

AMENDED AND RESTATED AFFINITY AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into as of this 24th day of October, 2001 (the "Effective Date") by and between MBNA AMERICA BANK, N.A., a national banking association having its principal place of business in Wilmington, Delaware ("MBNA America"), and SIGMA TAU GAMMA, having its principal place of business in 101 Ming Street, Warrensburg, MO ("STG") for themselves, and their respective successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, STG and First Tennessee Bank ("FTB") were parties to a Cardmember Sponsor Agreement dated as of June 2, 1999, as the same may have been amended (the "Original Agreement"), wherein FTB provided certain financial services to certain persons included in certain lists provided to FTB by or on behalf of STG; and

WHEREAS, FTB assigned to MBNA America, and MBNA America assumed, the Original Agreement in connection with FTB's sale to MBNA America of certain credit card accounts, including the credit card accounts generated pursuant to the Original Agreement; and

WHEREAS, STG and MBNA America mutually desire to amend and restate the Original Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, STG and MBNA America agree as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

When used in this Agreement,

- (a) "Agreement" means this agreement and Schedules A, B and C.
- (b) "Credit Card Account" means a credit card account opened by a Member in response to marketing efforts made pursuant to the Program and pursuant to the Original Agreement.
- (c) "Customer" means any Member who is a participant in the Program.
- (d) "Financial Service Products" means credit card programs, charge card programs, debit card programs, and travel and entertainment card programs.
- (e) "Group Incentive Program " or "GIP" means any marketing or other program whereby STG conducts solicitation efforts for the Program, and the parties mutually agree that such marketing or other program shall constitute a GIP.

- (f) "GIP Account" means a Credit Card Account opened by a Member pursuant to a GIP in which STG complies with the GIP provisions of this Agreement.
- (g) "Mailing Lists" means updated and current lists and/or magnetic tapes (in a format designated by MBNA America) containing names, postal addresses and, when available, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of Members segmented by zip codes or reasonably selected membership characteristics.
- (h) "Member" means a member of STG and/or other potential participants mutually agreed to by STG and MBNA America.
- (i) "Program" means those programs and services of the Financial Service Products MBNA America agrees to offer pursuant to this Agreement to the Members from time to time.
- (j) "Royalties" means the compensation set forth in Schedule B.
- (k) "Trademarks" means any design, image, visual representation, logo, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or trademark used or acquired by STG or any STG Affiliate during the term of this Agreement.
- (l) "STG Affiliate" means any entity which, directly or indirectly, owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with STG.

2. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STG

- (a) STG agrees that during the term of this Agreement it will endorse the Program exclusively and that neither STG nor any STG Affiliate shall, by itself or in conjunction with others, directly or indirectly: (i) sponsor, advertise, aid, develop, market, solicit proposals for programs offering, or discuss with any organization (other than MBNA America) the providing of, any Financial Service Products of any organization other than MBNA America; (ii) license or allow others to license or use the Trademarks in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products of any entity other than MBNA America; and (iii) sell, rent or otherwise make available or allow others to sell, rent or otherwise make available any of its mailing lists or information about any current or potential Members in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products of any entity other than MBNA America. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement to the contrary, STG may accept print advertising from any financial institution provided that the advertisement does not contain an express or implied endorsement by STG of said financial institution or the advertised Financial Service Product.
- (b) STG agrees to provide MBNA America with such information and assistance as may be reasonably requested by MBNA America in connection with the Program.
- (c) STG authorizes MBNA America to solicit its Members by mail, direct promotion, internet, advertisements and/or telephone for participation in the Program.

(d) STG shall have the right of prior approval of all Program advertising and solicitation materials to be used by MBNA America, which contain a Trademark; such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event that MBNA America incurs a cost because of a change in the Trademarks (*e.g.*, the cost of reissuing new credit cards), MBNA America may deduct such costs from Royalties due STG. In the event such costs exceed Royalties then due STG, STG shall promptly reimburse MBNA America for all such costs.

(e) Upon the request of MBNA America, STG shall provide MBNA America with the Mailing Lists free of any charge; provided, however, that STG shall not include in any Mailing List the name and/or related information regarding any person who has expressly requested that STG not provide his/her personal information to third parties. In the event that MBNA America incurs a cost because of a charge assessed by STG or its agents for an initial Mailing List or an update to that list, MBNA America may deduct such costs from Royalties due STG. STG shall provide the initial Mailing List, containing at least thirty-six thousand (**36,000**) non-duplicate names (of persons at least eighteen years of age) with corresponding valid postal addresses and, when available, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) days after STG's execution of this Agreement.

(f) STG shall, and shall cause any STG Affiliates to, only provide information to or otherwise communicate with Members or potential Members about the Program with MBNA America's prior written approval, except for current advertising and solicitation materials provided by MBNA America to STG. Notwithstanding the above, STG may respond to individual inquiries about the Program from its Members on an individual basis, provided that said responses are accurate and consistent with the then-current materials provided by MBNA America to STG. Any correspondence received by STG that is intended for MBNA America (*e.g.*, applications, payments, billing inquiries, etc.) shall be forwarded to the MBNA America account executive via overnight courier within 24 hours of receipt. All charges incurred for this service will be paid by MBNA America.

(g) STG hereby grants MBNA America and its affiliates a limited, exclusive license to use the Trademarks solely in conjunction with the Program, including the promotion thereof. This license shall be transferred upon assignment of this Agreement. This license shall remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement and shall apply to the Trademarks, notwithstanding the transfer of such Trademarks by operation of law or otherwise to any permitted successor, corporation, organization or individual. STG shall provide MBNA America all Trademark production materials (*e.g.*, camera ready art) required by MBNA America for the Program, as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) days after STG's execution of this Agreement. Nothing stated in this Agreement prohibits STG from granting to other persons a license to use the Trademarks in conjunction with the providing of any other service or product, except for any Financial Service Products.

