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## ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AGREEMENT and DISCLOSURE - REG E

This Electronic Funds Transfer Agreement and Disclosure ("Agreement") is the contract which governs the rights and responsibilities of both parties regarding electronic funds transfer services offered by us. ("Account" means any one or more of your savings, money market, and checking account(s) you have with us. Electronic funds transfers are electronically-initiated transfers of money from or to your account through the various services described below. By signing an application or account card for EFT services, or by accessing any service, you agree to the terms and conditions in this Agreement, and amendments thereto, and any other agreements that may govern your accounts. We may refuse any transaction which would draw upon insufficient funds, lower an account below any required minimum balance, exceed a credit limit, or otherwise require us to increase our required reserve on an account.

**TYPES OF ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER SERVICES.** The following describes the services, if approved, that are available, and some limitations that apply:

1. **Visa Check Card.** You may use your Visa Check Card and/or PIN to:

- Withdraw funds from your savings and checking accounts.
- Make deposits to your savings and checking accounts.
- Transfer funds between your savings and checking accounts whenever you request.
- Obtain balance information on your savings and checking accounts.
- Take an advance from your line-of-credit account.
- Pay for purchases at places that have agreed to accept the Card.
- Make POS (Point of Sale) transactions to purchase goods or services at POS terminals that have the Visa logo.
- Order goods or services by mail, telephone, or via the Internet from places that accept the Card.
- Make cash withdrawals in foreign countries and in foreign currencies.

Some services may not be available at all terminals. The amount of purchases and/or cash obtained (if permitted) will be deducted from your checking account. Advances from your line-of-credit account are loans that must be repaid by you, and are governed by your line-of-credit agreement.

\*Non-Visa PIN-less transactions will not be processed as Visa transactions and therefore will not include Visa's zero liability or chargeback and dispute resolution benefits. Additionally, provisions of this agreement relating only to Visa transactions are not applicable to non-Visa and PIN-less debit transactions.

Limitations. The following limitations will apply to your Card:

- The maximum dollar amount of cash withdrawals per day is \$505.00. Sufficient funds must be available to make any withdrawal. There is no limit to the number of cash withdrawals you may make in one day.
- The maximum purchase price for any one transaction at a POS Terminal is \$2,500.00. There is no limit to the number of purchases you may make in one day.
- For security reasons, there are other limitations to frequency and number of transfers you may make at ATMs.
- Your available account balance may be reduced for preauthorizations for 3 business days or until the transaction clears.
- You are not allowed to make deposits at an ATM that we do not operate or own.
- Additional limitations are set forth in the TRANSFER LIMITATIONS provision contained herein.

2. **Electronic Check Conversion & Electronic Returned Check Fees.** If you pay for something with a check, you may authorize a merchant or other payee to make a one-time electronic payment from your checking account using information from your check to: (1) pay for purchases or (2) pay your bills. When your check is used to initiate an electronic funds transfer in this way, you authorize the funds to be debited from your account as soon as the same day, and your check may not be returned to you. You also authorize a one-time electronic funds transfer to pay a Returned Check/EFT fee or Non-sufficient Funds fee if you have insufficient funds.

3. **Preauthorized Electronic Funds Transfers.** You may authorize periodic or recurring automatic payments from, and deposits into, your designated account(s). Examples of such transfers include direct deposit of your paycheck or Social Security check into your designated Credit Union account; automatic payment(s) from your designated Credit Union account to third parties; and automatic payment from your designated Credit Union account for loan payments or other amounts you owe us.

The frequency and amounts of these preauthorized transfers will be subject to and in accordance with the authorization that you sign, and any separate agreement you have with the originator of the transfer.

See the Transfer Limitations provision for transfer limitations that apply to preauthorized transfers.

