

## Merchant Agreement Terms and Conditions – Merrick Bank

As provided by the Merchant Application, Merchant, Base Commerce, LLC (“ISO”) and Merrick Bank Corporation (“Bank”) have agreed to be bound by these terms and conditions. Bank and ISO are collectively referred to herein as the “Provider” and, subject to the requirements of the Network Rules, ISO and Bank allocate the duties and obligations allocated to Provider as they deem appropriate in their sole discretion and may jointly or individually assert or exercise the rights or remedies provided to Provider hereunder.

The Merchant Application, appendices, addenda, amendments, exhibits, schedules, and FEE SCHEDULE, as well as the Guaranty that accompany the Application, as amended from time to time, as well as the Network Rules, are expressly incorporated by reference into and made a part of these Terms and Conditions, and together shall be collectively referred to herein as the “Agreement” or the “Merchant Agreement.”

By completing and signing the Application, Merchant applies for the Card Program services covered by the Application and this Agreement. In its sole and absolute discretion, Provider may accept or reject Merchant’s Application. If accepted, Bank, ISO, and Merchant agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS

In addition to terms otherwise defined in this Agreement and in the Network Rules, capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Article I.

- 1.01 **“Account”** means a commercial checking or demand deposit account maintained by Merchant for the crediting of collected funds and the debiting Credit Vouchers, Chargebacks, Processing Fees, any fines or fees assessed by Card Networks or other governmental agency or entity having authority, and any other amounts owed by Merchant to Provider under this Agreement.
- 1.02 **“ACH”** means the Automated Clearing House paperless entry system controlled by the Federal Reserve Board.
- 1.03 **“Agreement”** means the Merchant Application, the Guaranty and these Terms and Conditions, and any supplementary documents referenced herein, and schedules, exhibits, and amendments to the foregoing.
- 1.04 **“American Express”** means the Cards bearing the Marks of, and Card Network operated by, American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. or its affiliates.
- 1.05 **“Authorization”** means a computerized function or a direct phone call to a designated number to examine individual Transactions to obtain approval from the Card Issuer to charge the Card for the amount of the sale in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Network Rules.
- 1.06 **“Bank”** has the meaning set forth on the Merchant Application.
- 1.07 **“Card”** means (i) a Valid Card, whether a credit card or debit card, in the form issued under license from a Card Network (“Bank Card”); or (ii) any other valid credit card or debit card or other payment device approved by Bank and accepted by Merchant.
- 1.08 **“Card Issuer”** means the financial institution or company which has provided a Card to a Cardholder.
- 1.09 **“Card Network”** means Visa U.S.A., Inc., MasterCard International, Inc., American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc., DFS Services LLC (the owner of Discover) and their affiliates, or any other payment networks approved by Bank that provide Cards accepted by Merchant.
- 1.10 **“Card Not Present” or “CNP”** means that an Imprint of the Card is not obtained at the point-of-sale.
- 1.11 **“Cardholder”** (sometimes referred to as “Card Member” in certain Card Network materials) shall mean any person authorized to use the Cards or the accounts established in connection with the Cards.
- 1.12 **“Cardholder Information”** means any non-public, sensitive information about a Cardholder or related to a Card, including, but not limited to, any combination of Cardholder name plus the Cardholder’s social security number, driver’s license or other identification number, credit or debit card number, or other bank account number.
- 1.13 **“Chargeback”** means the procedure by which a Transaction (or disputed portion thereof) is returned to Provider by a Card Issuer for any reason, including, but not limited to, cases where such item does not comply with the applicable Network Rules.

- 1.14 **“Cash Over”** means a Transaction using a Discover Card whereby the Cardholder elects to receive additional cash in excess of the purchase price, all as provided by Network Rules of Discover.
- 1.15 **“Credit Voucher”** means a document executed by a Merchant evidencing any refund or price adjustment relating to Cards to be credited to a Cardholder account.
- 1.16 **“Discover Card”** means a Card bearing the Discover Marks and accepted as part of the DFS Services Network.
- 1.17 **“Guarantor”** has the meaning set forth on the Merchant Application.
- 1.18 **“Guaranty”** has the meaning set forth on the Merchant Application.
- 1.19 **“Imprint”** means (i) an impression on a Transaction Record manually obtained from a Card through the use of an imprinter, or (ii) the electronic equivalent obtained by swiping a Card through a terminal and electronically capturing Card data and printing a Transaction Record.
- 1.20 **“ISO”** has the meaning set forth on the Merchant Application.
- 1.21 **“Laws”** means all applicable local, state, and federal statutes, regulations, ordinances, rules and other binding law, as the same may be enacted or amended from time to time.
- 1.22 **“Merchant”** has the meaning set forth on the Merchant Application.
- 1.23 **“Merchant Affiliate”** is any entity or account designated as “Affiliated” on the Application or, in addition, any person or entity which is owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by Merchant or any of Merchant’s principal business owners (“Principals”).
- 1.24 **“Merchant Application”** has the meaning set forth on the Merchant Application.
- 1.25 **“Network Rules”** means the rules, regulations, releases, interpretations and other requirements (whether contractual or otherwise) imposed or adopted by any Card Networks and related authorities, including without limitation, those of the PCI Security Standards Council, LLC and the National Automated Clearing House Association (including, with respect to EBT, the Quest Operating Rules and with respect to PIN debit cards, the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the applicable debit network). Merchant acknowledges that (1) MasterCard has published the “MasterCard Rules,” a “Chargeback Guide,” a “Transaction Processing Guide,” “Security Rules and Procedures,” and numerous modules explaining MasterCard’s customer compliance programs, all which are available at the MasterCard web site, and (2) Visa has published a public version of the “Visa Core Rules and Visa Product and Service Rules,” “Card Acceptance Guidelines for Visa Merchants” and “Chargeback Management Guidelines for Visa Merchants,” all of which are available at the Visa website. Merchant further acknowledges that American Express has published a Merchant Operating Guide, which can be found at <http://www.americanexpress.com/merchanttopguide>, and Discover had published Discover Merchant Operating Regulations, which can be found at <http://www.discovernetwork.com/>. Merchant represents, warrants, and agrees that Merchant has accessed and reviewed each of the above documents, and that Merchant will at all times continue to maintain the capability to access, and will access, review, and comply with each of the above-listed documents as in effect from time to time, including any changed versions thereof as may be published from time to time by the applicable Card Network. Merchant shall not rely upon Provider to notify Merchant of any changes to the Network Rules or any of the above-listed documents, and is solely responsible for accessing, reviewing, and complying with the Network Rules and all of the above-listed documents, as any of them may be amended or changed from time to time. In the event there shall be any inconsistency between any such published version of a Card Network’s Rules and the version made applicable to Merchant Bank from time to time by the applicable Card Network, the version made applicable to Merchant Bank from time to time by the applicable Card Network shall control to the extent of the inconsistency. The Network Rules and requirements contained in each of the above-listed documents, as in effect from time to time, are expressly incorporated herein by this reference. References herein to any particular sections of any Network Rules of a Card Network, are deemed to include any future changed, supplemented and/or re-numbered versions of those sections, when and as made effective from time to time by the applicable Card Network.
- 1.26 **“Provider”** as provided by the introductory paragraph to these Terms and Conditions, means ISO and Bank together.
- 1.27 **“Transaction”** means any sale of products or services, or credit for such, from a Merchant for which the Cardholder makes payment through the use of any Valid Card and which is presented to Provider for collection.
- 1.28 **“Transaction Record”** means evidence of a purchase, rental, or lease of goods or services by a Cardholder from, and other payments to, Merchant using a Card, including preauthorized orders and Recurring Transactions (unless the context requires otherwise), regardless of whether the form of such evidence is in paper or electronic form or otherwise.
- 1.29 **“Valid Card”** is a Card that is (1) properly issued under the authority of a Card Network (not counterfeit); (2) “current” according to any beginning and expiration dates on the Card; (3) signed by the Cardholder named on the front or other authorized signer, or in the case of CNP Transactions, in compliance with the applicable

Network Rules; (4) not listed at the time of a Charge in a warning bulletin or notice issued by a Card Network; and (5) not visibly altered or mutilated when physically present at the POS.

- 1.30** **"Voice Authorization"** means a direct phone call to a designated number to obtain credit approval on a Transaction from the Card Issuer, whether by voice or voice-activated systems.