(h) STG shall permit MBNA America to advertise the Program on its home page and at other prominent locations within the internet site of STG. MBNA America may establish a "hot-link" from such advertisements to another internet site to enable a person to apply for a Credit Card Account. Any Credit Card Accounts generated pursuant to such a "hot-link" shall entitle STG to the GIP compensation set forth in Schedule B, subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement. STG shall modify or remove such advertisements within twenty-four (24) hours of MBNA America's request.

3. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MBNA AMERICA

- (a) MBNA America shall design, develop and administer the Program for the Members.
- (b) MBNA America shall design all advertising, solicitation and promotional materials with regard to the Program. MBNA America reserves the right of prior written approval of all advertising and solicitation materials concerning or related to the Program, which may be developed by or on behalf of STG.
- (c) MBNA America shall bear all costs of producing and mailing materials for the Program.
- (d) MBNA America shall make all credit decisions and shall bear all credit risks with respect to each Customer's account(s) independently of STG.
- (e) MBNA America shall use the Mailing Lists provided pursuant to this Agreement consistent with this Agreement and shall not permit those entities handling these Mailing Lists to use them for any other purpose. MBNA America shall have the sole right to designate Members on these Mailing Lists to whom promotional material will not be sent. These Mailing Lists are and shall remain the sole property of STG. However, MBNA America may maintain separately all information which it obtains as a result of an account relationship or an application for an account relationship. This information becomes a part of MBNA America's own files and shall not be subject to this Agreement; provided however that MBNA America will not use this separate information in a manner that would imply an endorsement by STG.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- (a) STG and MBNA America each represents and warrants to the other that as of the Effective Date and throughout the term of this Agreement:
- (i) It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing.
- (ii) It has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(iii) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

(iv) No consent, approval or authorization from any third party is required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, except such as have been obtained and are in full force and effect.

(v) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such party will not constitute a violation of any law, rule, regulation, court order or ruling applicable to such party.

(b) STG represents and warrants to MBNA America as of the date hereof and throughout the term of this Agreement that it has the right and power to license the Trademarks to MBNA America for use as contemplated by this Agreement, and to provide the Mailing List(s) to MBNA America for the promotion of the Program. STG will hold MBNA America, its directors, officers, agents, employees, affiliates, successors and assigns harmless from and against all liability, causes of action, and claims, and will reimburse MBNA America's reasonable and actual costs in connection therewith (including attorneys' fees), arising from the Trademark license granted herein or from MBNA America's use of the Trademarks in reliance thereon, or from the use of any Mailing List(s) by MBNA America for the promotion of the Program. Each party shall promptly notify the other party in the manner provided herein upon learning of any claims or complaints relating to such license or the use of any Trademarks.

5. ROYALTIES

(a) During the term of this Agreement, MBNA America shall pay Royalties to STG. Royalties will not be paid without a completed Schedule C (W-9 Form and EFT Form). Except as otherwise provided in Schedule B, payment of Royalties then due shall be made approximately forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter.

(b) On or before the forty fifth (45th) day after the end of each calendar quarter during the term of this Agreement, MBNA America will provide STG with a statement showing the number of Credit Card Accounts opened, the number of Credit Card Accounts renewed and the retail purchase dollar volume (excluding those transactions that relate to refunds, returns and unauthorized transactions), made during the preceding calendar period.

6. PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

A summary of the current features of the Program are set forth in Schedule A. MBNA America reserves the right to make periodic adjustments to the Program and its terms and features.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY OF AGREEMENT

The terms of this Agreement, any proposal, financial information and proprietary information provided by or on behalf of one party to the other party prior to, contemporaneously with, or subsequent to, the execution of this Agreement ("Information") are confidential as of the date of disclosure. Such Information will not be disclosed by such other party to any other person or entity, except as permitted under this Agreement or as mutually agreed in writing. MBNA America and STG shall be permitted to disclose such Information (i) to their accountants, legal, financial and marketing advisors, and employees as necessary for the performance of their respective duties, provided that said persons agree to treat the Information as confidential in the above described manner and (ii) as required by law or by any governmental regulatory authority.

8. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The initial term of this Agreement will begin on the Effective Date and end on August 1, 2006. This Agreement will automatically extend at the end of the initial term or any renewal term for successive two-year periods, unless either party gives written notice of its intention not to renew at least ninety (90) days, but not more than one hundred eighty (180) days, prior to the last date of such term or renewal term, as applicable.

9. STATE LAW GOVERNING AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be governed by and subject to the laws of the State of Delaware (without regard to its conflict of laws principles) and shall be deemed for all purposes to be made and fully performed in Delaware.

10. TERMINATION

(a) In the event of any material breach of this Agreement by MBNA America or STG, the other party may terminate this Agreement by giving notice, as provided herein, to the breaching party. This notice shall (i) describe the material breach; and (ii) state the party's intention to terminate this Agreement. If the breaching party does not cure or substantially cure such breach within sixty (60) days after receipt of notice, as provided herein (the "Cure Period"), then this Agreement shall terminate sixty (60) days after the Cure Period.

(b) If either MBNA America or STG becomes insolvent in that its liabilities exceed its assets, or it is unable to meet or it has ceased paying its obligations as they generally become due, or it is adjudicated insolvent, or takes advantage of or is subject to any insolvency proceeding, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to receivership, conservatorship or liquidation then the other party may immediately terminate this Agreement.