**4. 24-Hour Teller.** You may access your accounts via our touch-tone telephone system. We will assign you a PIN to use this service. You may use telephone access to:

- Withdraw funds from your savings, checking, money market, and club accounts;
- Transfer funds between your savings, checking, money market, and club accounts;
- Obtain balance, account activity, and other information on your savings, checking, money market, club, and loan accounts;
- Verify whether a check or other item has cleared your account;
- Make loan or credit card payments from your savings, checking, money market, and club accounts;
- Obtain tax information on amounts earned on applicable accounts;

The telephone access service is available twenty-four (24) hours a day, but may be inaccessible for a short period each day for data processing.

Limitations. The following limitations will apply to the Telephone/Audio Response Service:

See the Transfer Limitations provision for transfer limitations that apply to preauthorized transfers.

**5. Home Banking.** We offer a Home Banking service that you may access from a personal computer that has Internet access. You will need your assigned password and member number or user name to access your accounts, as instructed when you log on. You may use this service for the following:

- Withdraw funds from your savings, checking, and money market;
- Make transfers between your savings, checking, and money market;
- Obtain balance information on your savings, checking, money market, and loan accounts;
- Make payments on your Credit Union loans from your savings, checking, and money market;
- Access internet bill pay services to make payments to various creditors;
- Verify whether a check or other item has cleared your account;
- Change your password;

Our Home Banking service will be available to you 24 hours a day, but may be interrupted for a short period of time each day for data processing. Security protocols will be in place, such as electronic lock-out if there are numerous unsuccessful attempts to enter a transaction, and limits on the duration of access.

See the Transfer Limitations provision for transfer limitations that apply to Home Banking transactions. Other EFT Disclosures contained in this document apply to Home Banking services as well. You will also be required to comply with instructions and agreements provided on-line when you log onto the Home Banking service.

**6. Online Bill Payment Services.** Through our online Home Banking service, we offer Bill Pay services so that you may pay your bills to third-party creditors and payees electronically. You must agree to the online bill payment services agreement included on the bill pay services website, which agreement is incorporated by reference herein. You may also be required to comply with other instructions and agreements provided on-line when you log onto the Bill Pay service.

**TRANSFER LIMITATIONS.** In addition to any other limitations set forth for each service herein, federal regulation limits the number of preauthorized, automatic, or telephone transfers that may be made from your share/savings and money market accounts to six (6) per month from each account. If you exceed this limitation, you may be subject to a fee, the transaction may be rejected, or your account may be closed.

**FEES.** There are certain fees and charges for using electronic funds transfer services. For a current list of the types and amounts of these fees, please see your Rates & Fees Schedule that was provided to you. ATM Fees: Additionally, when you use an ATM not owned by us, you may be charged a fee by the ATM operator or any network used, and you may be charged a fee for a balance inquiry even if you do not complete a fund transfer. The amount of this fee will be disclosed to you by the owner of the ATM.

#### **USE OF EFT CARDS AND SERVICES.**

Ownership: any card or other access device that we provide you remains our property and must be returned to us, our agent, or to any person who is authorized to honor the card according to our instructions. We may repossess the card at any time in our sole discretion without demand or notice to you. You cannot transfer the card, access code, or account to another person, and you will be liable for any transfers made by anyone to whom you give your card or access codes.

Honoring the Card(s); Refunds: Neither we nor the merchants authorized to honor the card will be liable for failure or refusal to honor your card, access device, or code. If a merchant agrees to provide a refund or adjustment to you, you agree to accept a credit to your account instead of a cash refund.

Illegal Transactions: You shall not use your card to make any illegal transaction as determined by applicable law. We may decline any transaction that we believe to be illegal, including but not limited to any transaction involving or relating to any gambling activity. We will have no liability or responsibility for any such use or for declining any such transaction. You further agree to indemnify and hold us harmless from any suits, liability, damages or adverse action of any kind that results directly or indirectly from such illegal use.

Foreign Transactions; Currency Conversion: Purchases and cash advances made in foreign currencies will be debited from your account in U.S. dollars. The conversion rate in dollars will be (1) a rate selected by [Visa International] [MasterCard] from a range of rates available in wholesale currency markets for the applicable central processing date, which rate may vary from the rate [Visa] [MasterCard] itself receives; or (2) the government-mandated rate in effect for the applicable central processing date in each instance. All transactions processed outside of the United States (which may include internet transactions) will be charged a foreign transaction fee in the amount disclosed on your Fee Schedule.