## ARTICLE II - CARD ACCEPTANCE

- 2.01** **Honoring Cards.** Merchant will accept all Valid Cards when properly presented by Cardholders in payment for goods or services, subject to applicable Network Rules requiring Merchant to elect whether it will accept credit only, debit only, or both debit and credit cards. Merchant's election is set forth in the Merchant Application. Except to the extent explicitly provided by the Network Rules, Merchant may not establish minimum or maximum amounts for Card sales as a condition for accepting any Card. Merchant may, subject to applicable Laws and the Network Rules, (i) impose a surcharge, under certain conditions and with proper disclosure to a Cardholder who elects to use a Card in lieu of payment by cash, check, or other method of payment, or (ii) offer cash discounts to Cardholders making payment by cash or check. Merchant shall not engage in any acceptance practice that discriminates against or discourages the use of a Card Network's Cards in favor of any other Card Network's Cards, or favor any particular Card Issuer over any other Card Issuers. Note, many states prohibit or limit cases where Merchant may surcharge a Cardholder or offer cash discounts and the Card Networks impose restrictions on surcharging and cash discounting. Therefore, Provider strongly recommends that Merchant carefully consider and comply with all applicable Law and the Network Rules before Merchant begins to surcharge Cardholders or offer any cash discount. Merchant may not engage in a Transaction (other than a mail, internet, telephone order, or preauthorized sale to the extent permitted under this Agreement) if (i) the person seeking to charge the purchase to his or her Card account does not present the Card to permit Merchant to compare the signature on the Card to the signature on the Transaction Record; or (ii) the Merchant does not obtain an Imprint or otherwise use the physical Card to complete the Transaction. In accepting Transactions for the purchase of Merchant's goods or services, Merchant shall comply with all requirements of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the Network Rules, as the same are revised from time to time, and all applicable Laws, rules, and regulations, as they may be amended from time to time.
- 2.02** **Advertising.** Subject to the Network Rules, Merchant will prominently display the promotional materials provided by Provider in its place(s) of business. Merchant's use of promotional materials and use of any trade name, trademark, service mark, or logo type (collectively, the "Marks") associated with a Card is limited to informing the public that the Card will be accepted at Merchant's place(s) of business. During the term of this Agreement, Merchant may use promotional materials and Marks pursuant to and in strict compliance with the terms of this Agreement and the Network Rules. Upon notification by any Card Network or Provider, or upon termination of this Agreement, Merchant shall discontinue the use of such Card Network's Marks and return any inventory or promotional materials to Provider. Merchant may not use any promotional materials or Marks associated with the Card Network in any way which suggests or implies that a Card Network endorses any goods or services other than Card payment services. Merchant's website, if any, must prominently display the name of the Merchant and the name that will appear on the Cardholder statement.
- 2.03** **Card Acceptance.** When accepting a Valid Card, Merchant will follow the steps and guidelines set forth in the Network Rules or otherwise provided by Provider from time to time for accepting Cards and in particular, will: (a) determine in good faith and to the best of its ability that the Card is valid on its face; (b) obtain Authorization from the Card Issuer to charge the Cardholder's account; (c) comply with the additional terms set forth in in this Agreement with respect to Telephone Orders, Mail Orders, Internet, Preauthorized Orders and Installment Orders and with respect to any Card Not Present Transactions; (d) document the approved Transaction in accordance with this Agreement and the Network Rules; and (e) deliver a true and completed copy of the Transaction Record to the Cardholder at the time the goods are delivered or services performed, or if the Transaction Record is prepared by a point-of-sale terminal, at the time of the sale. Except to the extent otherwise provided for in this Agreement, each Transaction Record must contain the following information: (i) Merchant's legal name and/or registered trade name, Merchant's location, and the Merchant's merchant identification number designated by the Provider; (ii) the truncated version of the Card number as provided in the Network Rules; (iii) a brief description of the goods or services involved in the Transaction; (iv) the selling price, together with applicable taxes, other charges, or gratuities, and the total amount of the Transaction; (v) signature of the Cardholder or authorized user as described in this Agreement, date of the Transaction and the Transaction approval number; (vi) any additional

requirements of the Card Networks that may be applicable to specific merchant or transaction types, as amended from time to time; and (vii) such additional information which may from time to time be required by Provider, the Card Networks, or Card Issuers. Merchant will not transmit a Transaction Record to Provider until such time as: (i) the Transaction is completed; (ii) the goods or services have been shipped or provided, except as set forth in this Agreement and the Network Rules; or (iii) a Cardholder consent is obtained for a Recurring Transaction in accordance with terms of this Agreement and the Network Rules.

- 2.04 Authorization.** Merchant will obtain an Authorization for all Transactions using a means approved by Provider. Merchant will only submit to Provider a Transaction only if the Transaction is made or approved by the Cardholder who is issued the Card used for the Transaction. If Merchant cannot, for any reason, obtain an electronic Authorization through the use of a terminal, Merchant will request a Voice Authorization from Provider's designated authorization center, and will legibly print the authorization number on the Transaction Record. Merchant will not obtain or attempt to obtain Authorization from Provider's authorization center unless Merchant intends to submit to Provider a Transaction for the authorized amount if Authorization for the Transaction is given. Merchant may not divide a single Transaction between two or more Transaction Records on a single Card to avoid Authorization limits that may be set by the Card Issuer. Merchant acknowledges that an Authorization provides only that the Cardholder account has sufficient credit available to cover the amount of the current sale and that an Authorization is not a guarantee that the Transaction will not be subject to dispute or Chargeback, and does not warranty the Cardholder's identity. Merchant may not attempt to obtain an authorization by successively decreasing the sale amount. Provider may refuse to process any Transaction Record presented by Merchant: (a) unless a proper authorization number or approval code has been recorded on the Transaction Record; (b) if Provider determines that the Transaction Record is or is likely to become uncollectible from the Cardholder to which the Transaction would otherwise be charged; or (c) if Provider has reason to believe that the Transaction Record was prepared in violation of any provision of this Agreement or the Network Rules. Merchant will use, and may not circumvent, fraud identification tools requested by Provider, including address verification system processing and CVV2 processing, and acknowledges that the use of these tools may prevent Merchant from accepting certain Cards as payment. Merchant acknowledges that its use of fraud identification tools may not prevent fraudulent Card usage, and agrees that any fraudulent Transaction may ultimately result in a Chargeback, for which Merchant retains full liability under this Agreement.
- 2.05 Retention and Retrieval of Cards.** Merchant will use its best efforts, by reasonable and peaceful means, to retain or recover a Card when receiving such instructions when making a request for Authorization, or if Merchant has reasonable grounds to believe the Card is counterfeit, fraudulent, or stolen. Merchant's obligations under this section do not authorize a breach of the peace or any injury to persons or property, and Merchant will defend and hold Provider harmless from any claim arising from any injury to person or property or other breach of the peace in connection with the retention or recovery of a Card.
- 2.06 Multiple Transaction Records; Partial Consideration.** Merchant may not prepare more than one Transaction Record for a single sale or for a single item, but will include all goods and services purchased in a single Transaction in the total amount on a single Transaction Record except under the following circumstances: (a) for purchases in separate departments of a multiple department store; (b) for partial payment, installment payment, delayed delivery, or an advance deposit; or (c) for delayed or amended charges governed by Network Rules for travel and entertainment merchants, and related Transactions.
- 2.07 Telephone Orders, Mail Orders, Internet, Preauthorized Orders and Installment Orders.** Unless Merchant has been approved by Provider to accept mail, internet, or telephone orders, Merchant warrants that it is a walk-in trade business, located in a retail business place where the public moves in and out freely in order to purchase merchandise or obtain services. If Merchant is not approved by Provider for Card Not Present Transactions and Provider determines Merchant has accepted unapproved Card Transactions which are placed by telephone, generated through telephone solicitation, mail order, internet sales, or other means that does not create a Transaction Record that bears the Card Imprint and Cardholder's signature, this Agreement may be immediately terminated by Provider, the value of all Transaction Records collected from the first day of processing may be charged back to Merchant, and all funds therefrom held as provided in Article IV of this Agreement. Unless approved by Provider, this Agreement does not contemplate regular acceptance of Cards for sales accepted by mail, internet, or telephone, nor through preauthorized orders. Regardless of whether Merchant has been approved by Provider for Card Not Present Transactions, Merchant assumes all responsibility for identification of the Cardholder and the validity of the Card information for Card Not Present Transactions. Merchant agrees to

identify separately any high-risk transactions Merchant submits. The high-risk transactions include, but are not limited to, any under Merchant Category Code 5967 – Direct Marketing – Inbound Telemarketing Merchants.

- 2.08 Lodging and Vehicle Rental Transactions.** For lodging and vehicle rental Transactions, Merchant must estimate and obtain Authorization for the amount of the Transaction based upon the Cardholder's intended length of stay or rental. Additional Authorization must be obtained and recorded for charges actually incurred in excess of the estimated amount. Regardless of the terms and conditions of any written preauthorization form, the Transaction Record amount for any lodging or vehicle rental Transaction must include only that portion of the sale, including any applicable taxes, evidencing a bona fide rental of real or personal property by Merchant to the Cardholder, and may not include any consequential charges. Nothing contained herein is intended to restrict Merchant from enforcing the terms and conditions of its preauthorization form through means other than a Transaction.
- 2.09 Returns and Adjustments; Credit Vouchers.** Merchant's policy for the exchange or return of goods sold and the adjustment for services rendered will be established and posted in accordance with the Network Rules of the applicable Card Networks. Merchant will disclose, if applicable, to a Cardholder before a Transaction is made, that if merchandise is returned: (a) no refund, or less than a full refund, will be given; (b) returned merchandise will only be exchanged for similar merchandise of comparable value; (c) only a credit toward purchases will be given; or (d) special conditions or circumstances apply to the sale (e.g., late delivery, delivery charges, or other non-credit terms). If Merchant does not make these disclosures, a full refund in the form of a credit to the Cardholder's Card account must be given. Disclosures must be made on all copies of Transaction Records or invoices in letters approximately 1/4" high in close proximity to the space provided for the Cardholder's signature or on an invoice issued at the time of the sale, or on an invoice being presented for the Cardholder's signature. For the avoidance of any doubt, all of Merchant's return and exchange policies must comply with all applicable Network Rules and Laws, rules, and regulations, and Merchant represents and warrants that its return and exchange policies are at all times in compliance with all applicable Network Rules and Law, rules, and regulations. Any change in Merchant's return, exchange or cancellation policy must be submitted in writing to Provider not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the change. Provider may refuse to process any Transaction Record made subject to a revised return or cancellation policy of which Provider has not been notified as required herein.
- 2.10 Cash Payments.** Merchant may not receive any payments from a Cardholder for charges included in any Transaction resulting from the use of any Card nor receive any payment from a Cardholder to prepare and present a Transaction for the purpose of effecting a deposit to the Cardholder's account.
- 2.11 Cash Advances; Scrip Purchases.** Unless otherwise approved in advance by Provider, Merchant may not deposit any Transaction for the purpose of obtaining or providing a cash advance either on Merchant's Card or the Card of any other party, and may not accept any Card at a scrip terminal, and either action will be grounds for Provider's immediate termination of this Agreement.
- 2.12 Duplicate Transactions.** Merchant may not deposit duplicate Transactions. Provider may debit Merchant for any adjustments for duplicate Transactions, and Merchant is liable for any Chargebacks resulting therefrom.
- 2.13 Deposit of Fraudulent Transactions.** Merchant may not accept or deposit any fraudulent or unauthorized Transactions, and may not under any circumstances present for processing or credit, directly or indirectly, a Transaction which originated with any other merchant or any other source other than Transactions arising from bona fide purchases from Merchant for the goods and services for which Merchant has been approved under this Agreement. Merchant's Transactions and the sales which underlie those Transactions must comply with all applicable Network Rules and Laws, rules, and regulations, and Merchant represents and warrants that its Transactions and sales are at all times in compliance with all applicable Network Rules and Law, rules, and regulations. If Merchant deposits any illegal, fraudulent, or unauthorized Transaction, Provider may: (a) immediately terminate this Agreement; (b) withhold funds and demand an escrow as provided in this Agreement; or (c) report Merchant to the applicable Card Network. Merchant's employees' and agents' actions are chargeable to Merchant under this Agreement. Merchant, and not Provider, is responsible for any advice from and the act or omissions (whether negligent, fraudulent, or intentional) by Merchant's employees, representatives, processors, consultants, advisors, contractors, agents, officers, and directors. Merchant, and not Provider, is responsible for the use, unauthorized used, or misuse of Merchant's equipment, POS terminals, or software.