(c) Upon termination of this Agreement, MBNA America shall, in a manner consistent with Section 10(d) of this Agreement, cease to use the Trademarks. MBNA America agrees that upon such termination it will not claim any right, title, or interest in or to the Trademarks or to the Mailing Lists provided pursuant to this Agreement. However, MBNA America may conclude all solicitation that is required by law.

(d) MBNA America shall have the right to prior review and approval of any notice in connection with, relating or referring to the termination of this Agreement to be communicated by STG or any STG Affiliate to the Members. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon termination of this Agreement, STG shall not attempt to cause the removal of STG's identification or Trademarks from any person's credit devices, checks or records of any Customer existing as of the effective date of termination of this Agreement.

(e) In the event that any material change in any applicable law, statute, operating rule or regulation, or any material change in any operating rule or regulation of either VISA or MasterCard makes the continued performance of this Agreement under the then current terms and conditions unduly burdensome, then MBNA America shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days advance written notice. Such written notice shall include an explanation and evidence of the burden imposed as a result of such change.

(f) For a one (1) year period following the termination of this Agreement for any reason, STG agrees that neither STG nor any STG Affiliate shall, by itself or in conjunction with others, directly or indirectly, specifically target any offer of a credit or charge card, or a credit or charge card related product to persons who were Customers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, STG may, after termination of this Agreement, offer persons who were Customers the opportunity to participate in another credit or charge card program endorsed by the STG provided the opportunity is not only made available to such persons but rather as a part of a general solicitation to all Members and provided further no such persons are directly or indirectly identified as a customer of MBNA America, or offered any terms or incentives different from that offered to all Members.

11. GROUP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

(a) MBNA America shall design all advertising, solicitation and promotional material with regard to the Program, except with respect to those materials designed by STG pursuant to any GIP. In that regard, STG shall give MBNA America sixty (60) days prior notice of its desire to engage in marketing efforts regarding the Program itself, specifying that accounts generated from such efforts will entitle STG to the Royalty specified in Schedule B, subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(b) All marketing materials generated as a result of such GIP programs shall be coded by STG for tracking purposes. Marketing materials or telemarketing inquiries from Members which, in either case, do not contain or reference such coding shall not be considered eligible for any of the GIP Royalty as set forth in Schedule B.

(c) In addition to all other rights it may have under this Agreement, MBNA America shall have the right of prior approval of all advertising and solicitation materials distributed by STG pursuant to any GIP. MBNA America shall have approval and control of the scope, timing, content and continuation of any GIP.

(d) All costs incurred by MBNA America in producing and mailing materials created pursuant to any GIP or of supporting the marketing efforts of STG pursuant to any GIP shall be deducted from any or all Royalty payments due STG under this Agreement.

(e) STG shall comply with MBNA America's instructions and all applicable laws, including, without limitation, the Truth in Lending Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, with regard to any GIP.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) This Agreement cannot be amended except by written agreement signed by the authorized agents of both parties hereto.
- (b) The obligations in Sections 4(b), 7, 10(c), 10(d) and 10(f) shall survive any termination of this Agreement.
- (c) The failure of any party to exercise any rights under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such right or any other rights.
- (d) The section captions are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as part of this Agreement.
- (e) If any part of this Agreement shall for any reason be found or held invalid or unenforceable by any court or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement which shall survive and be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable part had not been contained herein.
- (f) All notices relating to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given (i) upon receipt by hand delivery, facsimile or overnight courier, or (ii) three (3) business days after mailing by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. All notices shall be addressed as follows:

(1) If to STG:
 SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY, INC. *WBB*
 101 Ming Street/PO Box 54
 Warrensburg, MO 64093
 ATTENTION: Mr. Bill Bernier
 Executive VP Admin

Fax #: (660) 747-9599

(2) If to MBNA America:
 MBNA AMERICA BANK, N. A.
 Rodney Square
 Wilmington, Delaware 19884
 ATTENTION: James K. Kallstrom
 Director of National Sales
 Fax #: (302) 432-0261

Any party may change the address to which communications are to be sent by giving notice, as provided herein, of such change of address.

(g) This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and supersedes all prior promises and agreements, written or oral, with respect to the matters covered herein, including, without limitation, the Original Agreement. MBNA America may utilize the services of any third party in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement. Certain Financial Service Products or services under this Agreement may be offered through MBNA America's affiliates. For example, business credit cards are currently issued and administered by MBNA America (Delaware), N.A., and certain marketing services are currently provided by MBNA Marketing Systems, Inc.

(h) MBNA America and STG are not agents, representatives or employees of each other and neither party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other in any manner except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement.

(i) Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person other than STG and MBNA America, their successors and assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

(j) Neither party shall be in breach hereunder by reason of its delay in the performance of or failure to perform any of its obligations herein if such delay or failure is caused by strikes or other labor disputes, acts of God or the public enemy, riots, incendiaries, interference by civil or military authorities, compliance with governmental laws, rules, regulations, delays in transit or delivery, or any event beyond its reasonable control or without its fault or negligence.

(k) This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties, by its representative, has executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY, Inc. MBNA AMERICA BANK, N.A.

By: [Signature]

Name: William E. Bernier

Title: Executive Vice President

Date: October 24, 2001

By: [Signature]

Name: Michael Durroh

Title: Sr. Executive Vice Pres.

Date: November 21, 2001

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(j) Neither party shall be in breach hereunder by reason of its delay in the performance of or failure to perform any of its obligations herein if such delay or failure is caused by strikes or other labor disputes, acts of God or the public enemy, riots, incendiaries, interference by civil or military authorities, compliance with governmental laws, rules, regulations, delays in transit or delivery, or any event beyond its reasonable control or without its fault or negligence.