Security of Card and Access Codes. The access codes issued to you are for security purposes and any codes issued to you are confidential and should not be disclosed to anyone else or recorded on or with the card. You agree to safeguard the codes and agree not to disclose or otherwise make available your cards or codes to anyone not authorized to sign on your accounts. If you authorize someone to use your access codes, that authority shall remain in place until you specifically revoke that authority by notifying the Credit Union.

Joint Accounts. If any of your accounts accessed under this Agreement are joint accounts, all joint owners including any authorized users, shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. You understand and agree that any joint owner you authorize to use an access code may withdraw or transfer funds from any one of your accounts without your prior notice or permission, and we will not be liable to you in any way. Each of you jointly and severally shall be responsible for any and all transactions under this Agreement regardless of which owner accessed the accounts or used the services. Each joint account holder is authorized to act for the others, and we may accept orders and instructions regarding any transaction on any account from any owner. We can refuse to follow conflicting instructions.

Reversal of Transactions. You may not reverse any transaction when using your card to pay for goods or services by transferring funds through a terminal.

No Right to Stop-Payment for Terminal Transactions. Transfers made by terminal may be executed immediately. This means that a cash withdrawal or other debit transaction is immediately deducted from your account; there is no "float" time and therefore there is no effective way of stopping the transaction.

**LIABILITY FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE.** Tell us AT ONCE if you believe your ATM or Debit Card or any of your access codes have been lost or stolen, or if you believe that an electronic fund transfer has been made without your permission using information from your check. Telephoning is the best way of keeping your possible losses down.

*For cards with the Visa logo, and PIN-less debit card transactions over Visa Networks (and the access codes associated with those cards):* You will not be liable for any amount unless we can prove that you were negligent in the handling of your card. If you write your PIN on your Card or otherwise keep the PIN with the Card, you may be negligent.

Under no circumstances, however, will you be liable for more than \$50 if you tell us within 2 business days after you learn of the loss or theft of your card or access code and someone used your card or access code without your permission. If you do NOT tell us within 2 business days after you learn of the loss or theft of your card or access code, and we can prove we could have stopped someone from using your card or access code without your permission if you had told us, you could lose as much as \$500.

You should always save your terminal receipts, keep a record of your transactions, and reconcile your receipts with your periodic statements. **If your statement shows transfers that you did not make**, including those made by card, code or other means, tell us at once. If you do not tell us within 60 days after the statement was mailed to you, you may not get back any money you lost after the 60 days if we can prove that we could have stopped someone from taking the money if you had told us in time. If a good reason (such as a long trip or a hospital stay) kept you from telling us, we will extend the time periods.

**You are liable for all transfers or purchases made via your card(s), access code(s) or passwords that you authorize or allow.** If you give your card, access code, or password to someone else, you are responsible for all transfers or purchases that that person makes with your card or via the service that he or she accesses, even if that person uses the card or code in a way that you did not anticipate or intend. You may revoke your permission for the other person to use your card by notifying us in writing, and allowing us reasonable time to act on your notification.

**If you believe your card or access code has been lost or stolen**, call: (203) 977-4701 during normal business hours or write: Sound Federal Credit Union, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901-3706. You should also call this number or write to this address if you believe a transfer has been made using the information from your check without your permission.

**BUSINESS DAYS.** For purposes of these disclosures, our business days are Monday through Friday. Holidays are not included.

**DISCLOSURE OF YOUR INFORMATION.** We will disclose information to third parties about your account or the transfers you make:

1. Where it is necessary for completing transfers;
2. In order to verify the existence and condition of your account for a third party, such as a credit bureau or merchant;
3. In order to comply with government agency or court orders; or
4. If you give us your written permission.

### **RIGHT TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTATION**

**Periodic Statements.** Transfer and withdrawal transactions made through any card, Home Banking or Bill Pay service, telephone access system, or preauthorized transfer will be reflected on your periodic statement. You will receive a monthly statement unless there are no transfers in a particular month. In any case you will get a statement at least quarterly.

**Terminal Receipts.** You can get a receipt at the time you make any transaction (except inquiries) to or from your account using an ATM, Point-of-Sale terminal, or Check Card transaction with a participating merchant. However, we are not required to provide you with terminal receipts for transactions of \$15.00 or less. You should keep your statements and receipts, as they may be admissible evidence in legal proceedings if a dispute should arise and shall constitute prima facie proof that such transfer was made.

**Preauthorized EFTs.** If you have arranged to have a direct deposit or preauthorized debit or credit made to your account at least once every 60 days from the same person or company, you can call us at (203) 977-4701 or use telephone access or Home Banking to find out whether or not the deposit has been made.

### **RIGHTS REGARDING PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS**

**Right to Stop Payment and Procedure for Doing So.** If you have told us in advance to make regular payments out of your account, you can stop any of these payments. Here's how:

Call us at (203) 977-4701, or write us at Sound Federal Credit Union, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901-3706, in time for us to receive your request 3 business days or more before the payment is scheduled to be made. (If you want to stop a payment being made through Bill Pay, you should follow the instructions within Bill Pay). If you call, we may also require you to put your request in writing and get it to us within 14 days after you call. Please see the Rates & Fees Schedule for any fees charged for stopping payments.

**Notice of Varying Amounts.** If preauthorized recurring payments may vary in amount, the person you are going to pay will tell you, 10 days before each payment, when it will be made and how much it will be. (You may choose instead to get this notice only when the payment would differ by more than a certain amount from the previous payment, or when the amount would fall outside certain limits that you set.)

**Liability for Failure to Stop Payment of Preauthorized Transfer.** If you order us to stop one of these payments 3 business days or more before the transfer is scheduled, and we do not do so, we will be liable for your losses or damages.

**OUR LIABILITY FOR FAILURE TO MAKE TRANSFERS.** If we do not complete a transfer to or from your account on time or in the correct amount according to our agreement with you, we will be liable for your losses or damages. However, there are some exceptions. We will not be liable, for instance:

- If, through no fault of ours, you do not have enough available funds in your account to make the transfer.
- If the funds in your account are pledged as collateral for a loan or frozen because of a delinquent loan or other reason.
- If the transfer would go over the credit limit on your overdraft line.
- If you used your card or access code in an incorrect manner.
- If the ATM where you are making the transfer does not have enough cash.
- If the error was caused by a system of any participating ATM network.
- If the ATM, POS terminal, telephone access system, Home Banking or Bill Pay system or other electronic service was not working properly and you knew about the breakdown when you started the transfer.
- If circumstances beyond our control (such as fire or flood) prevent the transfer, despite reasonable precautions that we have taken.
- Any other exceptions stated in any of our agreements with you or which may be amended in the future.

### **BILLING ERROR RESOLUTION** *(does not apply to international remittance transfers):*

In case of errors or questions about your electronic transfers, contact us at the number or address listed below as soon as you can and include the information listed below. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent the first statement on which the problem or error appeared.

By Telephone: (203) 977-4701

By U.S. Mail: Sound Federal Credit Union, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901- 3706

- Tell us your name and account number (if any).
- Describe the error or the transfer you are unsure about, and explain as clearly as you can why you believe it is an error or why you need more information.
- Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

If you tell us verbally, we may require that you send us your complaint or question in writing within 10 business days. We may require you to provide your complaint in the form of an affidavit. We will determine whether an error occurred within 10 business days after we hear from you and will correct any error promptly. If we need more time, however, we may take up to 45\* days to investigate your complaint or question. If we decide to do this, we will credit your account within 10\*\* business days for the amount you think is in error, so that you will have the use of the money during the time it takes us to complete our investigation. If we ask you to put your complaint or question in writing and we do not receive it within 10 business days, we may not credit your account.

If a notice of error involves an unauthorized transaction on your Visa debit card, other than a cash disbursement at an ATM, we will provide provisional credit to your account within 5 business days of your notification so you will have use of the money during the time it takes us to complete our investigation.\*\*\* However, we may delay providing provisional credit if the circumstances or account history warrants the delay, in which case we will provide provisional credit within ten (10) business days. We will tell you the results within three business days after completing our investigation. If we decide that there was no error, we will reverse the provisional credit to your account and send you a written explanation. You may ask for copies of the documents that we used in our investigation. See the Rates & Fees Schedule for any fees associated with such copies.

\*For errors involving new accounts, point of sale, or foreign-initiated transactions, we may take up to 90 days to investigate your complaint or question. \*\* For new accounts, we may take up to 20 business days to credit your account for the amount you think is in error. \*\*\* Does not apply to Non-Visa PIN-less transactions.

**Termination.** You may terminate this agreement by (1) notifying us in writing; and (2) destroying or returning your Card(s). We may terminate this agreement by notifying you in writing. Termination does not affect any party's rights under this agreement regarding any transactions made before termination.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS REGARDING THE USE OF ATM MACHINES.** The following is a list of safety precautions that you should follow when using an ATM machine or night depository:

- Be aware of your surroundings, particularly at night;
- Consider having someone accompany you when using an ATM or Night Depository after dark;
- If the ATM facility is equipped with a door, close it tightly before beginning your transaction, and do not allow anyone you don't know into the facility with you;
- If another person is uncomfortably close to you at the time of your transaction, ask the person to step back before you complete your transaction;
- Refrain from displaying your cash - place it in your pocket or purse as soon as the transaction is completed. Count your cash in the safety of a locked enclosure such as a car or home;
- Use a different ATM or return at a later time if you notice anything suspicious while using or approaching the ATM. If you are in the middle of your transaction, cancel the transaction, take your card or deposit envelope, and leave;
- If you are followed after completing your transaction, go to the nearest public area where people are present;
- Do not write your personal identification number or code on your ATM card; and
- Report all crimes immediately to the operator of the automated teller machine or to local law enforcement officials. If emergency assistance is needed, call the police from the nearest available public telephone. If you have complaints or concerns about the security of the ATM, contact the operator of the ATM, or the state banking department.

## **BILL PAYING AGREEMENT/DISCLOSURE**

This is your bill paying agreement with SOUND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. You may use SOUND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S bill paying service, Bill Payer, to direct SOUND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION to make payments from your designated checking (account) to the Merchants you choose in accordance with this agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement are in addition to the Account agreements, disclosures and other documents in effect from time to time governing your Account (the Account Rules).

"You" or "your" means each person who signs the bill paying enrollment form or is otherwise authorized to use the Service. "Merchant" means anyone, including the Sound Federal Credit Union, you designate and the Sound Federal Credit Union accepts as a payee.

### **HOW TO SET UP MERCHANTS/PAYMENTS-**

IF YOU WANT TO ADD A NEW MERCHANT TO YOUR LIST OF AUTHORIZED PAYEES, USE "ADD MERCHANT" BUTTON ON THE INTERNET. You may add a new fixed payment to a Merchant, only if the Merchant is on your authorized list of payees, and by accessing the Service and entering the appropriate information. The Sound Federal Credit Union reserves the right to refuse the designation of a Merchant for any reason. Each Merchant accepted by the Sound Federal Credit Union will be assigned a merchant code.

The Sound Federal Credit Union is not responsible if a Bill Payment can not be made due to incomplete, incorrect, or outdated information provided by you regarding a Merchant or if you attempt to pay a Merchant that is not on your Authorized Payee List.

### **THE BILL PAYING PROCESS**

The Sound Federal Credit Union will process variable payments on the business day (generally Monday through Friday, except holidays) you designate the bill is to be processed, provided the payment request is received prior to the cut-off time set by the Sound Federal Credit Union, which is currently 4:00 p.m. EST. Variable bill requests received after the business day cut off time, or at any time on a non-business day will be processed on the next business day. The Sound Federal Credit Union reserves its right to change the cut-off time by giving you notice if it changes.