- 2.14 Collection of Pre-Existing Debt.** Merchant may not prepare and present to Provider any Transaction representing the refinancing of an existing Cardholder obligation, including, but not limited to, obligations: (a) previously owed to Merchant; (b) arising from the dishonor of a Cardholder's personal check or relating to a Chargeback; or (c) representing the collection of any other pre-existing indebtedness, including collection of delinquent accounts on behalf of third parties.
- 2.15 Data Security/Personal Cardholder Information.** Except as otherwise provided by the Network Rules, Merchant may not, as a condition of sale, impose a requirement on Cardholders to provide any personal information as a condition for honoring Cards unless such information is required to provide delivery of goods or services or Merchant has reason to believe the identity of the person presenting the Card may be different than that of the Cardholder. Merchant will not, under any circumstances, release, sell or otherwise disclose any Cardholder Information to any person other than Provider or the applicable Card Network, except as expressly authorized in writing by the Cardholder, or as required by Law or the Network Rules.
- (a) Safeguards. Merchant will maintain appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards for all Cardholder Information. These safeguards will (i) ensure the confidentiality of Cardholder Information; (ii) protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Cardholder Information; (iii) protect against unauthorized access to or use of Cardholder Information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any Cardholder; and (iv) properly dispose of all Cardholder Information to ensure no unauthorized access to Cardholder Information. Merchant will maintain all such safeguards applicable to Merchant in accordance with applicable Law and the Network Rules.
- (b) Compliance with Card Network Rules. Merchant represents, warrants and covenants that it is and will remain throughout the Term of this Agreement in compliance with (i) Network Rules related to data security, data integrity and the safeguarding of Cardholder Information, including the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard ("PCI"), Discover Information Security Compliance ("DISC"), MasterCard's Site Data Protection Program ("SDP"), the American Express Data Security Requirements ("DSR"), and Visa's Customer Information Security Program ("CISP"), in effect and as may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time, and (ii) any data security guidelines or operating guide that Provider may provide to Merchant, as the same may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time. Merchant will cause all of its service providers, subcontractors and agents to comply with PCI, SDP, DISC, DSR and CISP requirements and any data security guidelines or operating guide provided by Provider at all times. Merchant will report any non-compliance immediately to Provider. To accomplish the foregoing, Merchant will encrypt all debit, credit or stored value card numbers whether in storage, transport or backup and will not store data security codes on its systems, network or software.
- (c) Annual Certification. Merchant will provide an annual certification to Provider if requested by Provider (in a form acceptable to Provider) certifying compliance with the data security provisions of this Agreement, including compliance with applicable Card Network requirements such as PCI, SDP, DSR and CISP. Merchant will provide annual certifications for Merchant's service providers, subcontractors and agents.
- (d) Information Use Limitations. Merchant may not sell, disclose, or otherwise make Cardholder Information available, in whole or in part, in a manner not provided for in this Agreement, without Provider's prior written consent. Merchant may, however, disclose Cardholder Information to its service providers, subcontractors and agents who have a need to know such information to provide the services described in this Agreement, provided that those individuals or entities have assumed confidentiality obligations in accordance with this Agreement, or when such disclosure is required by legal process or applicable Law, and Merchant and its relevant service provider, subcontractor, or agent have entered into a written agreement containing Merchant's and such individual's or entity's agreement to the foregoing data security provisions, including compliance with the Network Rules.
- (e) Response to Unauthorized Access. Merchant will notify Provider within twenty-four (24) hours after it becomes aware of any actual or potential breach in security resulting in an unauthorized access to Cardholder Information. Merchant will provide any assistance that Provider, Card Issuer, regulators, governmental authority, or any Card Network deems necessary to contain and control the incident to prevent further unauthorized access to or use of Cardholder Information. Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, preserving records and other evidence, and compiling information to enable Provider and the issuing bank(s) or the Card Network to investigate the incident, and providing assistance and cooperation to: (a) file suspicious activity reports (as applicable); (b) notify their regulators (as applicable); and (c) notify the affected Cardholder (as required). Unless the unauthorized access was due to Provider's acts or omissions, Merchant will bear the cost of notifying affected

Cardholder. Without limiting Provider's remedies in this Agreement, Merchant shall indemnify, defend, and hold Provider harmless for any claims, losses, injuries, damages, or causes of action arising out of or relating to Merchant's failure to prevent unauthorized access to any Cardholder Information.

(f) Miscellaneous. Merchant may not make a claim against Provider or hold Provider liable for the acts or omissions of other merchants, service providers, Card Issuers, Card Network, financial institutions, or others that do not have a written contractual relationship with Provider, or over which Provider has no control, and Merchant expressly waives any claim against Provider arising out of any act or omission of other merchants, service providers, Card Issuers, Card Network, financial institutions, or others that do not have a written contractual relationship with Provider. These provisions supplement, augment, and are in addition to obligations of indemnification, audit, confidentiality and other similar provisions contained in this Agreement. This Section and each of its subsections will survive this Agreement's termination. Merchant may not store, in any system or in any manner, discretionary Card read data including, without limitation, CVV2 data, PIN data, address verification data, or any other information prohibited by Network Rules. Merchant agrees that Provider may disclose to any Card Network information regarding Merchant and Merchant's Transactions to any Card Network, and that such Card Network may use such information to perform its responsibilities in connection with its duties as a Card Network, promote the Card Network, perform analytics and create reports, and for any other lawful business purposes, including commercial marketing communications purposes within the parameters of Card Network Card acceptance, and transactional or relationship communications from a Card Network. A Card Network may use the information about Merchant obtained in this Agreement at the time of setup to screen and/or monitor Merchant in connection with the Card Network marketing and administrative purposes. Merchant agrees it may receive messages from a Card Network, including important information about Card Network products, services, and resources available to its business. These messages may be sent to the mailing address, phone numbers, email addresses, or fax numbers of Merchant. Merchant may be contacted at its wireless telephone number, and the communications sent may include autodialed short message service (SMS or "text") messages, or automated or prerecorded calls. Merchant agrees that it may be sent fax communications.

**2.16 Compliance with Laws and Network Rules.** Merchant represents and warrants that it will comply with and conduct its Card activities in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal statutes, regulations, ordinances, rules and other binding law, as the same may be enacted or amended from time to time, as well as all Network Rules. Merchant may not: (a) accept Cardholder payments for previous Card charges incurred at the Merchant location; (b) require a Cardholder to complete a postcard or similar device that includes the Cardholder's account number, card expiration date, signature, or any other card account data in plain view when mailed; (c) add any tax to transactions, unless applicable Law expressly requires that Merchant be permitted to impose a tax (any tax amount, if allowed, must be included in the transaction amount and not collected separately); (d) enter into interchange any Transaction Record for a Transaction that was previously the subject of a Chargeback to Provider and subsequently returned to Merchant, irrespective of Cardholder approval (Merchant may pursue payment from the Cardholder outside the Card Network system); (e) request or use an account number for any purpose other than as payment for its goods or services; (f) disburse funds in the form of travelers cheques, if the sole purpose is to allow the Cardholder to make a cash purchase of goods or services from Merchant; (g) disburse funds in the form of cash, unless: (i) Merchant is a lodging or cruise line merchant disbursing cash to a Cardholder, (ii) Merchant is dispensing funds in the form of travelers cheques, Cards, or foreign currency, or (iii) Merchant is participating in the Card Network cash back or Cash Over service; (h) accept a Card for manual cash disbursement; (i) accept a Card to collect or refinance existing debt that has been deemed uncollectible by Merchant providing the associated goods or services; (j) enter into a Transaction that represents collection of a dishonored check; or (k) accept a Card for an unlawful Internet gambling transaction. Merchant will pay all Card Network fines, fees, penalties, and all other assessments or indebtedness levied by Card Network to Provider which are attributable, at Provider's discretion, to Merchant's Transaction processing or business. The Card Network may require that Bank limit Merchant's participation in the applicable Card Network and/or terminate this Agreement.