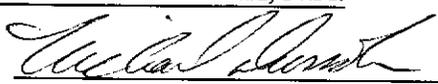
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SCHEDULE A

TERMS AND FEATURES

Subject to (i) MBNA America's right to vary the Program and its terms and features, and (ii) the applicable agreement entered into between MBNA America and each Customer:

A. CONSUMER CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

1. There is NO annual fee.
2. The current annual percentage rate for new accounts will be a fixed rate of 15.99% for a Credit Card Account opened by a Customer who is identified by STG or the Customer as a student member of STG ("Student Customer") (such account referred to as a "Student Credit Card Account"), and a fixed rate of 12.99% for a Credit Card Account opened by a Customer who is not a Student Customer (such account referred to as an "Alumni(ae) Credit Card Account").
3. Customers may be offered opportunities to purchase a variety of communication services and to select credit insurance as a benefit under the Program.

B. BUSINESSCARD CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

"BusinessCard Credit Card Account" means a business Credit Card Account (currently referred to as a Platinum Plus for Business account) opened by a Member in response to marketing efforts made pursuant to the Program. MBNA America reserves the right to change the product name(s) (e.g., Platinum Plus for Business), in its sole discretion, from time to time.

1. There is no annual fee for each business card issued to an individual or business entity pursuant to the BusinessCard Credit Account program.
2. The current Annual Percentage Rate for BusinessCard Credit Card Accounts is a fixed rate of 12.99%.

C. GOLD RESERVE ACCOUNTS

"Gold Reserve Account" means a GoldReserve® (as such service mark may be changed by MBNA America, in its sole discretion, from time to time) revolving loan account opened by a Member in response to marketing efforts made pursuant to the Program.

1. There is NO annual fee for the first six (6) months.
2. The annual fee for the second six (6) months, when applied, is \$10.00.
3. Thereafter the annual fee, when applied, is \$20.00.
4. The current annual percentage rate is 17.90%.

D. GOLD OPTION ACCOUNTS

"Gold Option Account" means a GoldOptionsm (as such service mark may be changed by MBNA America, in its sole discretion, from time to time) revolving loan account opened by a Member in response to marketing efforts made pursuant to the Program.

1. There is NO Annual Fee.
2. The current annual percentage rate is as low as 12.99%.

SCHEDULE B

ROYALTY ARRANGEMENT

During the term of this Agreement, MBNA America will pay STG a Royalty calculated as follows, for those accounts with active charging privileges. MBNA America may create a special class of accounts for STG employees under the Program, and will not pay compensation for such designated accounts. All Royalty payments due hereunder are subject to adjustment by MBNA America for any prior overpayment of Royalties by MBNA America:

A. CONSUMER CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

1. \$1.00 (one dollar) for each new consumer Credit Card Account opened after the Effective Date of this Agreement, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days.
2. \$1.00 (one dollar) for each consumer Credit Card Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by MBNA America (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by MBNA America), then such royalty will be paid for each consumer Credit Card Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last business day of every twelfth month after the opening of that consumer Credit Card Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve months.
3. 0.50% (one half of one percent) of all retail purchase transaction dollar volume generated by Customers using a consumer Alumni(ae) Credit Card Account (excluding those transactions that (1) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions, and/or (2) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, money orders, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips)). All Credit Card Accounts which were generated pursuant to the Original Agreement and which cannot be identified by the type of Member (Student vs. Alumni(ae)) who opened the account, shall be treated as Alumni(ae) Credit Card Accounts for purposes of this Schedule B.
4. 0.50% (one half of one percent) of all retail purchase transaction dollar volume generated by Customers using a consumer Student Credit Card Account (excluding those transactions that (1) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions, and/or (2) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, money orders, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips)).

B. BUSINESSCARD CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

BusinessCard Credit Card Account compensation provisions shall not affect any other compensation provision contained in the Agreement, and the compensation provisions referencing any other form of Credit Card Accounts shall not apply to BusinessCard Credit Card Accounts; provided, however, that BusinessCard Credit Account Royalties accrued hereunder shall be treated as Royalties for purposes of Schedule B, hereof.

0.20% (two tenths of one percent) of the retail purchase transaction dollar volume generated by Customers using a BusinessCard Credit Card Account with active charging privileges, excluding those transactions that (i) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transaction, and/or (ii) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, money orders, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips.))

C. GOLD RESERVE REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNTS

1. \$.50 (fifty cents) for each Gold Reserve Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days.
2. 0.25% (twenty-five one-hundredths of one percent) of the average of all month-end outstanding balances (excluding transactions that relate to credits and unauthorized transactions) in the calendar year for each Gold Reserve Account. This Royalty will be paid within sixty (60) days of the calendar year end.
3. \$2.00 (two dollars) for each applicable twelve (12) month period that a Customer pays the annual fee on a Gold Reserve Account.

D. GOLD OPTION REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNTS

1. \$.50 (fifty cents) for each Gold Option Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days.
2. 0.25% (twenty-five one-hundredths of one percent) of the average of all month-end outstanding balances (excluding transactions that relate to credits and unauthorized transactions) in the calendar year for each Gold Option Account. This Royalty will be paid within sixty (60) days of the calendar year end.
3. \$2.00 (two dollars) for each applicable twelve (12) month period that each Gold Option Account remains open.

E. GIP ACCOUNTS

1. \$30.00 (Thirty dollars) for each GIP Account opened after the Effective Date of this Agreement by a Student Customer, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer for at least one purchase or cash advance within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the GIP Account's opening which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed. Such GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.

2. \$30.00 (Thirty dollars) for each GIP Account opened after the Effective Date of this Agreement by an Alumni(ae) Customer, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer for at least one purchase or cash advance within the first ninety (90) consecutive days of the GIP Account's opening which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed. Such GIP Accounts will not qualify for any other opening-of-an-account Royalty.

**PLUS REWARDS ADDENDUM
TO THE SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY, INC. AGREEMENT**

THIS ADDENDUM (the "Addendum") is entered into this 28th day of March, 2002, by and between SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY, INC. ("STGF"), and MBNA America Bank, N.A. ("MBNA America"), for themselves and their respective successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, STGF and MBNA America are parties to an affinity agreement, as the same may have been amended (the "Agreement"), wherein MBNA America provides certain financial services to certain persons included in certain lists provided to MBNA America by or on behalf of STGF; and

WHEREAS, STGF and MBNA America mutually desire to amend the Agreement to include the loyalty reward enhancement (the "Reward Enhancement") as another aspect of STGF'S Program, MemberCard Program or Financial Service Program, as the case may be (the "Program"), under the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreement contained herein, STGF and MBNA America agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein and deemed a part of this Addendum. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined are used as defined in the Agreement.
2. When used in this Addendum, the term "Reward Credit Card Account" means a credit card carrying the Reward Enhancement (as hereinafter defined) opened pursuant to the Program.
3. The parties agree that the Reward Enhancement (as such credit card account enhancement is more fully described on Attachment #1) is now part of the Program (as such credit card account enhancement and Program may be adjusted or amended from time to time by MBNA America, in its sole discretion). MBNA America may, at its option, offer the Reward Enhancement to some or all of the persons included on the lists provided by STGF under the Agreement. The Reward Enhancement may be marketed under another name (e.g., MBNA PLUS Rewards). MBNA America reserves the right to change the Reward Enhancement name(s), in its sole discretion, from time to time.
4. STGF agrees to not endorse, sponsor, promote, aid, advertise, or develop a rewards program similar to the Reward Enhancement (other than MBNA America programs). Subject to the foregoing, all of STGF'S promises arising from its exclusive arrangement with MBNA America in the Agreement shall also apply to the Reward Enhancement.
5. During the term of the Agreement, STGF will receive the royalties set forth on Attachment #1, Section II. for the Reward Credit Card Accounts. Reward Credit Card Accounts shall only generate the royalty compensation set forth on Attachment #1 notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement.

6. Except as amended hereby, all the terms, conditions and covenants of the Agreement are valid, shall remain in full force and effect, and are hereby ratified and confirmed. Inconsistencies between this Addendum and the Agreement shall be governed by this Addendum. The Agreement, as amended by this Addendum, shall be governed by and subject to the laws of the State of Delaware (without regard to its conflict of laws principles) and shall be deemed for all purposes to be made and fully performed in Delaware.

7. This Addendum may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original, and all of which shall be deemed one and the same instrument. The Agreement, as amended by this Addendum, contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters covered and no other prior promises, negotiations or discussions, oral or written, made by any party or its employees, officers or agents shall be valid and binding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto, by its representative, has duly executed this Addendum as of the date first above written, and such party and its representative warrant that such representative is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Addendum for and on behalf of such party.

SIGMA TAU GAMMA FRATERNITY, INC.
BANK, N.A.

MBNA AMERICA

By: <u>William P. Bernier</u>	By: <u>Michael Durrah</u>
Name: <u>William P. Bernier</u>	Name: <u>Michael Durrah</u>
Title: <u>Executive Vice President</u>	Title: <u>SE VP</u>
Date: <u>March 28, 2002</u>	Date: <u>April 19, 2002</u>

Attachment #1

I. Reward Enhancement Brief Product Description

This description is subject in all respects to the agreement to be entered into between MBNA America and each customer, as the same may be amended from time to time. Further, this description may be adjusted or amended pursuant to MBNA America's rights under the Agreement, as amended by this Addendum.

- A. No Annual Fee.
- B. The current annual percentage rate is 12.99%. There may be an additional margin applied on account of the customer's delinquency.
- C. Customers may be able to select credit insurance as a benefit under the Program.

II. Reward Credit Card Account Royalties

During the term of this Agreement, MBNA America will pay STGF a Royalty calculated as follows, for those Reward Credit Card Accounts with active charging privileges. All Royalty payments due hereunder are subject to adjustment by MBNA America for any prior overpayment of Royalties by MBNA America:

- A. \$1.00 (one dollar) for each new Reward Credit Card Account opened, which remains open for at least ninety (90) consecutive days. This Royalty will not be paid for any Credit Card Account which, after opening, converts to a Reward Credit Card Account.
- B. \$1.00 (one dollar) for each Reward Credit Card Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by MBNA America (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by MBNA America), then such royalty will be paid for each Reward Credit Card Account which: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last business day of the annual anniversary of the month in which the Reward Credit Card Account was opened; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve months. A Reward Credit Card Account may renew every twelve (12) months after the opening of the account.

- C. 2.50% of the finance charges assessed within a calendar quarter by the application of the relevant periodic rate(s) to the respective average daily balance(s) of certain Reward Credit Card Accounts (the "Finance Charges"). This payment shall be calculated as of the end of each calendar quarter. The Finance Charges are assessed based upon the application of the relevant periodic rate(s) to the average daily balances measured as of the end of each of the preceding three months. The sum of the Finance Charges assessed during each of the three months within the calendar quarter times the above percentage rate is the quarterly payment due under this section. Each monthly measurement shall include only Finance Charges assessed during such month, and shall exclude Finance Charges assessed on Reward Credit Card Accounts which, as of the day of measurement, are thirty-five (35) or more days delinquent or are 10% or more over the assigned credit line for such Reward Credit Card Account.

