# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

## **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 7, 2004

## **EQUIFAX INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia	1-6605	58-0401110 (IRS Employer	
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission File		
of Incorporation)	Number)	Identification No.)	

1550 Peachtree Street, N.W.	
Atlanta, Georgia	30309
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (404) 885-8000

## Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

(a) On September 8, 2004, Equifax Inc. ("Equifax") announced the closing of a trade receivables securitization transaction. Under the revolving credit facility provided as part of the transaction, a wholly owned finance subsidiary of Equifax, Equifax Receivables Finance LLC ("ERF"), may borrow, subject to certain terms and conditions, up to the lesser of a calculated funding base or \$125 million. ERF has granted the lender a security interest in domestic trade receivables that it will purchase from time to time from its parent company, Equifax Capital Management, Inc., a subsidiary of Equifax ("ECM"), as part of the credit facility, together with certain related rights and proceeds thereof. The credit facility will be revolving in nature and all or a portion of collections of receivables purchased by ERF under the credit facility may be used to pay a portion of the purchase price for trade receivables and related rights purchased by ERF from ECM from time to time, to pay ERF's operating expenses and, subject to certain restrictions, to make certain advances and distributions. Equifax will use the resulting net proceeds of the purchase price received by it from the sale of trade receivables under the securitization transaction for general corporate purposes. As of September 8, 2004, there were no outstanding borrowings under the credit facility.

The facility will be funded on a non-committed basis by Blue Ridge Funding Corporation ("Blue Ridge"), a multi-seller commercial paper conduit, and on a back-up basis by Wachovia Bank, National Association and certain other Liquidity Lenders from time to time. Wachovia Bank, National Association also acts as the Agent for Blue Ridge and the other lenders under the credit facility. The credit facility has an expiration date of September 6, 2005, but such facility may upon request by ERF be extended for an additional period of up to three years provided that certain specified conditions are satisfied. Loans will bear interest based on prevailing commercial paper rates, LIBOR or base rates plus a specified margin or costs. ECM provides for the servicing of the receivables. The credit facility may be terminated and the maturity date of amounts owing thereunder accelerated if ERF does not maintain a required minimum receivables balance, if certain ratios related to the collectibility of the receivables are not maintained, if there is a breach of certain representations, warranties or covenants, or under certain other specified circumstances. Equifax has guaranteed the performance of ECM as Servicer of the trade receivables. Outstanding debt under the ERF credit facility will be consolidated on Equifax's balance sheet for financial reporting purposes.

Filed herewith as Exhibits 10.1 through 10.4 are the principal agreements entered into by Equifax in connection with the trade receivables financing transaction. A copy of the press release dated September 8, 2004 relating to the trade receivables transaction is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01. The information in Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(b) Also filed herewith as Exhibits 10.5 through 10.9 are the form of award agreements used in connection with Equifax's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, and which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of Registrant. See Item 1.01(a) above.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (c) Exhibits

- 10.1 Credit and Security Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004, among Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, as Borrower, Equifax Capital Management, Inc., as Servicer, Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporation, the Liquidity Banks from time to time party thereto, and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Agent.
- 10.2 (First Step) Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 among Equifax Inc., Equifax Information Services LLC, Equifax Direct Marketing Solutions LLC, Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc. and Compliance Data Center, Inc., as Originators and Equifax Capital Management, Inc., as Buyer.
- 10.3 (Second Step) Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 between Equifax Capital Management, Inc., as Seller and Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, as Buyer.
- 10.4 Performance Undertaking dated as of September 7, 2004 between Equifax Inc. and Equifax Receivables Finance LLC..
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- 10.8 Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Equifax Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 10.9 Form of Deferred Share Award Agreement (restricted stock units) under the Equifax Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 99.1 Press release of Equifax Inc. dated September 8, 2004.

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ Donald T. Heroman
Name: Donald T. Heroman
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 8, 2004

## **Exhibit Index**

The following exhibits are being filed with this report:

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EXHIBIT 10.1

#### CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

AMONG

EQUIFAX RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC, AS BORROWER,

EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., AS SERVICER,

BLUE RIDGE ASSET FUNDING CORPORATION,

THE LIQUIDITY BANKS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO

AND

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS AGENT

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#### CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, dated as of September 7, 2004 is entered into by and among:

- (a) Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("BORROWER"),
- (b) Equifax Capital Management, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("ECM"), as initial Servicer (the Servicer together with Borrower, the "LOAN PARTIES" and each, a "LOAN PARTY"),
- (c) The entities listed on Schedule A to this Agreement (together with any of their respective successors and assigns hereunder, the "LIQUIDITY BANKS"),
- (d) Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("BLUE RIDGE"), and
- (e) Wachovia Bank, National Association, as agent for the Lenders hereunder or any successor agent hereunder (together with its successors and assigns hereunder, the "AGENT").

UNLESS DEFINED ELSEWHERE HEREIN, CAPITALIZED TERMS USED IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS ASSIGNED TO SUCH TERMS IN EXHIBIT I.