**2.17 Merchant's Business.** Merchant will notify Provider immediately if it intends to (a) transfer or sell any substantial part of its total assets, or liquidate; (b) change the basic nature of its business, including selling any products or services not related to its current business; (c) change ownership or transfer control of its business; (d) enter into any joint venture, partnership, or similar business arrangement whereby any person or entity not a party to this Agreement assumes any interest in Merchant or Merchant's business; (e) alter in any way Merchant's approved monthly volume, average, or maximum ticket; (f) changes its return policies or to another fulfillment house different from those identified in Merchant Application; or (g) changes to its Account. Merchant will notify Provider

promptly in writing if it becomes subject to any voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency petition, or proceeding. Merchant's failure to provide notice as required above may be deemed a material breach and will be sufficient grounds for termination of the Agreement, and for Provider's exercise of all its rights and remedies provided by this Agreement. If any change listed above occurs after the date on which Merchant completes the Application, Provider, in its sole and absolute discretion, may immediately terminate this Agreement.

- 2.18 Merchant's Representations and Warranties.** Merchant represents and warrants that: (a) all information contained in the Merchant Application or any other documents delivered to Provider in connection therewith is true and complete, and properly reflects Merchant's business, financial condition and principals, partners, owners, or officers (as applicable); (b) Merchant has power to execute, deliver, and perform this Agreement, and this Agreement is duly authorized and will not violate any provisions of Law or conflict with any other agreement to which Merchant is subject; (c) Merchant holds all licenses, if any, required to conduct its business and is qualified to do business in every jurisdiction where it is required to do so; (d) there is no action, suit, or proceeding at law or in equity now pending or, to Merchant's knowledge, threatened by or against, or affecting Merchant which would substantially impair its right to carry on its business as now conducted or adversely affect its financial condition or operations; and (e) Merchant does not do business under a trade name or style not previously disclosed in writing, and there has been no change in the nature of Merchant's business or the product lines that Merchant sells, which Merchant is obligated to fully disclose.
- 2.19 Merchant's Covenants.** Merchants covenants that: (a) each Transaction Record presented to Provider for collection is genuine and is not the result of any fraudulent activity, a Transaction prohibited by a Card Network, or is not being deposited on behalf of any business other than Merchant as authorized by this Agreement; (b) each Transaction Record is the result of a bona fide purchase of goods or services from Merchant by the Cardholder in the total amount stated on the Transaction Record; (c) Merchant will perform all of its obligations to the Cardholder in connection with the Transaction evidenced thereby; (d) Merchant will comply with Provider's procedures for accepting Cards, the Transaction itself will not involve any element of credit for any other purposes other than as set forth in this Agreement, and will not be subject to any defense, dispute, offset or counterclaim which may be raised by any Cardholder under the Network Rules, the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 USC §1601) or other Law; (e) each Transaction Record presented to Provider for collection arises out of sales for services or products that have been fully disclosed to Provider, and that such sales comply with Network Rules, applicable Laws, rules and regulations, and comply with Merchant's obligations pursuant to this Agreement; and (f) any Credit Voucher which Merchant issues represents a bona fide refund or adjustment on a Transaction by Merchant with respect to which a Transaction Record has been accepted by Provider.
- 2.20 Third Parties.** Merchant may desire to use a third-party service provider to assist Merchant with its Transactions. Merchant shall not utilize any such third parties unless Merchant has disclosed such use to Provider previously in writing, and unless such third party is fully compliant with all Laws and Network Rules. Any third party used by Merchant must be registered with the Card Network prior to the performance of any contracted services on behalf of Merchant. Further, as between the parties to the Agreement, Merchant will be bound by the acts and omissions of any third-party service provider, and Merchant will be responsible for compliance by such third-party service provider with all Laws and Network Rules. Merchant will indemnify and hold harmless Provider from and against any loss, cost, or expense incurred in connection with or by reason of Merchant's use of any third parties, including third-party service providers. Provider is not responsible for any third-party service provider used by Merchant, nor is Provider required to process any Transaction which Provider receives from Merchant or its service providers in any format not approved by Provider. Provider has no responsibility for, and shall have no liability to Merchant in connection with, any hardware, software, or services Merchant receives subject to a direct agreement (including any sale, warranty, or end-user license agreement) between Merchant and a third party.
- 2.21 Recourse.** Merchant acknowledges that ISO performs the services contemplated by this Agreement and ISO is responsible to Merchant for any failure to perform such services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. While Bank satisfies settlement files pursuant to instructions provided by ISO, Bank is not responsible for independently verifying the accuracy of such settlement files. Accordingly, to the greatest extent permitted by the Network Rules, Merchant's sole recourse for any failure by Provider under this Agreement is against ISO (and not Bank).
- 2.22 Pre-Authorized Transactions.** If Merchant agrees to accept a pre-authorized order, the Cardholder shall execute and deliver to Merchant a written request for such pre-authorization which will be retained by Merchant and made available upon request to Provider. Merchant will not deliver goods or perform services covered by a

pre-authorization after receiving specific notification that the pre-authorization is cancelled or that the card covering the pre-authorization is not to be honored.

- 2.23 Pre-Authorization Health Care Transactions.** If Merchant is a “Health Care Merchant” as indicated on the Merchant Application and accepts a pre-authorized health care Transaction(s) from a Cardholder, Merchant agrees to comply with any requirements in the Network Rules related to such Transactions.
- 2.24 Recurring Transactions.** If Merchant agrees to accept a recurring transaction from a Cardholder for the purchase of goods or services which are delivered or performed periodically (a “Recurring Transaction”), the Cardholder shall complete and deliver to Merchant an order form containing a written request for such goods or services to be charged to the Cardholder’s account, the frequency of the recurring charges and the duration of time for which such Cardholder’s permission is granted. In the event a Recurring Transaction is renewed, the Cardholder shall complete and deliver to Merchant a subsequent order form for continuation of such goods or services to be charged to the Cardholder’s account. A Recurring Transaction may not include partial payments made to Merchant for goods or services purchased in a single Transaction, nor may it be used for periodic payments of goods or services on which Merchant assesses additional finance charges. A copy of the order form must be retained for the duration of the recurring charges and provided in response to Provider’s request. In addition, Merchant must record, retain, and promptly produce upon request the “ship to address” and address verification service code (where applicable) for each transaction. Merchant must not complete an initial or subsequent Recurring Transaction after receiving a cancellation notice from the Cardholder, the Card Issuer, Provider, or other party or a response that the Card is not to be honored.
- 2.25 Limited Acceptance.**
- (a) If appropriately indicated on the Merchant Application, Merchant shall be a limited acceptance merchant, which means that Merchant has elected to accept only certain Visa and MasterCard Card types as indicated on the Merchant Application, or via later notification. The Visa or MasterCard credit acceptance option on the Merchant Application refers to Visa credit and business transactions, and is what MasterCard refers to as “Other Card” transactions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Merchant Application, Merchant can elect (i) to accept only Visa or MasterCard non-PIN based debit/stored value/electronic benefit transactions (sometimes referred to as “signature debit” transactions, whether or not an actual signature is required), (ii) to accept only Visa or MasterCard Credit transactions, or (iii) to accept all Visa or MasterCard credit and signature debit transactions; provided, however, that a Merchant who accepts any Visa or MasterCard Card types must accept all valid Visa or MasterCard Card types issued by a non-U.S. issuer. Merchant is not required to accept Cards of Card Networks other than Visa or MasterCard in order to accept Visa or MasterCard Cards (except that transactions using Diner’s International Cards which also carry the MasterCard Mark must be accepted if Merchant accepts MasterCard Card transactions of the same type). Provider has no obligation other than those expressly provided under the Network Rules and applicable Law as they may relate to limited acceptance. Provider’s obligations do not include policing card types at the point-of-sale. Merchant will be solely responsible for the implementation of its decision for limited acceptance including but not limited to policing the Card Network type(s) of transactions at the point-of-sale submitted for processing by Provider. Should Merchant submit a Transaction for processing for a card type it has indicated it does not wish to accept, Provider may process that Transaction and Merchant will pay the applicable fees, charges, and assessments associated with that Transaction. Merchant will comply with any applicable Laws and Network Rules and other applicable rules and regulations for the Card Network type processed.
- (b) If Merchant has chosen to accept Discover Cards in the Merchant Application, Merchant must accept Discover Cards at all Merchant establishments, including in payment for purchases of goods and services, for charitable contributions and for Cash Over Transactions (subject to the terms of the Network Rules and other applicable rules and regulations), when properly presented for payment by a Cardholder. Subject to this section, Merchant must create a Transaction Record for each Discover Card Transaction and deliver at least one copy of the Transaction Record to the Cardholder. A Merchant may issue a Cash Over (subject to the terms of the Network Rules) in connection with a Discover Card Transaction. Merchant must deliver a single Authorization request for the aggregate total of the goods/services purchase amount and the Cash Over amount. In addition, the Transaction Record must include both the purchase amount and the Cash Over amount.