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
AFFINITY AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is entered into as of this 1st day of April, 2010 (the "Effective Date") by and between FIA Card Services, N.A., f/k/a MBNA America Bank, N.A., a national banking association having its principal place of business in Wilmington, Delaware ("Bank"), and Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc. a not for profit corporation having its principal place of business in Warrensburg, Missouri (including its Affiliates, collectively, the "Group"), for themselves and their respective successors and assigns.

WHEREAS, Group and Bank are parties to that certain affinity agreement between the parties as the same may have been amended ("Original Agreement"), wherein Bank provides certain financial services to certain persons included in certain lists provided to Bank by or on behalf of Group; and,

WHEREAS, Group and Bank mutually desire to amend and restate the Original Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, Group and Bank agree as follows:

The initial term of this Agreement will begin on the Effective Date and end on July 31, 2012. This Agreement will automatically extend at the end of the initial term or any renewal term for successive two-year periods. After the full initial term, either party may terminate this Agreement, without cause, with ninety (90) day written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties, by its representative, has executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Inc.

By: 
Name: William P. Bernier
Title: Exec. VP
Date: May 13, 2010

FIA Card Services, N.A.

By: 
Name: SANDRA WIRT
Title: SVP
Date: 5/21/10

Group Contact Information as pertaining to Schedule C, Section f(1):

Contact Name/Title: Mr. Bill Bernier, Executive VP Administrator
Street: 101 Ming Street
City, State, Zip: Warrensburg, MO 64093
Fax #: (660) 747-2222
E-mail address: wpbernier@sigmataugamma.org

1. USE OF BANK WEB PORTAL

- (a) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Bank will provide Group with access to Bank's affinity web portal ("Web Portal") containing Bank-designed advertising, solicitation, and promotional material for Group's use in marketing the Program.
- (b) Group will only use materials provided by Bank in marketing the Program. All marketing materials generated by Bank for Group's marketing of the Program will be coded by Bank for tracking purposes. Marketing materials or inquiries from Members which do not contain or reference such coding will not be considered eligible for any Royalty.
- (c) Group will not deviate from the approved materials for any Program marketing without the prior written approval of Bank.
- (d) Bank has control over, in its sole discretion, the commencement and continuation of any marketing of the Program.

2. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF GROUP

- (a) Group agrees to use reasonable efforts to market the Program to Members using the materials provided on the Web Portal.
- (b) Group agrees that during the term of this Agreement it will endorse the Program exclusively, and neither Group nor any Group Affiliate will, by itself or in conjunction with others, directly or indirectly: (i) sponsor, advertise, aid, develop, market, solicit proposals for programs offering, or discuss with any organization (other than Bank) the providing of, any Financial Service Products of any entity other than Bank; (ii) license, allow others to license, or use or allow to exist the use by others of the Group Trademarks in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products of any entity other than Bank; and (iii) sell, rent or otherwise make available or allow others to sell, rent or otherwise make available any of its mailing lists or information about any current or potential Members in relation to or for promoting any Financial Service Products of any entity other than Bank. In addition, if Group sells any product or service, in connection with such sales, Group shall not favor any payment product or method of payment over any payment product or method of payment offered under the Program.
- (c) Group will only provide information to or otherwise communicate with Members or potential Members about the Program with Bank's prior written approval, except for current advertising and solicitation materials provided by Bank to Group.
- (d) Any correspondence received by Group that is intended for Bank (e.g., applications, payments, billing inquiries, etc.) will be forwarded to Bank via overnight courier within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt. All reasonable overnight courier expenses incurred by Group will be paid by Bank.
- (e) Group hereby grants Bank and its Affiliates an exclusive license to use the Group Trademarks with the Program. This license transfers to the assignee of this Agreement. This license will remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement and will apply to the Group Trademarks, notwithstanding the transfer of such Group Trademarks by operation of law or otherwise to any permitted successor, corporation, organization, or individual. Group will provide Bank all Group Trademark production materials (e.g., camera ready art) required by Bank for the Program upon Bank's request. Nothing stated in this Agreement prohibits Group from granting to other persons a license to use the Group Trademarks in

conjunction with the providing of any other service or product, except for any Financial Service Products.

- (f) All Program Trademarks, with the exception of Program Trademarks that consist of or contain a Group Trademark, with or without other elements, shall belong exclusively to Bank and Bank may use such Program Trademarks in any manner not prohibited by this Section 2(f). Group may not use any Program Trademark, except to promote the Program or any goods or services offered by Bank through the Program. Group shall not register or attempt to register any Program Trademark. Bank shall not register or attempt to register any Group Trademark. Bank may use Program Trademarks that contain Group Trademarks to promote or identify the Program and any products or services offered by Bank through the Program at no cost to Bank, but only during the term of this Agreement.
- (g) Group will advertise the Program, for the purpose of generating new accounts, in at least one prominent location within the internet site(s) of Group at no cost to Bank. Bank may establish a hyperlink from such advertisements to another internet site to enable a person to apply for a Credit Card Account. Group will modify or remove such advertisements within twenty-four (24) hours of Bank's request. To enable Bank to view all Program material, Group will provide Bank with the ability to access any and all pages within the Group internet site(s), including without limitation any "members only" or other restricted access pages.
- (h) Group will comply with all applicable laws, including, without limitation, the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the CAN-SPAM Act of 2003, with respect to any Program marketing. Group will comply with Bank's instructions and all applicable law concerning Program advertisements or links included by Group in emails sent to Members, including without limitation the CAN-SPAM Act.
- (i) Group will complete an updated W-9 form and ACH form upon Bank's request. Bank will not pay Royalties until a W-9 Form and ACH Form or other IRS required form (e.g., W-8) is completed by Group and received by Bank.

3. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BANK

- (a) Bank will maintain and administer the Program for the Members.
- (b) Bank will design all advertising, solicitation, and promotional materials used in the Program.
- (c) Bank will make all credit decisions and will bear all credit risks with respect to each Customer's account(s) independently of Group.
- (d) Bank may maintain separately and will own all information that it obtains as a result of an account relationship or an application for an account relationship. This information becomes a part of Bank's files and will not be subject to this Agreement; provided however that Bank will not use this separate information in a manner that would imply an endorsement by Group.
- (e) Bank has the right to make periodic adjustments to the Program, including, without limitation, changes to its terms and features. In addition, Customers may, as a benefit under the Program, be offered opportunities to select credit protection and other products and services.

- (f) During the term of this Agreement, Bank will pay Royalties to Group. Except as otherwise provided in Schedule B, payment of Royalties then due will be made approximately forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- (a) Group and Bank each represents and warrants to the other party that as of the Effective Date and throughout the term of this Agreement:
- (i) It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing;
 - (ii) It has all necessary power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
 - (iii) This Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such party, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity;
 - (iv) No consent, approval, or authorization from any third party is required in connection with the negotiation, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, except such as have been obtained and are in full force and effect;
 - (v) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such party will not constitute a violation of any law, rule, regulation, court order or ruling applicable to such party.
- (b) Group represents and warrants to Bank as of the date hereof and throughout the term of this Agreement that it has the right and power to license the Group Trademarks to Bank for use as contemplated by this Agreement. Group will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Bank, and its directors, officers, agents, employees, Affiliates, successors and assigns, from and against all liability, causes of action, and claims, and will reimburse Bank's costs, fees and expenses in connection therewith (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court expenses), arising from the Group Trademarks license granted herein. Each party will promptly notify the other party upon learning of any claims or complaints relating to the license or the use of any Group Trademarks.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY OF AGREEMENT

The terms of this Agreement, any proposal, financial information and proprietary information provided by or on behalf of one party to the other party prior to, contemporaneously with, or subsequent to, the execution of this Agreement ("**Information**") are confidential as of the date of disclosure and shall not be used for any purpose not related to the Program. Such Information will not be disclosed by such other party to any other person or entity, except as permitted under this Agreement or as mutually agreed in writing. Bank and Group will be permitted to disclose such Information (i) to their accountants, lawyers, financial advisors, marketing advisors, affiliates and employees (its "Agents") as necessary for the performance of their respective duties, provided that said persons agree to treat the Information as confidential in the above described manner or (ii) as required by law or requested by any governmental regulatory authority. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the party disclosing Information to its Agents shall be liable for any breach of this Section 5 by their Agents.

6. STATE LAW GOVERNING AGREEMENT

This Agreement will be governed by and subject to the laws of the State of Delaware (without regard to its conflict of laws principles) and will be deemed for all purposes to be made and fully performed in Delaware.

7. TERM/TERMINATION

- (a) In the event of any material breach of this Agreement by Bank or Group, the other party may terminate this Agreement by giving notice to the breaching party. This notice will (i) include a description of the material breach; and (ii) state the party's intention to terminate this Agreement. If the breaching party does not cure or substantially cure such breach within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice, as provided herein (the "Cure Period"), then this Agreement will terminate thirty (30) days after the Cure Period.
- (b) If either Bank or Group becomes insolvent in that its liabilities exceed its assets or it is unable to meet or it has ceased paying its obligations as they generally become due, or it is adjudicated insolvent, or takes advantage of or is subject to any insolvency proceeding, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or is subject to receivership, conservatorship or liquidation then the other party may immediately terminate this Agreement.
- (c) Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, Bank will, except as set forth in Section 7(d) of this Agreement, cease to use the Group Trademarks for Program marketing purposes, provided that Bank may conclude all solicitations required by law. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, Bank will not claim any right, title, or interest in or to the Group Trademarks.
- (d) Bank will have the right to prior review and approval of any notice in connection with, relating or referring to the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement to be communicated by Group or any Group Affiliate to the Members. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, Group will allow Bank to continue to use the Group Trademarks on, and will not attempt to cause the removal of Group Trademarks from, any person's credit devices, checks or records of any Customer existing as of expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement until their normally scheduled reissue date or exhaustion.

8. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Schedules A, B and C are incorporated by reference.

Schedule A

DEFINITIONS

When used in this Agreement, the following initially capitalized words and phrases will have the meanings ascribed to them as set forth below:

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any entity or organization, any other entity or organization directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with such entity or organization. The term "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Agreement" means this affinity agreement and Schedules A through C.

"Credit Card Account" means an open-end consumer credit account opened pursuant to the Program that is accessed utilizing a card, plate and/or any other device or instrument.

"Customer" means any Member who is a participant in the Program.

"Financial Service Product" means any credit card or charge card program.

"Group Affiliate" means any Affiliate of Group.

"Group Trademarks" means any design, image, visual representation, logo, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or trademark used or acquired by Group or any Group Affiliate prior to or during the term of this Agreement.

"Information" has the meaning ascribed to such word in Section 7.

"Member" means a member or customer of Group and/or other potential participants mutually agreed to by Group and Bank.

"Program" means those programs and services, and the promotion thereof, of the Financial Service Products Bank agrees to offer pursuant to this Agreement to the Members from time to time.