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

Borrower desires to borrow from the Lenders from time to time.

Blue Ridge may, in its absolute and sole discretion, make Advances to the Borrower from time to time.

In the event that Blue Ridge declines to make any Advance, the Liquidity Banks shall, at the request of Borrower, make Advances from time to time.

Wachovia Bank, National Association has been requested and is willing to act as Agent on behalf of Blue Ridge and the Liquidity Banks in accordance with the terms hereof.

#### ARTICLE I.

#### THE ADVANCES

Section 1.1 CREDIT FACILITY.

- (a) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof, from time to time prior to the Facility Termination Date:
- (i) Borrower may, at its option, request Advances from the Lenders in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the lesser of the Aggregate Commitment and the Borrowing Base (such lesser amount, the "BORROWING LIMIT"); and
- (ii) Blue Ridge may, at its option, make the requested Advance, or if Blue Ridge shall decline to make any Advance, except as otherwise provided in Section 1.2, the Liquidity Banks severally agree to make Loans in an aggregate principal amount equal to the requested Advance.

Each of the Advances, and all other Obligations, shall be secured by the Collateral as provided in Article XIII. It is the intent of Blue Ridge to fund all Advances by the issuance of Commercial Paper.

(b) Borrower may, upon at least 5 Business Days' written notice to the Agent, terminate in whole or reduce in part, ratably among the Liquidity Banks, the unused portion of the Aggregate Commitment; PROVIDED THAT each partial reduction of the Aggregate Commitment shall be in an amount equal to \$5,000,000 (or a larger integral multiple of \$1,000,000 if in excess thereof) and shall reduce the Commitments of the Liquidity Banks ratably in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares.

two (2) Business Days' prior notice in a form set forth as Exhibit II-A hereto of each Advance (each, a "BORROWING NOTICE"). Each Borrowing Notice shall be subject to Section 6.2 hereof and, except as set forth below, shall be irrevocable and shall specify the requested increase in Aggregate Principal (which shall not be less than \$1,000,000 or a larger integral multiple of \$100,000) and the Borrowing Date and, in the case of an Advance to be funded by the Liquidity Banks, the requested Interest Rate and Interest Period. Following receipt of a Borrowing Notice, the Agent will determine whether Blue Ridge agrees to make the requested Advance. If Blue Ridge declines to make a proposed Advance, Borrower may cancel the Borrowing Notice or, in the absence of such a cancellation, the Advance will be made by the Liquidity Banks. On the date of each Advance, upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions precedent set forth in Article VI, Blue Ridge or the Liquidity Banks, as applicable, shall authorize the release of a wire transfer, in immediately available funds to be deposited into the Facility Account, by 3:00 p.m. (New York time), an amount equal to (i) in the case of Blue Ridge, the principal amount of the requested Advance or (ii) in the case of a Liquidity Bank, such Liquidity Bank's Pro Rata Share of the principal amount of the requested Advance.

Section 1.3. DECREASES. Except as provided in Section 1.4, Borrower shall provide the Agent with prior written irrevocable notice in conformity with the Required Notice Period in the form set forth as Exhibit II-B hereto (a "REDUCTION NOTICE") of any proposed reduction of Aggregate Principal. Such Reduction Notice shall designate (i) the date (the "PROPOSED REDUCTION DATE") upon which any such reduction of Aggregate Principal shall occur (which date shall give effect to the applicable Required Notice Period), and (ii) the amount of Aggregate Principal to be reduced which shall be applied ratably to the Loans of Blue Ridge and the Liquidity Banks in accordance with the amount of principal (if any) owing to Blue Ridge, on the one hand, and the amount of principal (if any) owing to the Liquidity Banks (ratably, based on

their respective Pro Rata Shares), on the other hand (the "AGGREGATE REDUCTION"). Only one (1) Reduction Notice shall be outstanding at any time.

Section 1.4 DEEMED COLLECTIONS; BORROWING LIMIT.

If as of the last day of any Settlement Period:

(a) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of the Receivables as reflected in the preceding Monthly Report (net of any positive adjustments) has been reduced or cancelled for any of the following reasons:

(i) as a result of any rejected, defective or returned services or merchandise, any cash discount or any other adjustment by the Borrower, the applicable Originator or any Affiliate thereof (regardless of whether the same is treated by such Originator or Affiliate as a write-off), or as a result of any surcharge or other governmental or regulatory action, or

(ii) as a result of any setoff or breach of the underlying agreement in respect of any claim by the Obligor thereof against the Borrower, the applicable Originator or any Affiliate thereof (whether such claim arises out of the same or a related or an unrelated transaction), or

(iii) on account of the obligation of the Borrower, the applicable Originator or any Affiliate thereof to pay to the related Obligor any rebate or refund, or

(iv) the Outstanding Balance of any Receivable is less than the amount included in calculating the Net Pool Balance for purposes of any Monthly Report (for any reason other than such Receivable becoming a Defaulted Receivable), or

(v) any of the representations or warranties of the Borrower set forth in Section 5.1(i), (j), (r), (s), (t) or (u) were not true when made with respect to any Receivable.

then, in such event, the Borrower shall be deemed to have received a Collection in an amount equal to (A) the amount of such reduction, cancellation or overstatement, in the case of the preceding clauses (a)(i), (a)(ii), (a)(iii) and (a)(iv) or the difference between the actual Outstanding Balance and the amount included in respect of such Receivable in calculating the Net Pool Balance, as applicable, and (B) in the full amount of the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable in the case of the preceding clause (b).