**ARTICLE III - PRESENTMENT, PAYMENT, CHARGEBACK**

- 3.01 Acceptance.** Provider will accept from Merchant all Transaction Records deposited by Merchant under the terms of this Agreement and will present the same to the appropriate Card Issuers for collection against Cardholder accounts. Merchant must transmit Transaction Records and Credit Vouchers to Provider or its processing vendor on the same or next business day immediately following the day that such Transaction Records and Credit Vouchers have been originated. All presentment and assignment of Transaction Records, collection therefor and reassignment or rejection of such Transaction Records are subject to the terms of this Agreement and the Network Rules. Provider will only provisionally credit the value of collected Transaction Records to Merchant's Account and reserves the right to adjust amounts collected to reflect the value of Chargebacks (actual and anticipated), fees, penalties, fines, late submission charges, reserve deposits, negative Transaction Record batch deposits, items for which Provider did not receive final payment, and any other amounts due and owing to Provider pursuant to this Agreement. Merchant expressly and unconditionally authorizes Provider to debit Merchant's Account or the Reserve Account for the payment of such obligations.
- 3.02 Endorsement.** By presenting Transaction Records to Provider for collection and payment, Merchant agrees to sell and assign all its right, title and interest in each Transaction Record completed in conformity with Provider's acceptance procedures. Merchant's presentment of Transaction Records to Provider constitutes an endorsement by Merchant to Provider of such Transaction Records. Provider may supply such endorsement on Merchant's behalf.
- 3.03 Prohibited Payments.** Provider may receive payment of any Transaction Record presented by Merchant and paid by Provider unless and until there is a Chargeback. Unless specifically authorized in writing by Provider, Merchant may not collect or attempt to collect any Transaction Record, including Chargebacks, and will hold in trust for Provider and promptly deliver in kind to Provider any payment Merchant receives, in whole or in part, of the amount of any accepted Transaction, together with the Cardholder's name and account number, and any corresponding accompanying payment.
- 3.04 Chargebacks.** Merchant will accept responsibility for all Chargebacks related to Merchant's Transactions. Accordingly, Merchant will be liable to Provider in the amount of any Transaction disputed by the Cardholder or Card Issuer for any reason under the Network Rules. Merchant authorizes Provider to offset from funds due to Merchant or to debit the Account or, if applicable, the Reserve Account for the amount of all Chargebacks. Merchant agrees to fully cooperate with Provider in complying with the Network Rules regarding all Chargebacks. Merchant may not initiate a sale Transaction in an attempt to collect a Chargeback. Merchant will pay the current published fees for each Chargeback as listed on the Merchant Application and any other fines, fees, or assessments imposed by any Card Network or Card Issuer. Provider may debit Merchant's Account or the Reserve Account for the payment of such fines, fees, or assessments.
- 3.05 Reserve Account.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, and in addition to any other legal rights or remedies available to Provider, Bank may establish (without notice to Merchant) and Merchant agrees to fund and/or allow Provider to fund from the Account or by way of offset of funds otherwise due to Merchant, a non-interest bearing Chargeback reserve account (the "Reserve Account") in an amount determined by Bank in its sole discretion. Such Reserve Account may be funded by all or any combination of the following, as determined by Bank: (i) one or more debits to Merchant's Account or any other accounts held by Bank or any of its affiliates in Merchant's name or on Merchant's behalf; (ii) one or more deductions or offsets to any payments otherwise due to Merchant; (iii) Merchant's delivery to Bank of a letter of credit; (iv) if Bank so agrees, Merchant's pledge to Bank of a freely transferable and negotiable certificate of deposit; or (v) Bank's demand of other security or increase of any discount rate, transaction fees or other fees. Any such letter of credit or certificate of deposit shall be issued by a financial institution reasonably acceptable to Bank. The Reserve Account may be established at any time or for any reason. Specific examples of reasons include: (a) Merchant engages in any Transaction processing that creates an overcharge to a Cardholder by duplicating Transactions; (b) any activity designed by Merchant to circumvent a "call center" message when attempting to process a Transaction; (c) Merchant breaches this Agreement, violates any representation, covenant or warranty herein, or violates any Network Rule or Law; (d) the Merchant Application is in any way inaccurate or becomes inaccurate subsequent to Provider's approval of the Merchant Application; (e) Merchant changes its type of business without Provider's prior written approval; (f) fraud, Merchant processes an unauthorized charge, or other action that violates Provider's applicable risk management standards or is likely to cause a loss; (g) Merchant has Chargebacks exceeding one percent (1%) of the total number of transactions completed by Merchant in any thirty (30) calendar

day period; (h) excessive numbers of requests from Cardholders or Card Issuers to retrieve documentation; (i) Merchant's financial stability is in question or Merchant ceases doing business; or (j) Merchant terminates this Agreement. Once the Reserve Account is established, collected funds will be placed in the Reserve Account by Bank. Before releasing funds after this Agreement is terminated, Merchant will pay any equipment cancellation fees and any outstanding charges, losses or amounts, and Chargebacks for which Merchant has provided indemnification under this Agreement. Further, Bank may require Merchant to deposit additional amounts based upon Merchant's processing history and/or anticipated risk of loss to Bank into the Reserve Account. Once established, unless Bank determines otherwise at its sole and absolute discretion, the Reserve Account will remain in place for the later of (i) twelve (12) months plus the period of any warranty, guarantee, and/or return policy on goods and/or services sold, or until such time as Provider determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the release of Reserve Account funds to Merchant is prudent, in the best interest of Provider, commercially reasonable, and that all of Merchant's payment obligations to Provider under this Agreement are fully resolved, or (ii) such period thereafter during which Cardholder disputes may remain valid under the Network Rules. **The provisions of this Agreement relating to account debits and credits apply to the Reserve Account and survive this Agreement's termination until Bank terminates the Reserve Account. Any balance remaining after Chargeback rights have expired and all of Bank's other anticipated expenses, losses, and damages have been paid will be disbursed to Merchant.**

#### ARTICLE IV - TERMINATION AND EFFECT OF TERMINATION

**4.01 Term.** This Agreement will be effective once Provider accepts it and, unless otherwise terminated, will continue for two (2) years (the "Initial Term") with automatic two (2) year renewal terms thereafter (each a "Renewal Term," and together with the Initial Term, the "Term") unless and until Merchant provides written notice of non-renewal to Provider not less than ninety (90) days before the end of the then-current Term.

**4.02 Termination.**

(a) Without Cause. Provider may terminate this Agreement, without cause, upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to Merchant.

(b) For Cause. Provider may terminate this Agreement in its sole and absolute discretion, effective immediately, upon written or verbal notice, or by closing Merchant's point-of-sale terminal, if Provider reasonably determines that any of the following conditions exists: (i) Merchant has violated any provision of this Agreement or Provider is otherwise entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to any provision of this Agreement; (ii) there is a material adverse change in Merchant's financial condition; (iii) if any case or proceeding is commenced by or against Merchant, its affiliates, or principals under any Law dealing with insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership or other debt relief; (iv) any information which Merchant provided to Provider, including in the Merchant Application, was false, incomplete, or misleading when received; (v) at any time during the Term, Merchant has had a monthly ratio in any single month of Chargebacks to total Transactions exceeding Card Network requirements or one percent (1%), or Chargebacks exceed three percent (3%) of any monthly dollar amount of total Transactions; (vi) an overdraft in the Account exists for more than three (3) days; (vii) Merchant or any of Merchant's officers or employees has been involved in processing Transactions arising from illegal, fraudulent, or otherwise unauthorized Transactions; (viii) Merchant is or will be unable or unwilling to perform its obligations under this Agreement or applicable Law or the Network Rules (ix) Merchant has failed to timely pay Provider any amount due; (x) Merchant has failed to promptly perform or discharge any obligation under its Account or the Reserve Account; (xi) any of Merchant's representations or warranties made in connection with this Agreement was not true or accurate when given; (xii) Merchant has defaulted on any agreement it has with Provider; (xiii) Provider is served with legal process seeking to attach or garnish any of Merchant's funds or property in Provider's possession, and Merchant does not satisfy or appeal the legal process within fifteen (15) days of such service; (xiv) any Network Rules are amended in any way so that the continued existence of this Agreement would cause Provider to be in breach of those rules; (xv) any guaranty supporting Merchant's obligations is revoked, withdrawn, terminated, or altered in any way; (xvi) if any circumstances arise regarding Merchant or its business that create harm or loss of goodwill to any Card Network; (xvii) termination is necessary to prevent loss to Provider or Card Issuers; (xviii) Merchant's type of business indicated on the Merchant Application or as conducted by Merchant could endanger Bank's safety or soundness; (xix) Merchant's owner, officer, Guarantor, or corporate entity has a separate relationship with Bank and that relationship is terminated, (xx) Merchant

appears on any Card Network's security reporting; (xxi) security held by Provider for repayment becomes impaired; (xxii) Merchant engages in any activity that causes Provider to be in breach of Provider's policies and procedures, the Network Rules, or any applicable Laws, rules, or regulations; (xxiii) Provider has evidence or has reached the conclusion, in its sole and absolute discretion, but based upon reasonable facts, that Merchant has engaged in fraudulent activity to include failure to deliver goods and services as advertised or promised, or Merchant has engaged in fraudulent advertising practices; or (xxiv) Provider becomes aware that Merchant is accepting payments for goods or services not approved in advance by Provider and where Provider, any Card Network, the Network Rules, or applicable Laws, rules, or regulations specifically prohibits the sale of such, or where Merchant accepting payments for such unapproved goods or services creates a risk of legal, financial, operational, reputational or any other harm to Provider.

- 4.03 Effect of Bankruptcy.** Any account or security held by Provider will not be subject to any preference, claim or stay by reason of bankruptcy or similar Law. Merchant expressly acknowledges that Merchant does not have legal title to, or an equitable or possessory interest in, unsettled funds held in the Reserve Account. The parties expressly agree that the acquisition of Transactions hereunder is a financial accommodation and if Merchant becomes a debtor in any bankruptcy or similar proceeding, this Agreement may not be assumed or enforced by any other person and Provider will be excused from performance hereunder.
- 4.04 Effect of Termination; Early Termination Fee.** If this Agreement is terminated, regardless of cause, Provider may withhold and discontinue the disbursement for all Cards and other Transactions in the process of being collected and deposited. If the Agreement is terminated for cause, Merchant acknowledges that Provider may be required to report Merchant's business name and the names and other identification of its principals to various Card Network and industry databases, including the Terminated Merchant File and the Merchant Alert to Control High Risk Merchants File ("MATCH"). **Merchant expressly agrees and consents to such reporting if Merchant is terminated for any reason requiring listing on the MATCH file.** Merchant waives and will hold harmless Provider from any claims that Merchant may raise as a result of Provider's MATCH file reporting. Upon termination of the Agreement, Merchant will immediately cease requesting Authorizations. If Merchant obtains any Authorization after termination, the fact that any Authorization was requested or obtained will not reinstate this Agreement. Further, Merchant will return all Provider property, forms, and/or equipment. All obligations for Transactions prior to termination (including payment for Chargebacks and Provider's expenses relating to Chargebacks) survive termination. Provider is not liable to Merchant for damages (including prospective sales or profits) due to termination. Following termination, Merchant will, upon request, provide Provider with all original and electronic copies of Transaction Records and Credit Vouchers, if any, that have been retained by Merchant as of the date of termination. Upon termination, any amounts due to Provider will accelerate and be immediately due and payable, without any notice, declaration or other act whatsoever by Provider. The parties agree that if this Agreement is terminated before completion of the Initial Term for any reason other than a material uncured breach by Provider, Merchant will pay Provider an early termination fee determined by multiplying (a) the number of months remaining from the date of termination to the end of the Initial Term, by (b) the average monthly processing fees paid by Merchant to Provider, plus Provider's costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection with Merchant's termination of this Agreement. Merchant agrees that these damages are not a penalty but are a reasonable computation of the financial harm caused by the early termination of this Agreement.
- 4.05 Liquidated Damages.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any other remedy provided hereunder, in the event that Provider reasonably believes Merchant is violating or has violated any applicable Network Rule, ACH Rule, Regulation E, or any other applicable Law, rule or regulation, or is in breach of any of its representations and warranties made in this Agreement relating to Merchant's compliance with all applicable Network Rules, ACH Rules, Regulation E, or any other applicable laws, rules or regulations, Merchant shall pay to Provider, as liquidated damages, an amount up to, but not exceeding, 30% of any Reserve Account funds at the time of termination of the Agreement. Additionally, Provider shall be entitled to Liquidated Damages, as provided in this Paragraph, upon Merchant's termination for cause for any of the following reasons:
- i. Merchant has violated any provision of this Agreement or Provider is otherwise entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to any provision of this Agreement;
  - ii. any information which Merchant provided to Provider, including in the Merchant Application, was false, incomplete or misleading when received;
  - iii. at any time during the Term, Merchant has had a monthly ratio in any single month of Chargebacks to total Transactions exceeding Card Network requirements or one percent (1%), or Chargebacks exceed three percent (3%) of any monthly dollar amount of total Transactions;

- iv. Merchant or any of Merchant's officers or employees has been involved in processing Transactions arising from illegal, fraudulent or otherwise unauthorized Transactions;
- v. Merchant is or will be unable or unwilling to perform its obligations under this Agreement or applicable Law or the Network Rules;
- vi. any of Merchant's representations or warranties made in connection with this Agreement was not true or accurate when given;
- vii. Merchant has defaulted on any agreement it has with Provider;
- viii. if any circumstances arise regarding Merchant or its business that create harm or loss of goodwill to any Card Network;
- ix. Merchant appears on any Card Network's security reporting;
- x. Merchant engages in any activity that causes Provider to be in breach of Provider's policies and procedures, the Network Rules, or any applicable Laws, rules, or regulations;
- xi. Provider has evidence or has reached the conclusion, in its sole and absolute discretion, but based upon reasonable facts, that Merchant has engaged in fraudulent activity to include failure to deliver goods and services as advertised or promised, or Merchant has engaged in fraudulent advertising practices; or
- xii. Provider becomes aware that Merchant is accepting payments for goods or services not approved in advance by Provider and where Provider, any Card Network, the Network Rules, or applicable Laws, rules, or regulations specifically prohibits the sale of such, or where Merchant accepting payments for such unapproved goods or services creates a risk of legal, financial, operational, reputational, or any other harm to Provider.

The parties agree that calculating Provider's damages for Merchant's violation of any applicable Network Rule, ACH Rule, Regulation E, or any other applicable Law, rule or regulation, or breach of Merchant's representations and warranties regarding Merchant's compliance with all applicable Network Rules, ACH Rules, Regulation E, or any other applicable Laws, rules or regulations, would be uncertain and difficult to ascertain, that the liquidated damages described in this Paragraph are reasonably related to Provider's actual damages, and are a reasonable estimate of the damages which Provider would in fact suffer in the event of Merchant's failure to comply with all applicable Network Rules, ACH Rules, Regulation E, or any other applicable Laws, rules or regulations, or Merchant's breach of Merchant's representations and warranties regarding Merchant's compliance with all applicable Network Rules, ACH Rules, Regulation E, or any other applicable Laws, rules or regulations. The parties agree that the liquidated damages set forth in this Section are intended to compensate Provider for its injuries and damages suffered and are not a penalty imposed against Merchant. The liquidated damages described above are cumulative of Provider's other remedies available under the Agreement, and are not Provider's exclusive remedy or damages. Provider may either, in the alternative, or as arising out of different breaches of the Agreement, Network Rules, or violations of any applicable Laws, rules, or regulations, seek to recover Provider's actual or other damages against Merchant.

## ARTICLE V - MISCELLANEOUS

- 5.01 Account Monitoring.** Merchant acknowledges that Provider will monitor Merchant's Transaction activity. In addition to Provider's right to fund a Reserve Account as set forth in Section 3.05, Provider may upon reasonable grounds suspend disbursement of Merchant's funds for any reasonable period of time required to investigate suspicious or unusual Transaction activity. Provider will make good faith efforts to notify Merchant promptly following such suspension. Provider is not liable to Merchant for any loss, either direct or indirect, which Merchant may attribute to any suspension of funds disbursement.
- 5.02 Forms.** Merchant will use only the forms or modes of transmission of Transaction Records and Credit Vouchers that are provided or approved in advance by Provider, and Merchant may not use such forms other than in connection with Transactions.
- 5.03 Indemnification.** Merchant will defend, indemnify and hold Provider and its officers, directors, members, shareholders, partners, employees, agents, subcontractors, and representatives harmless from and against any and all fines, penalties, claims, damages, expenses, liabilities, or fees of any nature whatsoever, including attorneys' fees and costs (collectively, "Damages"), asserted against or incurred by Provider arising out of,

relating to, or resulting from, either directly or indirectly: (a) a breach of the security of the system safeguarding Cardholder Information resulting in unauthorized access to Cardholder Information; (b) a breach of any representation, warranty or term of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the data security provisions by Merchant, or any service provider, subcontractor or agent of Merchant; (c) the negligence, gross negligence or willful misconduct of Merchant in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the data security provisions; (d) any violation of applicable Law or Network Rules by Merchant; and (e) all third-party claims arising from the foregoing. Notwithstanding the preceding, Merchant is not liable to Provider if Damages are caused by, related to or arise out of Provider's gross negligence or willful misconduct, or Provider's breach of this Agreement. Merchant will promptly reimburse Provider for any assessments, fines, fees or penalties imposed by any Card Network in connection with this Agreement, including the data security provisions, and authorizes Bank to deduct any such sums from the Account, the Reserve Account or amount to otherwise be cleared and settled with Merchant. In the event that Provider receives any claim or demand or becomes subject to any suit, proceeding, or other action under which a claim for indemnification may be made under this Agreement, Provider shall (a) unless otherwise prohibited by law, promptly notify Merchant in writing of the claim or legal action and (b) reasonably cooperate with Merchant in the making of any claims or defenses if such cooperation does not conflict with Provider's position. Merchant shall provide information, assist in the resolution of the claim, and make available at least one employee or agent who can testify regarding said claims or defenses. Merchant shall immediately undertake payment to counsel selected by Provider, in its sole and absolute discretion, for the defense of any such claim or action, and to pay for all expenses, costs, and attorneys' fees incurred regarding any court order, investigation, subpoena, civil investigative demand, or other regulatory or Card Network investigation or request for information, upon written notice from Provider. If Merchant wishes to settle any such claim involving ISO and/or Bank, Merchant shall first obtain ISO and/or Bank's prior written approval of such settlement.

**5.04 Records.** In addition to any records Merchant routinely furnishes to Provider under this Agreement, Merchant will preserve Transaction Records and Credit Vouchers, and any written authorization of the Cardholder for the longer of the following: (a) two years after the Transaction is completed, (b) the period required by Law or the Network Rules, (c) if a dispute is pending, until such dispute is resolved.

- a. **Reports about Merchant.** From time to time, Provider may obtain credit and other information on Merchant, Principals, owners of Merchant, and officers of Merchant, from Merchant or others (such as customers and suppliers of Merchant, lenders, and credit reporting agencies), and may furnish information on Merchant's relationship with Provider and Provider's experience with Merchant to others seeking the information. Merchant authorizes all parties contacted by Provider to release the credit or other information requested by Provider, and Merchant agrees to provide a separate authorization for release of credit information, if requested by Provider.
- b. **Reports from Merchant.** Merchant will provide Provider with updated business and financial information concerning Merchant, including financial statements, tax returns, evidence of required licenses, and other information and documents Provider may reasonably request from time to time. Such information shall be provided no later than five (5) Business Days after Provider's request, and shall be true, complete, and accurate. Merchant acknowledges and agrees that Provider may furnish the information obtained under this Section and any other information related to Merchant's relationship with Provider and Provider's experience with Merchant to others seeking the information, including, without limitation, the Card Networks, current and prospective Card Issuers, current and prospective acquirers, or other merchant or sponsor banks, third parties in connection with a potential sale of some or all of Bank's or ISO's merchant portfolio, business, or a merger transaction, regulatory authorities, and other entities to whom Provider or any such entity may be required to provide such information, and to Provider's and each such entity's affiliates, agents, subcontractors, and employees for purposes Provider or such other entities deem necessary in Provider's or their reasonable discretion, including in connection with the performance of their various obligations hereunder, under their other applicable agreements, or under the Network Rules or any applicable Law, rule, or regulation. All material marked "confidential" which Provider receives from Merchant will be used only by Provider or Card Network in performing the services under this Agreement or related services and reporting, or as necessary to comply with any requirements of applicable Law, of a Card Network, or of any state or federal governmental agency with supervisory authority over Bank. At any reasonable time, Provider, any Card Network, or any other entity having authority has the right to audit Merchant's records relating to this Agreement. Merchant understands and agrees that, if at the time

of signing this Agreement, Merchant is undergoing a forensic investigation, Merchant must notify Provider of the investigation and must fully cooperate with the investigation until it is completed.

- 5.05 Requests for Copies.** Immediately after Merchant receives the request by Provider, Merchant will provide to Provider either the original or a legible copy (in a size comparable to the actual Transaction Record) of the paper Transaction Record and any other documentary evidence available to Merchant that Provider reasonably requests to meet Provider's obligations under Law (including its obligations under the Fair Credit Billing Act) or otherwise to respond to questions concerning Cardholder accounts.
- 5.06 Exclusivity.** Merchant agrees that during the Term, Merchant will not enter into an agreement with any other entity that provides processing services similar to those provided by Provider and that Provider shall be Merchant's exclusive provider of all Card processing services as set forth in this Agreement.
- 5.07 Fees and Charges.**
- a. Merchant will pay to Provider the fees and charges set forth on the Merchant Application including any additional charges applied to transactions that fail to meet Card Network requirements for the lowest interchange levels. Merchant expressly and unconditionally authorizes Provider to debit Merchant's Account or the Reserve Account for the payment of such fees and charges. The fees and charges will either be debited from the Account through ACH or withheld from daily payments to Merchant for such amounts and for any other fees, charges or adjustments incurred by Merchant and associated with processing services. Provider may change fees, including adding fees for additional services utilized by Merchant, upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Merchant.
  - b. Processing fees shall include PCI Non-Compliance fees for each month Merchant fails to achieve PCI Compliance as specified herein. Provider shall determine in its sole and absolute discretion, whether Merchant has achieved PCI Compliance on the first business day of each month. At a minimum, to be PCI Compliant, Merchant must have a completed PCI DSS SAQ uploaded to ISO through the PCI Toolkit in the Merchant Portal or otherwise delivered the PCI DSS SAQ to ISO in the manner required for Notice pursuant to Section 5.13 of this Agreement. To be deemed PCI Compliant for any month, ISO must have received Merchant's PCI DSS SAQ prior to the first business day of the month. Merchant acknowledges and agrees that it is Merchant's responsibility to update their PCI DSS SAQ annually, and that an expired PCI DSS SAQ shall not satisfy Merchant's PCI Compliance obligation. Merchant shall be charged a PCI Non-Compliance fee of \$79.99 for each and if after 90 consecutive days of incurring Non-Compliance fees, Merchant has failed to achieve compliance, the PCI Non-Compliance fee may increase to 10-15 basis points (BPS) on gross monthly transaction volume or \$79.99, whichever is greater, in Provider's sole and absolute discretion. If at any time, Merchant fails to achieve and maintain PCI Compliance, Provider may, in its sole and absolute discretion, terminate this Merchant Agreement for cause.
- 5.08 Security Interest.** This Agreement constitutes a security agreement under the Arizona Commercial Code. To secure payment of Merchant's obligations under this Agreement, Merchant grants to Provider a security interest in all now existing or hereafter acquired: (a) Transactions, Transaction Records, Credit Vouchers and other items submitted to Provider for processing by or for Merchant; (b) accounts receivable and payment rights relating to or arising from this Agreement, including all amounts due Merchant (including any rights to receive credits or payments hereunder); (c) accounts maintained with Bank or any institution other than Bank, including without limitation the Account and the Reserve Account, in the name of or for the benefit of, Merchant or any Guarantor of Merchant's obligations under this Agreement; (d) deposits, regardless of source, to Merchant's or any Guarantor's accounts with Bank or any institution other than Bank, including the Account and the Reserve Account; (e) all deposits and all other property and funds deposited by Merchant or withheld by Bank, including funds and property withheld as the result of security monitoring; and (f) proceeds of the foregoing. If Provider reasonably determines that Merchant has breached any obligation under this Agreement, or that proceeds of Merchant's future Transactions are unlikely to cover anticipated Chargebacks, credits, fees and adjustments, as reasonably determined by Provider (whether because this Agreement has been terminated or for any other reason), Provider may setoff or otherwise exercise its security interest without notice or demand by immediately withdrawing from or freezing any account or otherwise exercising its rights under this Agreement or those rights available under the Network Rules, applicable Laws, including the Arizona Uniform Commercial Code, or in equity. In addition to the

collateral pledged above, Provider may require Merchant to furnish such other and different security as Provider deems appropriate in its sole discretion to secure Merchant's obligations under this Agreement. Bank may fully or partially prohibit withdrawal by Merchant of funds from Merchant's Account with Bank or financial institutions other than Bank, pending Bank's determination from time to time to exercise its rights as a secured party against such accounts in partial or full payment of Merchant's obligations to Bank. Merchant will execute any documents and take any actions required to comply with and perfect any security interest under this paragraph, at Merchant's cost. Merchant represents and warrants that no other party has a security interest or lien in any of the collateral pledged above, and Merchant will obtain Bank's written consent before it grants a lien or security interest in that pledged collateral to any other person. Merchant shall not assign to any third party any payments due to it under this Agreement, and all indebtedness arising from Transactions will be for bona fide sales of goods and services (or both) at its business locations and free of liens, claims, and encumbrances other than ordinary sales taxes; provided, however, that Merchant may sell and assign future Transaction receivables to Provider, its affiliated entities and/or any other cash advance funding source that partners with Provider or its affiliated entities, without consent from any Card Network. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Provider prohibits Merchant from selling or assigning future Transaction receivables to any third party without Provider's prior written consent.

- 5.09 Modifications to Agreement.** From time to time Provider may amend any provision or provisions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, those relating to the discount rate or to other fees and charges payable by Merchant by providing electronic or written notice to Merchant of the amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the amendment, and the amendment will become effective unless Provider receives Merchant's written notice of termination of this Agreement before such effective date. Notice may be provided by through Provider's Merchant Portal or as specified in this Agreement. If Merchant continues to submit Transaction Records to Provider or otherwise continues to process Transactions with Provider after such thirty (30) day period (even if notice of objection was provided to Provider), then Merchant shall be deemed to have accepted and agreed to such amendment. In addition, Merchant acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement is subject to amendment by Provider to conform to the Network Rules and Law, and that amendments required due to changes in either the Network Rules, Law or judicial decision may become effective on such shorter period of time as Provider may specify if necessary to comply with the applicable Network Rule, Law or decision. As a matter of clarification, Merchant may not terminate this Agreement if Provider amends the Agreement as necessary to comply with applicable Network Rules, Law or a judicial decision.
- 5.10 Warranty Disclaimer.** PROVIDER MAKES NO WARRANTIES REGARDING THE USE, OPERATION, OR PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF SOFTWARE AND SYSTEMS UTILIZED FOR THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND PROVIDER EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
- 5.11 Limitation of Liability.** Provider's liability with respect to any Transaction may not exceed the amount of the Transaction Record in connection with that Transaction less any applicable fees and charges. **In no event will Provider or its agents, officers, directors, or employees be liable to Merchant for any indirect, incidental, exemplary, punitive, special, or consequential damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, lost profits.** Merchant waives all claims against Provider for any loss, claim, demand, penalty, action, delay, cost or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind unless Merchant provides written notice to Provider of the occurrence that gave rise to the alleged liability within thirty (30) days after Merchant knew or should have known of the occurrence. Merchant will indemnify and hold Provider harmless from any claim relating to any Transaction Record paid for by Provider as may be made by anyone by way of defense, dispute, offset, counterclaim or affirmative action, or for any damages of or losses that Provider may incur as a result of Merchant's breach of this Agreement. Further, Merchant will reimburse Provider for all expenses and costs, including attorneys' fees, with regard thereto. Merchant acknowledges that the fees for the services provided to Merchant by Provider are very small in relation to the funds advanced to Merchant for Transactions, and consequently Provider's willingness to provide these services is based on the liability limitations contained in this Agreement. Therefore, in addition to greater limitations on Provider's liability that may be provided elsewhere (including the per Transaction Record limitation above), any liability of Provider under this Agreement, whether to Merchant or any other party, whatever the basis of the liability, will not exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the fees paid by Merchant to Provider during the last three (3) months, exclusive of fees and variable costs incurred by Provider to process Transactions, such as interchange costs, assessments, and fees imposed by a third party or (b) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

