Authorization to Release Information to Accounting Firms
(“Authorization Release Form”)

The financial institution named below (“Institution” or “we”) understands and represents as follows:

We represent and warrant that we have contracted with one or more outside accounting firm(s) (Auditing Entity) to provide auditing services to us and that we have authorized our Auditing Entity to obtain information relating to our Institution’s account(s) held by and maintained on the books of any Federal Reserve Bank (Accounting Information). We have authorized the Auditing Entity to request Accounting Information through a service provided by Capital Confirmation, Inc. (CCI) called the Confirm™ Service (Confirm Service).

Accounting Information will initially include account balance amounts and shares/dividends of capital stock (member banks only) but as the service develops may also include, but not be limited to, the following information from three other business lines: 1) Credit and Risk Management (loan amounts, collateral balance, and collateral balance to accommodate loans and payment system risk operations); 2) Wholesale Operations (pledged collateral, complete holding statement (collateral account)); and, 3) Treasury Services (Treasury, Tax and Loan balances, pledged collateral, TIP Statements). We understand and agree that by signing this authorization form, any Federal Reserve Bank may respond to a confirmation request from an Auditing Entity requesting Accounting Information on our Institution (Confirmation Request) received from CCI for any of the Accounting Information described above.

We authorize any Federal Reserve Bank to:

- use and rely upon the Confirm Service to provide Accounting Information in response to any Confirmation Request from any Auditing Entity;
- use and rely on the Confirm Service to determine the identity and authority of any Auditing Entity making a Confirmation Request to a Federal Reserve Bank through the Confirm Service;
- release Accounting Information to CCI through the Confirm Service in response to Confirmation Requests made by any Auditing Entity that CCI confirms to be acting on behalf of Institution.

The Federal Reserve Banks do not warrant or represent that the Accounting Information released to CCI will be correctly and safely stored, encrypted, transmitted, delivered or accurately provided to the Auditing Entity by CCI or that CCI’s service will be uninterrupted, reliable, or free from error. Institution releases all Federal Reserve Banks from any liability arising from the loss or misappropriation of data, lack of security, or the improper handling, storage, or delivery of the Accounting Information by CCI, its employees or agents. Institution agrees to indemnify and hold harmless any and all Federal Reserve Bank(s) from and against any claims, actions, demands, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities and other amounts including, without limitation, legal fees, costs and expenses imposed upon, incurred by or asserted against any Federal Reserve Bank or its employees or agents, arising out of or in connection with any Federal Reserve Bank’s use of the Confirm Service, reliance on Confirmation Requests, and/or release of any Accounting
Information of the Institution to CCI or any Auditing Entities through the Confirm Service. This provision shall survive the termination or cancellation of this Authorization Release Form.

In order to terminate this authorization arrangement, an authorized individual of our Institution, who is listed on our Official Authorization List currently on file with the Federal Reserve District servicing our Master Account, (Authorized Individual) must send a written request to the Federal Reserve Customer Contact Center (Customer Contact Center) thirty (30) days in advance of such termination. ¹

A Federal Reserve Bank has the discretion to use or not use the Confirm Service and at any time a Federal Reserve Bank may elect not to participate or utilize the service, to discontinue or terminate its use and participation in this service, and/or to continue or concurrently receive manual requests from Auditing Firms for Accounting Information.

Name of Institution

Authorized Official Signature²

Street Address

Printed Name and Title

City, State, Zip Code

Date

Routing (ABA) Number

Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

¹ The termination request should be e-mailed to the Customer Contact Center at ccc.bankservices@kc.frb.org or faxed to (800) 660-7856. The signed original should also be sent to the following address: Customer Contact Center at P.O. Box 219416, Kansas City, MO 64121-9416.

² The signer of this form must be an Authorized Individual on Institution’s Official Authorization List. The signed form should be e-mailed or faxed to the Customer Contact Center at the e-mail address or number listed in footnote 1 above. The signed original should also be sent to the Customer Contact Center at P.O. Box 219416, Kansas City, MO 64121-9416. Questions about completing this form should be directed to the Customer Contact Center at (888) 333-7010 (Option 3).