to otherwise conduct the arbitration in accordance with Washington law and the WAMS Commercial Arbitration Rules. The arbitrator will be the sole judge of the admissibility of evidence offered by the parties and has been given the authority to determine and award appropriate relief.

3. Finality of Decision. The undersigned parties agree to legally abide by the Decision of the arbitrator to be rendered pursuant to this binding arbitration proceeding and further agree that judgment may be entered thereupon in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Washington, subject to any underlying policy or contract provisions that provide otherwise. Unless specifically stated otherwise on the line below, the Internal Appeal provision of the WAMS Commercial Arbitration Rules does not apply to this proceeding.

4. Right of Representation. The parties to the Agreement have been advised of their right to be represented by counsel throughout this proceeding.

SIGNED ON: _____ BY:

Arbitration Participants (Signature):

Role/Title at Arbitration:

