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MEMBERSHIP AND ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

This Agreement covers your rights and responsibilities concerning your accounts and the rights and responsibilities of MECU Credit Union (Credit Union). In this Agreement, the words "you," "your," and "yours" mean anyone who signs an Account Card, Account Change Card, Member Services Request, or any other account opening document (Account Card), or for whom membership and/or service requests are approved through the Credit Union's online application and authentication process. The words "we," "us," and "our" mean the Credit Union. The word "account" means any one or more share or deposit accounts you have with the Credit Union.

Your account type(s) and ownership features are designated by you on your Account Card or through the Credit Union's online application and authentication process. By signing an Account Card or authenticating your request, each of you, jointly and severally, agree to the terms and conditions in this Agreement, and any Account Card, Funds Availability Policy Disclosure, Truth-in-Savings Disclosure, Electronic Fund Transfers Agreement and Disclosure, Privacy Disclosure, or Account Receipt accompanying this Agreement, the Credit Union Bylaws or Code of Regulations (Bylaws), Credit Union policies, and any amendments, including additions, deletions, or other changes, made to these documents from time to time that collectively govern your membership, accounts and services.

THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS AN ARBITRATION PROVISION – SEE SECTION 42 FOR MORE DETAILS.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT - To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account.

What this means for you: When you open an account, we will ask for your name, address, date of birth, if applicable, and other information that will allow us to identify you. We may also ask to see your driver's license or other identifying documents.

1. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY - To join the Credit Union, you must meet the membership requirements, which may include the purchase and maintenance of the minimum required share(s) (hereinafter membership share), paying a membership fee, or other requirement(s) as set forth in the Credit Union's bylaws. You authorize us to check your account, credit and employment history, and obtain reports from third parties, including credit and consumer reporting agencies, to verify your eligibility for the accounts, products and services you request and for other accounts, products, or services we may offer you or for which you may qualify.

2. SINGLE PARTY ACCOUNTS - A single party (individual) account is an account owned by one member who has qualified for credit union membership. If the account owner dies, the interest passes, subject to applicable law, to the account owner's estate or Payable on Death (POD) beneficiary/payee or trust beneficiary, subject to other provisions of this Agreement governing our protection for honoring transfer and withdrawal requests of an owner or owner's agent prior to notice of an owner's death, any security interest or pledge granted by the account owner, and our statutory lien rights.

3. MULTIPLE PARTY ACCOUNTS - An account established under the Maryland Multiple Party Accounts Law includes joint accounts, POD accounts and trust accounts. A joint account is an account owned by two or more persons.

a. Rights of Survivorship. Unless otherwise stated on the Account Card or documented through the Credit Union's online application and authentication process, a joint account includes rights of survivorship. This means that when one party dies, all sums in the account will pass to the surviving party(ies). For a joint account without rights of survivorship, the deceased party's interest passes to his or her estate. A surviving party's interest is subject to the Credit Union's statutory lien for the deceased party's obligations and to any security interest or pledge granted by a deceased party, even if a surviving party did not consent to it.

b. Control of Joint Accounts. Any party is authorized and deemed to act for any other party(ies) and may instruct us regarding transactions and other account matters. Each party guarantees the signature or authenticated request of any other party(ies). Any party may withdraw or transfer funds, pledge to us all or any part of the shares (except the membership share), or stop payment on items without the consent of the other party(ies). We have no duty to notify any party(ies) about any transaction. We reserve the right to require written consent of all parties for any change to or termination of an account. If we receive written notice of a dispute between parties or inconsistent instructions from them, we may suspend or terminate the account and require a court order or written consent from all parties in order to act.

c. Liability of Parties on an Account. If an item deposited in a joint account is returned unpaid, a joint account is overdrawn, or if we do not receive final payment on a transaction, the parties, jointly and severally, are liable to us for any returned item, overdraft, or unpaid amount and for any related fees and charges, regardless of who initiated or benefited from the transaction. If any party is indebted to us, we may enforce our rights against any account of the indebted party, including all funds in the joint account, regardless of who contributed the funds.

4. POD/TRUST ACCOUNT DESIGNATIONS - A Payable on Death (POD) account or trust account designation is an instruction to the Credit Union that an individual or joint account so designated is payable to the party(ies) during his, her, or their lifetimes and, when the last party dies, is payable to all surviving POD payees or trust beneficiaries. Unless state law provides for different ownership or as permitted and documented by us, the beneficiaries/payees will own the funds jointly in equal shares without rights of survivorship when there is more than one surviving beneficiary/payee. Any POD payee or trust beneficiary designation shall not apply to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). We are not obligated to notify any beneficiary/payee of the existence of any account nor the vesting of the beneficiary/payee's interest in any account, except as otherwise provided by law. This paragraph does not apply to an account held on behalf of or in the name of a trust.

5. ACCOUNTS FOR MINORS - If an account is established for a minor as a joint account with an owner who has reached the age of majority in accordance with state law, they are jointly and severally liable to us for any returned item, overdraft, or unpaid amount on such account and for any related fees and charges. We may pay funds directly to the minor regardless of their age. Unless a parent or guardian is an account owner, the parent or guardian will not have any access to the account. We have no duty to inquire about the use or purpose of any transaction except as required by

applicable law. We may not change the account status when the minor reaches the age of majority unless the change is authorized in writing by all account owners.

6. UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACCOUNT - A Uniform Transfers to Minors Account (UTMA) is an individual account created by a custodian who deposits funds as an irrevocable gift to a minor. The minor to whom the gift is made is the beneficiary of the custodial property in the account. The custodian has possession and control of the account for the exclusive right and benefit of the minor and, barring a court order otherwise, is the only party authorized to make deposits, withdrawals, or close the account. We have no duty to inquire about the use or purpose of any transaction except as required by applicable law. If the custodian dies, we may suspend the account until we receive instructions from any person authorized by law to withdraw funds or a court order authorizing withdrawals. The account will terminate and be distributed in accordance with applicable law.

7. CONVENIENCE ACCOUNT - A Convenience Account is an instruction to us that the owner authorizes another person (convenience person) to make transactions as agent for the account owner regarding the accounts designated. A convenience person has no ownership interest in the account(s) or credit union voting rights. We have no duty to inquire about the use or purpose of any transaction made by the convenience person except as required by applicable law.

8. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS REQUIREMENTS - Funds may be deposited to any account, in any manner approved by the Credit Union in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Truth-in-Savings Disclosure. Deposits made by mail, at night depositories, or at unstaffed facilities are not our responsibility until we receive them. We reserve the right to refuse or to return any deposit.

a. Endorsements. We may accept transfers, checks, drafts, and other items for deposit into any of your accounts if they are made payable to, or to the order of, one or more account owners even if they are not endorsed by all payees. You authorize us to supply missing endorsements of any owners if we choose. If a check, draft, or item that is payable to two or more persons is ambiguous as to whether it is payable to either or both, we may process the check, draft, or item as though it is payable to either person. If an insurance, government, or other check or draft requires an endorsement, we may require endorsement as set forth on the item. Endorsements must be made on the back of the check or draft within 1½ inches of the top edge, although we may accept endorsements outside this space. However, any loss we incur from a delay or processing error resulting from an irregular endorsement or other markings by you or any prior endorser will be your responsibility. If we offer a remote deposit capture service and you have been approved to use the service to make deposits to your account, you agree that, prior to transmitting check or draft images, you will restrictively endorse each original check or draft in accordance with any other agreement with us that governs this service.

b. Collection of Items. We act only as your agent and we are not responsible for handling items for deposit or collection beyond the exercise of ordinary care. We are not liable for the loss of an item in transit or the negligence of any correspondent. Each correspondent will only be liable for its own negligence. We may send any item for collection. Items drawn on an institution located outside the United States are handled on a collection basis only. You waive any notice of nonpayment, dishonor, or protest regarding items we purchase or receive for credit or collection to your account. We reserve the right to pursue collection of previously dishonored items at any time, including giving a payor financial institution extra time beyond any midnight deadline limits.

c. Restrictive Legends. Some checks and drafts contain restrictive legends or similar limitations on the front of the item. Examples of restrictive legends include "two signatures required," "void after 60 days," and "not valid over \$500.00." We are not liable for payment of any check or draft contrary to a restrictive legend or other limitation contained in or on the item unless we have specifically agreed in writing to the restriction or limitation.

d. Final Payment. All checks, drafts, automated clearing house (ACH) transfers or other items credited to your account are provisional until we receive final payment. If final payment is not received, we may charge your account for the amount of such items and impose a returned item fee on your account. Any collection fees we incur may be charged to your account. We reserve the right to refuse or return any item or fund transfer.

e. Direct Deposits. We may offer direct deposit services, including preauthorized deposits (e.g., payroll checks, Social Security or retirement checks, or other government checks) or preauthorized transfers from other accounts. You must authorize direct deposits or preauthorized transfers by completing a separate authorization document or process. You must notify us if you wish to cancel or change a direct deposit or preauthorized transfer. Any cancellation or change will become effective once we receive notice from you and have a reasonable period of time to act on your request. If your account is overdrawn, you authorize us to deduct the amount your account is overdrawn from any deposit, including deposits of government payments or benefits. If we are required to reimburse the U.S. Government for any benefit payment directly deposited into your account, we may deduct the amount returned from any of your accounts, unless prohibited by law.

f. Crediting of Deposits. Deposits made after the deposit cutoff time and deposits made on holidays or days other than our business days will be credited to your account on the next business day.

9. ACCOUNT ACCESS

a. Authorized Signature. Your signature on the Account Card, or authentication and approval of your account, authorizes your account access. We will not be liable for refusing to honor any item or instruction if we believe the signature is not genuine. If you have authorized the use of a facsimile signature, we may honor any check or draft that appears to bear your facsimile signature, even if it was made by an unauthorized person. You authorize us to honor transactions initiated by a third person to whom you have given your account information, even if you do not authorize a particular transaction.

b. Access Options. You may access your account(s) in any manner we permit including, for example, in person at one of our branch offices, at an ATM or point-of-sale device, or by mail, telephone, automatic transfer, internet access or mobile application. We may return as unpaid any check or draft drawn on a form we do not provide, and you are responsible for any losses, expenses or fees we incur as a result of handling such a check or draft. We have the right to review and approve any form of power of attorney and may restrict account withdrawals or transfers. We may refuse to honor a power of attorney if our refusal is conducted in accordance with applicable state law.

c. Credit Union Examination. We may disregard any information on any check or draft other than the signature of the drawer, the amount of the item, and any magnetic encoding. You agree that we do not fail to exercise ordinary care in paying an item solely because our procedures do not provide for sight examination of items.

d. Personal Identification Number (PIN) Authorization. Your personal identification number (PIN) is confidential and should not be shared with anyone. You are responsible for the proper safekeeping of your PIN. You agree not to disclose or otherwise make your PIN available to anyone not authorized to sign on your accounts. If you authorize anyone to use your PIN, that authority shall continue until you specifically revoke such authority by changing the PIN or by notifying the credit union and obtaining a replacement PIN. If you reveal your PIN to anyone or request that the credit union issue a PIN to anyone else, you have authorized that individual to transfer and withdraw funds from any of your accounts which may be accessed via the PIN, regardless of whether that person is authorized to transfer or withdraw funds from the account(s).

10. FUNDS TRANSFERS - Funds transfers we permit that are subject to Article 4A of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), such as wire transfers, will be subject to such provisions of the UCC as enacted by the state where the main office of the Credit Union is located, except as otherwise provided in

this Agreement. ACH transfers are subject to Nacha Operating Rules. We may execute certain requests for funds transfers by Fedwire which are subject to the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation J.

- a. Authorization for Transfers/Debiting of Accounts.** You may make or order funds transfers to or from your account. We will debit your account for the amount of a funds transfer from your account and will charge your account for any fees related to the transfer.
- b. Right to Refuse to Make Transfers/Limitation of Liability.** Unless we agree otherwise in writing, we reserve the right to refuse to execute any payment order to transfer funds to or from your account. We are not obligated to execute any payment order to transfer funds out of your account if the amount of the requested transfer plus applicable fees exceeds the available balance in your account. We are not liable for errors, delays, interruptions or transmission failures caused by third parties or circumstances beyond our control including mechanical, electronic or equipment failure. In addition, we will not be liable for consequential, special, punitive or indirect loss or damage you may incur in connection with funds transfers to or from your account.
- c. No Notice Required.** We will not provide you with notice when funds transfers are credited to your account. You will receive notice of such credits on your account statements. You may contact us to determine whether a payment has been received.
- d. Interest Payments.** If we fail to properly execute a payment order and such action results in a delay in payment to you, we will pay you dividends or interest, whichever applies to your account, for the period of delay as required by applicable law. You agree that the dividend or interest rate paid to you will be based on the lowest nominal dividend or interest rate we were paying on any account during that period.
- e. Provisional Credit for ACH Transactions.** We may provisionally credit your account for an ACH transfer before we receive final settlement. If we do not receive final settlement, we may reverse the provisional credit or require you to refund us the amount provisionally credited to your account, and the party originating the transfer will not be considered to have paid you.
- f. Payment Order Processing and Cut-off Times.** Payment orders we accept will be executed within a reasonable time of receipt. Unless we have agreed otherwise in writing, a payment order may not necessarily be executed on the date it is received or on a particular date you specify. Cut-off times may apply to the receipt, execution and processing of funds transfers, payment orders, cancellations, and amendments. Funds transfers, payment orders, cancellations, and amendments received after a cut-off time may be treated as having been received on the next funds transfer business day. Information about any cut-off times is available upon request. From time to time, we may need to temporarily suspend processing of a transaction for greater scrutiny or verification in accordance with applicable law. This action may affect settlement or availability of the transaction.
- g. Identifying Information.** If your payment order identifies the recipient and any financial institution by name and account or other identifying number, the Credit Union and any other financial institutions facilitating the transfer may rely strictly on the account or other identifying number, even if the number identifies a different person or financial institution.
- h. Amendments and Cancellations of Payment Orders.** Any account owner may amend or cancel a payment order regardless of whether that person initiated the order. We may refuse requests to amend or cancel a payment order that we believe will expose the Credit Union to liability or loss. Any request to amend or cancel a payment order that we accept will be processed within a reasonable time after it is received. You agree to hold us harmless from and indemnify us for all losses and expenses resulting from any actual or attempted amendment or cancellation of a payment order.
- i. Security Procedures.** We may require you to follow a security procedure to execute, amend or cancel a payment order so that we may verify the authenticity of the order, amendment or cancellation. You agree that the security procedure established by separate agreement between you and the Credit Union is commercially reasonable. If you refuse to follow a commercially reasonable security procedure that we offer, you agree to be bound by any payment order, whether authorized or not, that is issued in your name and accepted by us in good faith in accordance with the security procedure you choose.
- j. Duty to Report Unauthorized or Erroneous Funds Transfers.** You must exercise ordinary care to identify and report unauthorized or erroneous funds transfers on your account. You agree that you will review your account(s) and periodic statement(s). You further agree you will notify us of any unauthorized or erroneous transfers within the time frames described in the "Statements" section of this Agreement.
- k. Recording Telephone Requests.** You agree that we may record payment order, amendment and cancellation requests as permitted by applicable law.
- l. Remittance Transfers.** A "remittance transfer" is an electronic transfer of funds of more than \$15.00 which is requested by a sender and sent to a designated recipient in a foreign country by a remittance transfer provider. If we act as a remittance transfer provider and conduct a remittance transfer(s) on your behalf, the transaction(s) will be governed by 12 C.F.R. part 1005, subpart B - Requirements for remittance transfers. Terms applicable to such transactions may vary from those disclosed herein and will be disclosed to you at the time such services are requested and rendered in accordance with applicable law.

11. REAL-TIME PAYMENTS - You may send and receive certain payments or payment-related messages through a real-time payments system, such as The Clearing House's Real-Time Payment (RTP®) network or the Federal Reserve's FedNow® Service. Real-time payments, or instant payments, allow you to have immediate availability of these funds twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and fifty-two (52) weeks a year. These payments may be subject to transaction limits and settlement is final and irrevocable. Real-time payments are intended for domestic payments only. Payments sent or received by a person outside of the United States are prohibited. Transfers using a real-time payments system are subject to the applicable operating or governing rules of the real-time payments system used, as well as Article 4A of the UCC as adopted by the state in which we are located, the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E), and the rules of OFAC.

12. ACCOUNT RATES AND FEES - We pay account earnings and assess fees against your account as set forth in the Truth-in-Savings Disclosure and Schedule of Fees and Charges. We may change the Truth-in-Savings Disclosure or Schedule of Fees and Charges at any time and will notify you as required by law.

13. TRANSACTION LIMITATIONS

- a. Withdrawal Restrictions.** We will pay checks or drafts, permit withdrawals, and make transfers from the available balance in your account. The availability of funds in your account may be delayed as described in our Funds Availability Policy Disclosure. We may also pay checks or drafts, permit withdrawals, and make transfers when you have an insufficient available balance in your account if you have established an overdraft protection plan or, if you do not have such a plan with us, in accordance with our overdraft payment policy.

We may refuse to allow a withdrawal in some situations and will advise you accordingly if, for example: (1) there is a dispute between account owners (unless a court has ordered the Credit Union to allow the withdrawal); (2) a legal garnishment or attachment is served; (3) the account secures any obligation to us; (4) required documentation has not been presented; (5) you fail to repay a credit union loan on time; or (6) we deem it

necessary for any other reason allowed by applicable law. We may require you to give written notice of 7 to 60 days before any intended withdrawals.

b. Transfer Limitations. We may limit the dollar amount or the number of transfers from your account. Please consult your Truth-in-Savings Disclosure or your Electronic Fund Transfers Agreement and Disclosure.

14. CERTIFICATE ACCOUNTS - Any term share, share certificate, time deposit or certificate of deposit account (certificate account), whichever we offer as allowed by applicable federal or state law, is subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Truth-in-Savings Disclosure, the Account Receipt for each account, and any other documents we provide for the account, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

15. OVERDRAFTS

a. Understanding Current Balance, Available Balance, Overdraft Services, and Overdraft Coverage Options. The following is important information regarding your account balance, how items are posted to your account, and when an overdraft fee will be charged. **PLEASE READ THIS PROVISION CAREFULLY.** We are not obligated to pay any item presented against your account if the available balance in the account is insufficient or uncollected. In our sole discretion, we may pay an item even if the available balance in the account is insufficient or uncollected and if we do, you agree that we may charge the amount of the overdraft against any account from which any owner on the account is entitled to withdraw funds. Below is additional information concerning overdrafts and when overdraft fees will be assessed. "Overdraft" means there is not enough available balance in your account to pay for an item. Your account has two kinds of balances: the "current" balance and the "available" balance. Both can be checked when you review your account online, at an ATM, by phone, or at a branch. It is important to know how the two balances differ so you understand when an overdraft fee will be assessed. Your "current" balance is the total amount of funds in your account, without considering any deposit holds or preauthorization holds. Your "available" balance is the amount of funds in your account that are available to you to use without incurring an overdraft fee. The available balance does not include deposits before they are fully credited to your account and pending items (such as pending debit card purchases) that have been authorized but that have not yet posted to your account. For example, if you purchase gas at a gas station using your debit card, a merchant may seek authorization of the transaction before you complete your purchase. In this case, a temporary authorization hold may be placed against the available funds in your account, but the actual purchase amount may not be posted to your account until one or more days after the temporary authorization hold was placed. This results in an available balance that is less than the current balance for the period of time between the authorization and the posting of the debit. For purposes of determining whether your account is overdrawn, we will determine your available balance at the time an item is presented for payment (see "Order of Payment" below). In addition, it is very important to understand that you may overdraw your account even though the available balance or current balance appears to show that there are sufficient funds to cover an item that you want to make. To accurately assess your available and current balance at any given time, it is very important that you keep an accurate running balance of all your transactions. In all cases where an item is presented against insufficient available funds, whether or not we pay it, you agree to pay an overdraft fee in the amount specified in our Fee Schedule, which is updated periodically. If an item is represented against insufficient available funds, you may incur an overdraft fee for each presentment. Because we may receive multiple deposit and withdrawal items in connection with your account in many different forms throughout each day, you may be charged more than one overdraft fee if we pay multiple items when your account is overdrawn. We offer a Standard Overdraft Service, under which (in our discretion) we may pay checks, and other transactions made using your account, Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions, and automatic bill payments presented against your checking account when you do not have enough available balance to cover these transactions. If you opt-in to our Optional Overdraft Service, we may also pay Automated Teller Machine (ATM) transactions and one time debit card transactions. If your checking account does not have sufficient available balance to cover transactions, we can also transfer available funds from a linked savings account or a Preferred Line of Credit. The Preferred Line of Credit is a loan product requiring a credit application. Interest charges may apply. Refer to the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the current fee for linked savings overdraft transfer coverage.

b. How Transactions are Posted to Your Account. Basically, there are two types of transactions that affect your account: credits (deposits of money into your account) and debits (payments out of your account). It is important to understand how each is applied to your account so that you know how much money you have and how much is available to you at any given time. This section explains generally how and when we post transactions to your account.

Credits. Deposits are generally added to your account when we receive them. However, in some cases when you deposit a check, the full amount of the deposit may not be available to you at the time of deposit. Please refer to the Funds Availability Policy Disclosure for details regarding the timing and availability of funds from deposits.

Debits. There are several types of debit transactions. Common debit transactions are generally described below. Keep in mind that there are many ways transactions are presented for payment by merchants, and we are not necessarily in control of when transactions are received.

- **Checks.** When you write a check, it is processed through the Federal Reserve system. We receive data files of cashed checks from the Federal Reserve each day. The checks drawn on your account are compiled from these data files and paid each day. We process the payments contained in the data file at the end of the business day.
- **ACH Payments.** We receive data files every day from the Federal Reserve with Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions. These include, for example, automatic bill payments you have authorized. ACH transactions for your account are posted throughout the day, as the files are received. Items in each file are posted: credits first, then debits..
- **PIN-Based Debit Card Purchase Transactions.** These are purchase transactions using your debit card for which a merchant may require you to enter your personal identification number (PIN) at the time of sale. They are processed through a PIN debit network. These transactions are similar to ATM withdrawal transactions because the money is usually deducted from your account immediately at the time of the transaction. However, depending on the merchant, a PIN-based transaction may not be immediately presented for payment.
- **Signature-Based Debit Card Purchase Transactions.** These are purchase transactions using your debit card that are processed through a signature-based network. Rather than entering a PIN, you typically sign for the purchase; however, merchants may not require your signature for certain transactions. Merchants may seek authorization for these types of transactions. The authorization request places a hold on funds in your account when the authorization is completed. This is referred to as an "authorization hold". An authorization hold will reduce your available balance by the amount authorized but will not affect your actual balance. The transaction is subsequently processed by the merchant and submitted to us for payment. This can happen hours or sometimes days after the transaction, depending on the merchant and its payment processor. These payment requests are received in real time throughout the day and are posted to your account when they are received.

The amount of an authorization hold may differ from the actual payment because the final transaction amount may not yet be known to the merchant when you present your card for payment. For example, if you use your debit card at a restaurant, a hold will be placed in an amount equal to the bill presented to you; but when the transaction posts, it will include any tip that you may have added to the bill. The amount of an authorization hold may also differ from the final transaction amount when you present your debit card for

payment at gas stations, hotels and certain other retail establishments. We cannot control how much a merchant asks us to authorize, or when a merchant submits a transaction for payment.

This is a general description of certain types of transactions. These practices may change, and we reserve the right to pay items in any order we choose as permitted by law.

Please refer to the Overdraft Protection Disclosure and the ATM & 1 Time Debit Opt In form, "What you Need to Know about Overdrafts and Overdraft Fees" for more detailed information and current eligibility criteria. Current overdraft fees can be found on the Schedule of Fees and Charges. **If you have any questions about how we process transactions, your balances, or overdrafts, please call (410) 752-8313.**

16. POSTDATED AND STALEDATED CHECKS OR DRAFTS - You agree not to issue any check or draft that is payable on a future date (postdated). If you do draw or issue a check or draft that is postdated and we pay it before that date, you agree that we shall have no liability to you for such payment. You agree not to deposit checks, drafts, or other items before they are properly payable. We are not obligated to pay any check or draft drawn on your account that is presented more than six months past its date; however, if the check or draft is paid against your account, we will have no liability for such payment.

17. STOP PAYMENT ORDERS

a. Stop Payment Order Request. Any owner may request a stop payment order on a check or draft drawn on the owner's account. To be binding, the order must accurately describe the check or draft, including the exact account number, check or draft number, and amount of the check or draft. This exact information is necessary for the Credit Union to identify the check or draft. If we receive incorrect or incomplete information, we will not be responsible for failing to stop payment on the check or draft. In addition, we must receive sufficient advance notice of the stop payment order to allow us a reasonable opportunity to act on it. If we recredit your account after paying a check or draft over a valid and timely stop payment order, you agree to sign a statement describing the dispute with the payee, to assign to us all of your rights against the payee or other holders of the check or draft, and to assist us in any legal action. Fees for stop payment orders are set forth in the Truth-in-Savings Disclosure or Schedule of Fees and Charges.

b. Duration of Order. You may make an oral stop payment order which will lapse within 14 calendar days unless you confirm it in writing, or in a record if allowed by applicable law, within that time. A written stop payment order is effective for six months and may be renewed for additional six-month periods by submitting a renewal request in writing, or in a record if allowed by applicable law, before the stop payment order then in effect expires. We do not have to notify you when a stop payment order expires.

c. Liability. Although payment of a check or draft may be stopped, you may remain liable to any holder of the check or draft, including us. You have the burden of establishing the fact and amount of loss resulting from the payment of a check or draft contrary to a binding stop payment order. You agree to indemnify and hold the Credit Union harmless from all costs, including attorney's fees and all damages or claims related to our refusal to pay a check or draft, as well as claims of any joint account owner or of any payee or endorsee for failing to stop payment of a check or draft as a result of incorrect information provided by you.

d. Items Subject to Other Rules. For cashier's checks, teller's checks, or certified checks that have been lost, destroyed, or stolen, refer to provisions elsewhere in this Agreement which describe the claims process for recovering the amount of such a check. For preauthorized debit transactions, which are governed by Regulation E, refer to the Electronic Fund Transfers Agreement and Disclosure for rules regarding stop payments on such transactions.

18. LOST, DESTROYED, OR STOLEN CASHIER'S CHECKS, TELLER'S CHECKS, OR CERTIFIED CHECKS - Generally, you cannot place a stop payment on a cashier's check, teller's check, or certified check that has been lost, destroyed, or stolen because the law treats these types of checks differently than ordinary checks. However, you may be able to assert a claim for the amount of the check. Article 3 of the UCC as adopted by the state in which we are located controls your and our rights and obligations with respect to these types of checks. Please contact us regarding the specific procedures for submitting a claim for a lost, destroyed, or stolen cashier's check, teller's check, or certified check.

19. CREDIT UNION LIABILITY - If we do not properly complete a transaction according to this Agreement, we will be liable for your losses or damages not to exceed the amount of the transaction, except as otherwise provided by law. We will not be liable if, for example: (1) your account contains an insufficient available balance for the transaction; (2) circumstances beyond our control prevent the transaction; (3) your loss is caused by your or another financial institution's negligence; or (4) your account funds are subject to legal process or other claim. We will not be liable for consequential damages, except liability for wrongful dishonor. We are not responsible for a check or draft that is paid by us if we acted in a commercially reasonable manner and exercised ordinary care. We exercise ordinary care if our actions or nonactions are consistent with applicable state law, Federal Reserve regulations and operating letters, clearing house rules, and general financial institution practices followed in the area we serve. You grant us the right, in making payments of deposited funds, to rely exclusively on the form of the account and the terms of this Agreement. Any conflict regarding what you and our employees say or write will be resolved by reference to this Agreement.

20. CHECKS OR DRAFTS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT IN PERSON - We may refuse to accept any check or draft drawn on your account that is presented for payment in person. Such refusal shall not constitute a wrongful dishonor of the check or draft, and we shall have no liability for refusing payment. If we agree to cash a check or draft that is presented for payment in person, we may require the presenter to pay a fee. Any applicable check or draft cashing fees are stated in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

21. REMOTELY CREATED CHECKS OR DRAFTS - For purposes of this paragraph, "account" means a transaction account, credit account, or any other account on which checks or drafts may be drawn. A remotely created check or draft is a check or draft created by someone other than the person on whose account the check or draft is drawn. A remotely created check or draft is generally created by a third-party payee as authorized by the owner of the account on which the check or draft is drawn. Authorization is usually made over the telephone or through online communication. The owner of the account does not sign a remotely created check or draft. In place of the owner's signature, the remotely created check or draft usually bears a statement that the owner authorized the check or draft or bears the owner's printed or typed name. If you authorize a third party to draw a remotely created check or draft against your account, you may not later revoke or change your authorization. It is your responsibility to resolve any authorization issues directly with the third party. We are not required to credit your account and may charge against your account any remotely created check or draft for which the third party has proof of your authorization.

Unacceptable ATM Deposits:

You agree that the following items will not be considered an acceptable ATM deposit under this agreement. Deposits of the nature described below will result in the immediate reversal of the deposit to your account and may result in the suspension of this and other electronic services. A deposit reversal means the amount of the item deposited will be removed from your account and will reduce your account balance. The reversal may also result in a negative account balance on your account to include fees and the declining of subsequent transactions.

Unacceptable ATM deposits include the following:

- **Your Personal Check** - ATM deposit of checks drawn on a MECU account which you are the owner - The ATM deposit of a personal check that is drawn on the account holder's checking account at MECU.
- **Non-Negotiable Items** - ATM deposit of any item stamped with a "non-negotiable" watermark.
- **Altered Checks** - An altered check is any check that contains evidence of a change (correction fluid, crossed out amounts, etc.) to information on the face of the check.
- **Foreign Checks** - A foreign check is any check that is issued to you by a financial institution in another country (Canada, France, etc.).
- **Incomplete Items** - An incomplete item is a check that does not contain signatures of the maker, endorsement signatures, date, made payable to an individual, etc.
- **Third Party Checks** - Checks made payable to another individual and then signed over to you by endorsing the back of the check.
- **Stale Dated Checks** - Checks not cashed within six months of issue date or checks containing instructions such as: "Void 90 days after issue date."
- **Savings Bonds**

Processing Fees:

You agree to immediately reimburse MECU for any negative balance in your account caused by an ATM Deposit. In the event legal action is required, you agree to pay MECU for its reasonable attorney's fees and court costs. If your use of an ATM Deposit causes a negative balance in your account, you also agree to pay MECU's overdraft fee.

MECU will not be liable for negative balances on accounts caused by the non-payment of checks due to insufficient funds, delays in the mail service or for any action by the member or authorized user of the account that results in the reversal of an ATM deposit on the account.

We reserve the right to discontinue the service or to suspend account access at any time due to a change in business conditions or the failure of any member to abide by any of MECU Agreements and Disclosures.

22. PLEDGE, RIGHT OF OFFSET AND STATUTORY LIEN - Unless prohibited by law, you pledge and grant as security for all obligations you may have now or in the future, except obligations secured by your principal residence, all shares and dividends and all deposits and interest, if any, in all accounts you have with us now and in the future. If you pledge a specific dollar amount in your account(s) for a loan, we will freeze the funds in your account(s) to the extent of the outstanding balance of the loan or, if greater, the amount of the pledge if the loan is a revolving loan. Otherwise, funds in your pledged account(s) may be withdrawn unless you are in default. You agree we have the right to offset funds in any of your accounts against the obligation owed to us. Federal or state law (depending upon whether we have a federal or state charter) gives us a lien on all shares and dividends and all deposits and interest, if any, in accounts you have with us now and in the future. Except as limited by federal or state law, the statutory lien gives us the right to apply the balance of all your accounts to any obligation on which you are in default. After you are in default, we may exercise our statutory lien rights without further notice to you.

Your pledge and our statutory lien rights will allow us to apply the funds in your account(s) to what you owe when you are in default, except as limited by federal or state law. If we do not apply or offset the funds in your account(s) to satisfy your obligation, we may place an administrative freeze on your account(s) in order to protect our statutory lien rights and may apply or offset the funds in your account(s) to the amount you owe us at a later time. The statutory lien and your pledge do not apply to any Individual Retirement Account or any other account that would lose special tax treatment under federal or state law if given as security. By not enforcing our right to apply or offset funds in your account(s) to your obligations that are in default, we do not waive our right to enforce these rights at a later time.

23. LEGAL PROCESS - In the event of any dispute involving your account or any funds in your account, including any legal action that is brought or threatened in connection with your account, we: (a) continue to act in accordance with the applicable signature card and the terms of this Agreement; (b) place a hold on the account or on a portion of the funds in the account until any dispute is resolved to our satisfaction; (c) pay out funds according to any court order; or (d) initiate an interpleader or similar court proceeding and pay any disputed funds into court for subsequent determination by such court. You agree that we may, without notice, deduct from any account you maintain any expenses related to any such dispute/legal action, including any attorney's fees and/or court costs we incur, except to the extent prohibited by law. You agree that any legal process against your account is subject to our lien and security interest.

24. ACCOUNT INFORMATION - Upon request, we will give you the name and address of each agency from which we obtain a credit report regarding your account. We agree not to disclose account information to third parties except when: (1) it is necessary to complete a transaction; (2) the third party seeks to verify the existence or condition of your account in accordance with applicable law; (3) such disclosure complies with the law or a government agency or court order; or (4) you give us written permission.

25. NOTICES

a. Name or Address Changes. You are responsible for notifying us of any name or address change. The Credit Union is only required to attempt to communicate with you at the most recent address you have provided to us. We may require all name and address changes to be provided in writing. If we attempt to locate you, we may impose a service fee as set forth in the Truth-in-Savings Disclosure or Schedule of Fees and Charges.

b. Notice of Amendments. Except as prohibited by applicable law, we may amend this Agreement by adding, removing, or changing terms at any time. We will notify you, in a manner we deem appropriate under the circumstances, of any changes in terms, rates or fees as required by law. We reserve the right to waive any terms of this Agreement. Any such waiver shall not affect our right to future enforcement.

c. Effect of Notice. Any written notice you give us is effective when we receive it. Any written notice we give to you is effective when it is provided electronically or is deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid and addressed to you at your statement mailing address, and will be effective whether or not received by you. Notice to any account owner is considered notice to all account owners.

d. Electronic Notices. If you have agreed to receive notices electronically, we may send you notices electronically and discontinue mailing paper notices to you until you notify us that you wish to reinstate receiving paper notices.

26. TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND BACKUP WITHHOLDING - You agree that we may withhold taxes from any dividends or interest earned on your account as required by federal, state or local law or regulations. Your failure to furnish a correct Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or meet other requirements may result in backup withholding. If your account is subject to backup withholding, we must withhold and pay to the Internal Revenue Service a percentage of dividends, interest, and certain other payments. If you fail to provide your TIN within a reasonable time, we may suspend opening your account or close your account and return the balance to you, less any applicable service fees.

27. USA PATRIOT ACT - It is the policy of MECU that it will not establish an account relationship with an individual or allow an individual to become a signatory party to an account relationship until the required USA PATRIOT Act information about the individual is obtained. It is further the policy of

MECU that it will not establish an account relationship with an entity until the required USA PATRIOT Act information about the entity is obtained, with the following exception. If the person is a newly formed legal entity and does not have a Taxpayer Identification Number, but provides evidence that a Taxpayer Identification Number has been applied for, then the account may be opened. In such case, the member will be required to provide his/her Taxpayer Identification Number within five (5) weeks of the date that the account is opened. If the Taxpayer Identification Number is not provided, the account shall be closed.

28. STATEMENTS

a. Contents. If we provide a periodic statement for your account, you will receive a periodic statement that shows the transactions and activity on your account during the statement period as required by applicable law. If a periodic statement is provided, you agree that only one statement is necessary for joint accounts. For share draft or checking accounts, you understand and agree that your original check or draft, when paid, becomes property of the Credit Union and may not be returned to you, but copies of the check or draft may be retained by us or by payable-through financial institutions and may be made available upon your request. You understand and agree that statements are made available to you on the date they are mailed to you or, if you have requested, on the date they are made available to you electronically. You also understand and agree that checks, drafts, or copies thereof are made available to you on the date the statement is mailed to you or is provided to you electronically, even if the checks or drafts do not accompany the statement.

b. Examination. You are responsible for promptly examining each statement upon receiving it and reporting any irregularities to us. If you fail to report any irregularities such as forged, altered, unauthorized, unsigned, or otherwise fraudulent items drawn on your account, erroneous payments or transactions, or other discrepancies that are reflected on your statement within 33 days of the date we sent or otherwise provided the statement to you, we will not be responsible for your loss. We also will not be liable for any items that are forged or altered in a manner not detectable by a reasonable person, including the unauthorized use of facsimile signature equipment.

Unauthorized electronic fund transfers governed by Regulation E are subject to different reporting periods. Please refer to the Electronic Fund Transfers Agreement and Disclosure for reporting requirements pertaining to electronic fund transfers.

c. Notice to Credit Union. You agree that the Credit Union's retention of checks or drafts does not alter or waive your responsibility to examine your statements or the time limit for notifying us of any errors. The statement will be considered correct for all purposes, and we will not be liable for any payment made or charge to your account unless you notify us in writing within the above time limit for notifying us of any errors. If you fail to receive a periodic statement, you agree to notify us within 14 days of the time you regularly receive a statement.

d. Address. If we mail you a statement, we will send it to the last known address shown in our records. If you have requested to receive your statement electronically, we will send the statement or notice of statement availability to the last email address shown in our records.

29. INACTIVE ACCOUNTS - As allowed by applicable law, we may classify your account as inactive or dormant and assess a fee if you have not made any transactions in your account over a specified period of time. The period of inactivity, the fee for servicing an inactive or dormant account, and the minimum balance required to avoid the service fee, if any, are set forth in our Schedule of Fees and Charges. You authorize us to transfer funds from another account of yours to cover any service fees, if applicable. To the extent allowed by law, we reserve the right to transfer the account funds to an account payable or reserve account and to suspend any further account statements. If a deposit or withdrawal has not been made on the account and we have had no other sufficient contact with you within the period specified by state law, the account will then be presumed to be abandoned. Funds in abandoned accounts will be reported and remitted in accordance with state law. Once funds have been turned over to the state, we have no further liability to you for such funds. If you choose to reclaim such funds, you must apply to the appropriate state agency.

30. SPECIAL ACCOUNT INSTRUCTIONS - You may request that we facilitate certain trust, will, or court-ordered account arrangements. However, because we do not give legal advice, we cannot counsel you as to which account arrangement most appropriately meets the specific requirements of your trust, will, or court order. If you ask us to follow any instructions that we believe might expose us to claims, lawsuits, expenses, liabilities, or damages, whether directly or indirectly, we may refuse to follow your instructions or may require you to indemnify us or post a bond or provide us with other protection. We may require that account changes requested by you, or any account owner, such as adding or closing an account or service, be evidenced by a signed Account Change Card, Member Services Request, or other document which evidences a change to an account and accepted by us.

31. TERMINATION OF ACCOUNT - We may terminate your account at any time without notice to you or may require you to close your account and apply for a new account if, for example: (1) there is a change in owners or authorized signers; (2) there has been a forgery or fraud reported or committed involving your account; (3) there is a dispute as to the ownership of the account or of the funds in the account; (4) any checks or drafts are lost or stolen; (5) there are excessive returned unpaid items not covered by an overdraft protection plan; (6) there has been any misrepresentation or any other abuse of any of your accounts; (7) we reasonably deem it necessary to prevent a loss to us; or (8) as otherwise permitted by law. You may terminate an individual account by giving written notice. We reserve the right to require the consent of all owners to terminate a joint account. We are not responsible for payment of any check, draft, withdrawal, transaction, or other item after your account is terminated; however, if we pay an item after termination, you agree to reimburse us.

32. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP; LIMITATION OF SERVICES - You may terminate your membership by giving us written notice or by withdrawing your minimum required membership share, if any, and closing all of your accounts. You may be expelled from membership for any reason allowed by applicable law. We may restrict account access and services without notice to you when your account is being misused; you have demonstrated conduct which is abusive in nature; as outlined in any policy we have adopted regarding restricting services; or as otherwise permitted by law.

33. DEATH OR INCOMPETENCE - We may honor all transfer orders, withdrawals, deposits, and other transactions on an account until we know of a member's death or adjudication of incompetence. Even with such knowledge, we may continue to pay checks or drafts drawn on the deceased member's account for a period of ten days after the member's death unless we receive instructions from any person claiming an interest in the account to stop payment on the checks or drafts. To the extent permitted by law, we may require anyone claiming funds from a deceased owner's account to indemnify us for any losses we sustain if we honor that claim. This Agreement will be binding upon any heirs or legal representatives of any account owner.

34. UNLAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES - You agree that you are not engaged in unlawful internet gambling or any other illegal activity. You agree that you will not use any of your accounts, access devices or services for unlawful internet gambling or other illegal activities. We may terminate your account relationship if you engage in unlawful internet gambling or other illegal activities.

35. SEVERABILITY - If a court holds any portion of this Agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be invalid or unenforceable and will continue in full force and effect. All headings are intended for reference only and are not to be construed as part of the Agreement.

36. ENFORCEMENT - You are liable to us for any losses, costs, or expenses we incur resulting from your failure to follow this Agreement. You authorize us to deduct any such losses, costs, or expenses from your account without prior notice to you. If we bring a legal action to collect any amount

due under or to enforce this Agreement, we shall be entitled, subject to applicable law, to payment of reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including fees on any appeal, bankruptcy proceedings, and any post judgment collection actions.

37. GOVERNING LAW - This Agreement is governed by the following, as amended from time to time: the Credit Union's bylaws; local clearing house and other payment system rules; federal laws and regulations, including applicable principles of contract law; and the laws and regulations of the state of Maryland. As permitted by applicable law, you agree that any legal action regarding this Agreement shall be brought in the county in which the Credit Union is located.

38. NEGATIVE INFORMATION NOTICE - We may report information about your loan, share, or deposit accounts to credit bureaus. Late payments, missed payments, or other defaults on your accounts may be reflected in your credit report.

39. MONITORING AND RECORDING COMMUNICATIONS - We may monitor and record communications between you and us, including telephone conversations, electronic messages, electronic records, or other data transmissions that affect your accounts or other products and services. Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, you agree we may monitor and record such communications without your approval or further notice to you.

40. FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION - As permitted by law, we may act or decline to act to prevent, stop, or mitigate financial exploitation of an adult. For example, we may: (1) delay, decline, or place a hold on a transaction or disbursement involving the adult; (2) approve or deny other requests or modifications to the account, such as a transfer of funds, change in ownership, or change in beneficiaries; or (3) notify a third party of the financial exploitation. We will not be liable for the actions we take on the account if we act in good faith and exercise reasonable care. For purposes of this section, "adult" means vulnerable adult, elder adult, senior adult, eligible adult, or other person as defined by applicable law.

41. FIDUCIARY ACCOUNTS - If you open an account in a fiduciary capacity (for example, as a trustee, guardian, or personal representative), you agree that you are acting under contract or state or federal law, regulation, or judicial authority and that in such capacity, you act for the benefit of one or more beneficiaries (for example, trust beneficiaries, wards, or an estate of a decedent). You certify to the Credit Union: (a) any account established by you as a fiduciary is subject to your order, restricted only by limitations imposed by any judicial order of which the Credit Union has had prior notice and a reasonable opportunity to act; (b) any funds deposited into or withdrawn from any account established by you as a fiduciary are properly within your custody and control and may be lawfully deposited, withdrawn, or otherwise handled by you based on authority duly vested in you; (c) the Credit Union has no duty to verify your authority to take any action on any beneficiary's behalf, except as expressly provided otherwise by a judicial order of which the Credit Union has had prior notice and a reasonable opportunity to act; and (d) all acts previously taken by you in connection with any beneficiary's funds are hereby ratified and confirmed. You agree to indemnify and hold the Credit Union harmless from and against any loss or damage arising from any of your actions or inactions.

42. BINDING ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES BY ARBITRATION: THIS SECTION CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ACCOUNTS AND ALL RELATED SERVICES. IT PROVIDES THAT EITHER YOU OR WE CAN REQUIRE THAT ANY DISPUTES BE RESOLVED BY BINDING ARBITRATION. ARBITRATION REPLACES THE RIGHT TO GO TO COURT, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL AND THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION OR SIMILAR PROCEEDING. IN ARBITRATION, THE DISPUTE IS SUBMITTED TO A NEUTRAL PARTY, AN ARBITRATOR, INSTEAD OF A JUDGE OR JURY. ARBITRATION PROCEDURES MAY BE MORE LIMITED THAN RULES APPLICABLE IN COURT.

Agreement to Arbitrate Disputes.

Either you or we may elect, without the other's consent, to require that any dispute between us concerning your accounts and the services related to your accounts be resolved by binding arbitration, except for those disputes specifically excluded below.

This arbitration provision is entered into pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 – 16 (the "FAA"). This agreement to arbitrate applies to transactions involving interstate commerce.

Disputes Covered by Arbitration.

Claims or disputes between you and us arising out of or relating to your account(s), transactions involving your account(s), safe deposit box, and any related service with us are subject to arbitration. Any claims or disputes arising from or relating to this Agreement, any prior account agreement between us, or the advertising, the application for, or the approval or establishment of your account(s) are also included. Claims are subject to arbitration, regardless of what theory they are based on or whether they seek legal or equitable remedies. Arbitration applies to any and all such claims or disputes, whether they arose in the past, may currently exist or may arise in the future. Disputes also include claims or disputes relating to the enforceability, validity, scope or interpretation of this arbitration provision. Any questions about whether disputes are subject to arbitration shall be resolved by interpreting this arbitration provision in the broadest way the law will allow it to be enforced. All such disputes are referred to in this section as "Claims".

An exception to arbitration of Claims is that both you and we have the right to pursue a Claim in a small claims court instead of arbitration, if the Claim is in that court's jurisdiction and proceeds on an individual basis. Claims or disputes arising from your status as a borrower under any loan agreement with the Credit Union are also excluded from this arbitration provision.

No Class Action or Joinder of Parties.

YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND WE AGREE THAT NO CLASS ACTION, CLASS-WIDE ARBITRATION, PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION, OR OTHER PROCEEDING WHERE SOMEONE ACTS IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY, MAY BE PURSUED IN ANY ARBITRATION OR IN ANY COURT PROCEEDING, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE OR ACCRUED, OR WHEN THE ALLEGATIONS OR FACTS UNDERLYING THE CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION OCCURRED. Unless mutually agreed to by you and us, claims of two or more persons may not be joined, consolidated, or otherwise brought together in the same arbitration (unless those persons are joint account holders or beneficiaries on your account and/or related accounts, or parties to a single transaction or related transaction), whether or not the claim may have been assigned.

Right to Reject This Arbitration Provision.

You have the right to opt out of this arbitration provision if you tell us within 30 days of first being sent or offered a copy of our Agreement with this arbitration provision. To opt out, send us notice via U.S. mail or e-mail that you reject this arbitration provision, including your name as listed on your account and your account number to the following address or e-mail address:

MECU
P.O. Box 17509
Baltimore, Maryland 21202
optout@mecu.com

Otherwise, this arbitration provision will apply without limitation, regardless of whether 1) your account is closed; 2) you pay us in full any outstanding debt you owe; or 3) you file for bankruptcy.

30 Days to Resolve Claims.

Before you start an arbitration, you agree to write to us at our address above (or any changed address that we have provided to you in writing) and give us a reasonable opportunity to resolve your Claim. Your letter must tell us your name and account number, describe your Claim, including the dollar amount of your Claim, and describe any other information you need from us. Before we start an arbitration, we must write to you at your address in our records (or any changed address that you have told us about in writing), describe our Claim, including the dollar amount of our Claim, and give you a reasonable opportunity to resolve the Claim. We each have 30 days from receipt of notice to resolve the Claim before starting an arbitration.

The Arbitration Proceeding.

The arbitration must be filed with one of the following neutral arbitration forums: American Arbitration Association ("AAA") or JAMS. For AAA, the arbitration will be conducted in accordance with the AAA Consumer Due Process Protocol in concert with the AAA Consumer Arbitration Rules. For JAMS, the arbitration will be conducted in accordance with the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures. If there is a conflict between a particular provision of the AAA or JAMS Rules and this arbitration provision and/or the Agreement will control. If JAMS or the AAA is unable or unwilling to handle the claim for any reason, then the matter shall be arbitrated by a neutral arbitrator selected by agreement of the parties (or, if the parties cannot agree, selected by a court in accordance with the FAA). The neutral arbitrator selected by the parties or the court shall apply the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Procedure concerning discovery, except that the above class action waiver is specifically enforceable notwithstanding any Federal Rule of Procedure to the contrary. The arbitration award must be a reasoned decision that is in writing. Any award must be kept confidential.

Costs.

The party initiating the arbitration shall pay the initial filing fee. If you file the arbitration and an award is rendered in your favor, we will reimburse you for your filing fee. If there is a hearing, we will pay the fees and costs of the arbitration for the first day of that hearing. All other fees and costs will be allocated in accordance with the rules of the arbitration forum. However, we will advance or reimburse filing and other fees if the arbitrator rules that you cannot afford to pay them or finds other good cause for requiring us to do so, or if you ask us in writing and we determine there is good reason for doing so. Each party shall bear the expense of their respective attorneys, experts, and witnesses and other expenses, regardless of who prevails, but a party may recover any or all costs and expenses from another party if the arbitrator, applying applicable law, so determines.

Right to Resort to Provisional Remedies Preserved.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit or constrain our right to resort to self-help remedies, such as the right of set-off or the right to restrain funds in an account, to interplead funds in the event of a dispute, to exercise any security interest or lien we may hold in property, or to comply with legal process, or to obtain provisional remedies such as injunctive relief, attachment, or garnishment by a court having appropriate jurisdiction; provided, however, that you or we may elect to arbitrate any dispute related to such provisional remedies.

Severability, Survival.

This arbitration provision shall survive (a) termination or changes to your accounts or any related services; (b) the bankruptcy of any party; and (c) the transfer or assignment of your accounts or any related services. If any portion of this arbitration provision is deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this arbitration provision shall remain in force. No portion of this arbitration provision may be amended, severed, or waived absent a written agreement between you and us.

Applicability

The requirement to arbitrate will not apply if you are considered a "Covered Borrower" under the Military Lending Act.

Additional Terms.

If any part of this arbitration provision is found by a court or arbitrator to be unenforceable, the remainder is enforceable, except that: (A) If the Class Action Waiver is limited, voided or found unenforceable in a proceeding between you and us, then this arbitration provision (except for this sentence) shall be null and void with respect to such proceeding, subject to the right to appeal the limitation or invalidation of the Class Action Waiver; and (B) if a Claim is brought seeking public injunctive relief and a court determines that the restrictions in the Class Action Waiver or elsewhere in this arbitration provision prohibiting the arbitrator from awarding relief on behalf of third parties are unenforceable with respect to such Claim (and that determination becomes final after all appeals have been exhausted), the Claim for public injunctive relief will be determined in court and any individual Claims seeking monetary relief will be arbitrated. In such a case the parties will request that the court stay the Claim for public injunctive relief until the arbitration award pertaining to individual relief has been entered in court. This arbitration provision will survive the termination of the Agreement, regardless of the reason for termination, the sale or assignment of your obligations by us to a third party, the repayment of some or all amounts owed under the Agreement and any bankruptcy by you, to the extent consistent with applicable bankruptcy law. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this arbitration provision, on the one hand, and the applicable arbitration rules or the other provisions of the Agreement, on the other hand, this arbitration provision shall govern. Except as otherwise stated in this arbitration provision, either you or we can compel arbitration in any court proceeding, regardless of which party filed suit. Either you or we can enforce an arbitration award. This arbitration provision does not stop you from filing a complaint with a federal, state, or local regulator.

43. CONSENT TO CONTACT - By signing or otherwise authenticating an Account Card, you agree we and/or our third-party providers, including debt collectors, may contact you by telephone call, text message, or voicemail transmission at any telephone number associated with your account, including wireless telephone numbers (i.e., cell phone numbers) which could result in charges to you, in order to service your account or collect any amounts owed to us, excluding any contacts for advertising and telemarketing purposes as prescribed by law. You further agree methods of contact may include use of pre-recorded or artificial voice messages, and/or use of an automatic dialing device. You may withdraw the consent to be contacted on your wireless telephone number(s) at any time by providing written notice to us at One South Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, by email to info1@mecu.com, via phone at 800-248-6328 or by any other reasonable means. If you have provided a wireless telephone number(s) on or in connection with any account, you represent and agree you are the wireless subscriber or customary user with respect to the wireless telephone number(s) provided and have the authority to give this consent. Furthermore, you agree to notify us of any change to the wireless telephone number(s) which you have provided to us.

In order to help mitigate harm to you and your account, we may contact you on any telephone number associated with your account, including a wireless telephone number (i.e., cell phone number), to deliver to you any messages related to suspected or actual fraudulent activity on your account, data security breaches or identity theft following a data breach, money transfers or any other exigent messages permitted by applicable law. These contacts will not contain any telemarketing, cross-marketing, solicitation, advertising, or debt collection message of any kind. The contacts will be concise and limited in frequency as required by law. You will have an opportunity to opt-out of such communications at the time of delivery.