"Program Trademarks" means any design, image, visual representation, logo, service mark, trade dress, trade name, or trademark developed either jointly or by either party (including its Affiliates) during the term of this Agreement and used to promote or identify products or services offered by Bank through the Program. Program Trademarks may but need not necessarily consist of a Group Trademark, with or without other elements.

"Royalties" means the compensation set forth in Schedule B.

Schedule B

ROYALTY ARRANGEMENT

During the term of this Agreement, Bank will pay Group a Royalty calculated as follows, for those accounts with active charging privileges. All Royalty payments due hereunder are subject to adjustment by Bank for any prior overpayment of Royalties by Bank:

A. CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS

1. \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) for each Credit Card Account opened, which remains open for at least sixty (60) consecutive days and which is utilized by the Customer within the first sixty (60) consecutive days of the Credit Card Account's opening for at least one (1) purchase or cash advance which is not subsequently rescinded, the subject of a charge back request, or otherwise disputed.
2. \$1.00 (one dollar) for each Credit Card Account for which the annual fee is paid by the Customer. If no annual fee is assessed by Bank (other than as a result of a courtesy waiver by Bank), then such Royalty will be paid for each Credit Card Account that: 1) has a balance greater than zero as of the last processing day of every twelfth month after the opening of that Credit Card Account; and 2) has had active charging privileges for each of the preceding twelve (12) months.
3. 0.20% (twenty basis points) of all retail purchase transaction dollar volume generated by Customers using a Credit Card Account (excluding those transactions that (1) relate to refunds, returns and/or unauthorized transactions, and/or (2) are cash equivalent transactions (e.g., the purchase of wire transfers, person to person money transfers, bets, lottery tickets, or casino gaming chips)).

Schedule C

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- (a) This Agreement cannot be amended except by written agreement signed by the authorized agents of both parties hereto.
- (b) The obligations in Sections 2(f), 2(h), 4(b), 5, 7(c), and 7(d) will survive the expiration or any earlier termination of this Agreement.
- (c) The failure of any party to exercise any rights under this Agreement will not be deemed a waiver of such right or any other rights.
- (d) The section captions are inserted only for convenience and are in no way to be construed as part of this Agreement.
- (e) If any part of this Agreement is, for any reason, found or held invalid or unenforceable by any court or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability will not affect the remainder of this Agreement which will survive and be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable part had not been contained herein and the parties hereto shall immediately commence negotiations in good faith to reform this Agreement to make alternative provisions herein that reflect the intentions and purposes of the severed provisions in a manner that does not run afoul of the basis for such unenforceability or invalidity.
- (f) All notices relating to this Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed given (i) upon receipt by hand delivery, facsimile or overnight courier (ii) three (3) business days after mailing by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (iii) via e-mail. All notices will be addressed as follows:
 - (1) If to Group

(as specified on signature page)
 - (2) If to Bank:

FIA Card Services, N. A.
MS DE5-004-04-02
1100 North King Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19884

ATTENTION: Contract Administration

Fax #: (302) 432-1821
E-mail : affinityteam@bankofamerica.com
 - (3) Any party may change the address, e-mail address, and fax number to which communications are to be sent by giving notice, as provided herein, of such change of address.

- (g) This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters covered herein and supersedes all prior promises and agreements, written or oral, with respect to the matters covered herein, including, without limitation, the Original Agreement, if applicable. This Agreement does not and is not intended to alter or amend any aspect or provision of any other agreement between the parties that survives termination of that other agreement. Without the prior written consent of Bank, which will not be unreasonably withheld, Group may not assign any of its rights or obligations under or arising from this Agreement. Bank may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any other person without the prior consent of Group. Bank may utilize the services of any third party in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement. Certain Financial Service Products or services under this Agreement may be offered through Bank's affiliates. Bank may utilize the services of any third party in fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement.
- (h) Bank and Group are not agents, representatives or employees of each other and neither party will have the power to obligate or bind the other in any manner except as otherwise expressly provided by this Agreement.
- (i) Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended or will be construed to confer upon or give any person other than Group and Bank, their successors and assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.
- (j) Group recognizes and agrees that Bank's goodwill and reputation in the marketplace are valuable and intangible assets; therefore, Group agrees that it will not conduct itself or engage in any activity in a manner that may adversely affect these assets. In the event Bank determines that Group does not so conduct itself, Bank may terminate this Agreement, effective immediately.
- (k) Neither party shall make any statement, whether written, oral or otherwise, to any person or entity which criticizes, disparages, condemns or impugns the reputation or character of the other or any of its Affiliates, whether or not the statement is true and whether or not it is characterized as confidential. This section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- (l) Neither party shall be held responsible for any delay or failure in performance to the extent such delay or failure is caused by fire, flood, explosion, terrorism, war, strike, embargo, government laws, rules, regulations or requirements, civil or military authority, act of God, act or omission of carriers or other similar causes beyond its control, that was not reasonably foreseeable or avoidable, and without the fault or negligence and/or lack of diligence of the delayed party ("force majeure condition"). The non-delayed party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement if such force majeure condition endures for more than one hundred twenty (120) days by providing the delayed party with least thirty (30) days prior written notice of such termination, which notice must be received by the delayed party within ten (10) days after the expiration of the one hundred twenty (120) day period.
- (m) This Agreement may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. The parties hereto agree to accept a digital image of this Agreement, as executed, as a true and correct original and admissible as best evidence to the extent permitted by a court with proper jurisdiction.
- (n) No provision or section of this Agreement shall be read, construed or interpreted for or against either party by reason of ambiguity of language, rule of construction against the draftsman, or any similar doctrine.