- 5.12 **Waiver.** Provider's failure by Provider to enforce one or more of the provisions of this Agreement will not constitute a waiver of the right to enforce the same or other provision in the future.
- 5.13 **Written Notices.** All written notices and other written communications required or permitted under this Agreement will be deemed delivered immediately when acknowledged on Provider's Merchant Portal, sent via electronic mail to the email address provided in the Application, hand-delivered, or sent via facsimile and the sender obtains a fax confirmation receipt, and upon mailing when sent first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:
- (a) If to Bank: At address provided at the top of the Merchant Application.
  - (b) If to ISO: At address provided at the top of the Merchant Application.
  - (c) If to Merchant: At the address provided as the billing address or to mailing address listed on the Merchant Application.
- 5.14 **Choice of Law; Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial.** Arizona law governs this Agreement. Any claim or cause of action arising out of this Agreement against Provider must be initiated and maintained exclusively in the state or federal courts located in Maricopa County, Arizona. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, MERCHANT AND PROVIDER WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDINGS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND EACH AGREES THAT ANY SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS WILL BE TRIED BY A JUDGE WITHOUT A JURY.
- 5.15 **Entire Agreement; Assignability.** This Agreement expresses the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be assigned by Bank without Merchant's or ISO's consent. This Agreement may not be assigned, directly or by operation of law by either Merchant or ISO, without Bank's prior written consent. This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties' respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.
- 5.16 **Deposit Account.** Merchant will at all times maintain an Account at a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve ACH system and approved by Provider, and will provide Provider with proper authorization to debit the Account. All credits for collected funds and debits for fees, payments, Chargebacks, and other amounts for which Merchant is liable under the terms of this Agreement will be made to the Account. During the term of this Agreement, and for a period of one (1) year after the termination of this Agreement, Merchant may not close or change the Account without prior written approval by Provider, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld. Merchant will be solely liable for all fees and costs associated with the Account and for all overdrafts. Merchant hereby grants to Provider a security interest in the Account to the extent of any and all fees, payments, Chargebacks, and other amounts due which may arise under this Agreement, and Merchant will execute any document and obtain any consents or waivers from the bank at which the Account is maintained, as requested by Provider to protect its security interests therein. Merchant will maintain sufficient funds in the Account to accommodate all Transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and all other fees, charges, credits or other payments or amounts due under this Agreement.
- 5.17 **Credit and Financial Inquiries; Additional Locations; Inspections.** Provider may make, at any time, any credit inquiries which it may consider necessary to accept or review acceptance of this Agreement, or investigate Merchant's deposit or Card acceptance activities subsequent to acceptance of this Agreement. Such inquiries may include, but are not limited to, a credit and/or criminal check of Merchant and business including its proprietor, partners, principals, owners, shareholders, or officers. Upon Provider's request, Merchant will provide the written consent of any person for which an inquiry has been or is to be made if such person has not executed this Agreement and will provide any financial statements, income tax and business tax returns, and other financial information as Provider may consider necessary to perform initial or periodic reviews of Merchant's financial stability and business practices. Merchant may accept Cards only at locations approved by Provider. Additional locations may be added, subject to Provider's prior consent. Provider or Merchant may remove locations by providing notice as provided herein. Merchant will permit Provider, at any time and from time to time, to inspect locations to confirm that Merchant has or is adhering to the terms of this Agreement, and is maintaining the proper facilities, equipment, inventory, records and license or permits (where necessary) to conduct its business. However, nothing in this paragraph may be deemed to waive Merchant's obligation to comply in all respects with the terms of this Agreement or the Network Rules. Provider, its internal and external auditors, and its regulators

may audit compliance with this Agreement, compliance with Laws and Network Rules, including, but not limited to, relating to Card acceptance and Transaction processing, data security provisions and Card Network compliance. Merchant will make available its records maintained and produced under this Agreement, and Merchant's facilities will be made accessible, upon notice during normal business hours for examination and audit and shall cooperate with such audits or examinations. Nothing in this section may be construed to require Merchant to give access to its facilities, personnel, or records in a manner that unreasonably interferes with its business operations. Each party will bear its own expenses of any audit.

- 5.18 Marketing of Non-Card Services.** From time to time, Provider may offer to Merchant certain additional products and services which may or may not be related to the processing of credit card and debit card Transactions. If such offers are made, Merchant may decline the offers or be deemed to have accepted the offers and be liable for payment therefor. If any additional product or service is offered by ISO independently of Bank, then ISO (and not Bank) shall be responsible to deliver and perform such product and service and, accordingly, Merchant may not assert any claim against Bank as it relates to such additional product or service provided by ISO. Likewise, if any additional product or service is offered by Bank independently of ISO, then Bank (and not ISO) shall be responsible to deliver and perform such product and service and, accordingly, Merchant may not assert any claim against ISO as it relates to such additional product or service provided by Bank.
- 5.19 Force Majeure.** The parties will be released from liability hereunder if they fail to perform any obligation where the failure occurs by reason of any act of God, fire, flood, storm, earthquake, tidal wave, communications failure, sabotage, war, military operation, terrorism, national emergency, mechanical or electronic breakdown, civil commotion, or the order, requisition, request, or recommendation of any governmental authority, or either party's compliance therewith, or governmental, or any other similar cause beyond either party's reasonable control.
- 5.20 No Third-Party Beneficiary.** No other person or entity may be deemed to be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.
- 5.21 Severability; Conflict with Network Rules.** If any provision in this Agreement is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, no other provision shall be effected thereby, and this Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid or unenforceable provision had never been a part of it. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the Network Rules, the Network Rules shall govern and control.
- 5.22 IRS Reporting Information.** Pursuant to Section 6050W of the Internal Revenue Code, merchant acquiring entities such as Bank and third-party settlement organizations are required to file an information return reflecting all payment card transactions and third-party network transactions occurring in a calendar year. This requirement applies to returns for all calendar years after December 31, 2010 and Merchant will receive a form 1099-K reporting Merchant's gross transaction amounts for each calendar year. In addition, amounts payable under Section 6050W are subject to backup withholding requirements. Merchant acquirers such as Bank, either itself or through third parties, are required to perform backup withholding by deducting and withholding income tax from reportable transactions if (a) the payee fails to provide the payee's taxpayer identification number (TIN) to the merchant acquirer; or (b) if the IRS notifies the merchant acquirer that the TIN (when matched with the name) provided by the payee is incorrect. Accordingly, to avoid backup withholding, it is very important that Merchant provides Bank with the correct name and TIN that Merchant uses when filing its income tax return that includes the transactions for Merchant's business. In addition to the fees set forth on the Merchant Application, if Merchant fails to comply with the obligations set forth in this section, Provider may charge Merchant additional amounts determined by Provider and may pass through any additional fines, costs or expenses incurred by Provider.
- 5.23 Confidentiality.** Merchant shall protect all information or other items proprietary to Provider that Merchant obtains knowledge of or access to as a result of Provider's provision of the services pursuant to this Agreement (collectively, "Provider Confidential Information") from unauthorized disclosure, publication, or dissemination with the same standard of care and discretion Merchant uses to protect similar confidential information of Merchant's own, but in no event less than reasonable care. Furthermore, Merchant shall not use, reproduce, distribute, disclose, or otherwise disseminate Provider Confidential Information, except in connection with the performance of Merchant's obligations under this Agreement. The Provider Confidential Information described in the previous sentence, shall include, but not be limited to, the following types of information and other information of a similar nature (whether or not reduced to writing): scientific, technical, or business information, product makeup lists, ideas, concepts, designs, drawings, techniques, plans, calculations, system designs, formulae, algorithms,

programs, software (source and object code), hardware, manuals, test procedures and results, identity and description of computerized records, identity and description of suppliers, customer lists, processes, procedures, trade secrets, "know-how," marketing techniques and material, marketing and development plans, price lists, pricing policies, and all other financial information. The obligations of non-disclosure provided hereunder shall continue during the Term and, (i) with respect to Provider Confidential Information that does not constitute a trade secret, for a period of three (3) years thereafter and, (ii) with respect to Provider Confidential Information that rises to the level of a trade secret under applicable Law, for such period of time thereafter as the Provider Confidential Information shall retain its status as a trade secret under applicable law, and no less than three (3) years thereafter.

**5.24 Release of Information about Merchant.** Merchant authorizes Provider to release its name and address to any third party whom Provider determines needs to know such information in order for Provider to perform its obligations under this Agreement and who has requested such information. Merchant authorizes Provider to disclose Transaction data and other information relating to the Merchant, Guarantor, and each of their Principals (including credit and other financial information), to the Card Networks, current and prospective Card Issuers, current and prospective acquirers or other merchant or sponsor banks, third parties in connection with a potential sale of some or all of Bank's or ISO's merchant portfolio, business, or a merger transaction, regulatory authorities, and other entities to whom Provider or any such entity may be required to provide such information and to Provider's and each such entity's affiliates, agents, subcontractors, and employees, for purposes Provider or such other entities deem necessary in Provider's or their reasonable discretion, including without limitation, in connection with the performance of their various obligations hereunder or under their other applicable agreements or under the Network Rules or applicable Laws, rules, or regulations.