FOR RECURRING PAYMENT REQUESTS, IF YOU DESIGNATE A PROCESSING DATE OF THE 28TH THROUGH THE 31ST OF A MONTH, PROCESSING WILL BE INITIATED ON THE LAST CALENDAR DAY OF THE MONTH. Otherwise, recurring payment requests will be processed on the dates you have designated, unless such date falls on a non-business day resulting in your payment being processed on the next business day.

YOU MUST ALLOW AT LEAST FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS, PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE, FOR EACH BILL PAYMENT (RECURRING OR VARIABLE) TO REACH THE MERCHANT. (IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUBSCRIBER TO SCHEDULE/ACTIVATE RECURRING PAYMENTS)

You agree to have available and collected funds on deposit in the account you designate in amounts sufficient to pay for all Bill Payments requested, as well as, any other payment obligations you have to the Sound Federal Credit Union. The Sound Federal Credit Union reserves the right, without liability, to reject or reverse a Bill Payment if you fail to comply with this requirement or any other terms of this agreement. If you do not have sufficient funds in the Account and the Sound Federal Credit Union has not exercised its right to reverse or reject a Bill Payment, you agree to pay for such payment obligations on demand. You further agree the Sound Federal Credit Union, at its option, may charge any of your accounts with the Sound Federal Credit Union to cover such payment obligations.

Any Bill Payment can be changed or canceled, provided you access the Service prior to the cut-off time on the business day prior to the business day the Bill Payment is going to be initiated.

### **LIABILITY**

You are liable for all transactions you make or that you authorize another person to make even if that person exceeds his or her authority. If you want to terminate another person's authority, you must notify the Sound Federal Credit Union. You will be responsible for any Bill Payment request you make that contains an error or is a duplicate of another Bill Payment. The Sound Federal Credit Union is not responsible for a Bill Payment that is not made if you did not properly follow the instructions for making a Bill Payment. The Sound Federal Credit Union is not liable for any failure to make a Bill Payment if you fail to promptly notify the Sound Federal Credit Union after you learn that you have not received credit from a Merchant for a Bill Payment. The Sound Federal Credit Union is not responsible for your acts or omissions or those of any other person, including, without limitation, any transmission or communications facility, and no such party shall be deemed to be the Sound Federal Credit Union's agent. In any event, the Sound Federal Credit Union will not be liable for any special, consequential, incidental, or punitive losses, damages, or expenses in connection with this Agreement or the Service, even if the Sound Federal Credit Union has knowledge of the possibility of them. The Sound Federal Credit Union is not liable for any act, failure to act or delay in acting if it is caused, in whole or in part, by any cause beyond the Sound Federal Credit Union's reasonable control.

## **Amendment and Termination**

The Sound Federal Credit Union has the right to change this Agreement at any time by notice mailed to you at the last address shown for the Account on the Sound Federal Credit Union's records, by posting notice in branches of the Sound Federal Credit Union, or as otherwise permitted by law.

The Sound Federal Credit Union has the right to terminate this Agreement at any time. You may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the Sound Federal Credit Union. The Sound Federal Credit Union is not responsible for any fixed payment made before the Sound Federal Credit Union, has a reasonable opportunity to act on your termination notice. You remain obligated for any payments made by the Sound Federal Credit Union on your behalf.

## **Fees**

This service is free.

## **Additional Charges for Customer Requested Services and Other Items**

These charges will only be assessed if you request one or more of the services listed here. There will be NO Charge for any item if needed to correct a Sound Federal Credit Union error.

Written correspondence to merchant: \$10.00

Per proof of payment not necessitated by a dispute: \$10.00

Payments returned due to customer error or overdraft: \$30.00

The Sound Federal Credit Union reserves the right to charge you for research time involving payments no longer available in your screen history. You will be informed of any such charges before they are incurred.

Bill payments are processed by Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT). Please see the Electronic Fund Transfers Disclosure Statement included, or, received when you opened your account, which discloses important information concerning your rights and obligations.