(b) Borrower shall ensure that the Aggregate Principal at no time exceeds the Borrowing Limit. If at any time the Aggregate Principal exceeds the Borrowing Limit, Borrower shall pay to the Agent not later than the next succeeding Settlement Date an amount to be applied to reduce the Aggregate Principal (as allocated by the Agent), such that after giving effect to such payment the Aggregate Principal is less than or equal to the Borrowing Limit.

Section 1.5 PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS. All amounts to be paid or deposited by any Loan Party pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be paid or deposited in accordance with the terms hereof no later than 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on the day when due in immediately available funds, and if not received before 1:00 p.m. (New York time) shall be deemed to be received on the next succeeding Business Day. If such amounts are payable to a Lender they shall be paid to the Agent's Account, for the account of such Lender, until otherwise notified by the Agent. Upon notice to Borrower, the Agent may debit the Facility Account for all amounts due and payable hereunder. All computations of CP Costs, Interest, PER ANNUM fees calculated as part of any CP Costs, PER ANNUM fees hereunder and PER ANNUM fees under the Fee Letter shall be made on the basis of a year of 360 days for the actual number of days elapsed. If any amount hereunder shall be payable on a day which is not a Business Day, such amount shall be payable on the next succeeding Business Day.

Section 1.6 RATABLE LOANS; FUNDING MECHANICS; LIQUIDITY FUNDINGS.

- (a) Each Advance hereunder shall consist of one or more Loans made by Blue Ridge and/or the Liquidity Banks.
- (b) Each Lender funding any Loan shall wire transfer the principal amount of its Loan to the Agent in immediately available funds not later than 12:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the applicable Borrowing Date and, subject to its receipt of such Loan proceeds, the Agent shall authorize the release of a wire transfer, in immediately available funds to the account specified by the Borrower in its Borrowing Request by 3:00 p.m. (New York City time) on such Borrowing Date.
- (c) While it is the intent of Blue Ridge to fund each requested Advance through the issuance of its Commercial Paper, the parties acknowledge that if Blue Ridge is unable, or determines in good faith that it is undesirable, to issue Commercial Paper to fund all or any portion of its Loans, or is unable to repay such Commercial Paper upon the maturity thereof, Blue Ridge may put all or any portion of its Loans to the Liquidity Banks at any time pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement to finance or refinance the necessary portion of its Loans through a Liquidity Funding to the extent available. The Liquidity Fundings may be Alternate Base Rate Loans or LIBO Rate Loans, or a combination thereof, selected by the Borrower in accordance with Article IV, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that each Liquidity Funding shall be an Alternate Base Rate Loan at least for the first two (2) Business Days after it is funded. Regardless of whether a Liquidity Funding constitutes the direct funding of a Loan, an assignment of a Loan made by Blue Ridge or the sale of one or more participations in a Loan made by Blue Ridge, each Liquidity Bank participating in a Liquidity Funding shall have the rights of a "Lender" hereunder with the same force and effect as if it had directly made a Loan to the Borrower in the amount of its Liquidity Funding.
  - (d) Nothing herein shall be deemed to commit Blue Ridge to make Loans.

Section 1.7. EXTENSION OF THE LIQUIDITY TERMINATION DATE. Borrower may request that the Liquidity Banks extend the Liquidity Termination Date for a period of three (3) years from the most recent to occur of the date hereof or the then-existing Liquidity Termination Date. Approval of such request shall be subject to final internal credit approval of the Liquidity Banks;

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however, such approval shall otherwise be deemed to have been granted, if (1) EIS or the Parent receives a notice from CSC that CSC will exercise the CSC Put, or the Parent, EIS and CSC shall have entered into a definitive agreement pursuant to which CSC's credit reporting operations shall be purchased by the Parent, EIS or one of their Affiliates and (2) no Amortization Event exists and all other terms and conditions of the Transaction Documents have been met at the time of such request or at the time of the effectiveness of any such extension. The Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that the facility usage and unused facility fees set forth in the Fee Letter shall be adjusted based on the then current market conditions as determined by the Agent in its reasonable credit judgment.

#### ARTICLE II.

### PAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS

Section 2.1 PAYMENTS. Borrower hereby promises to pay:

- (a) the Aggregate Principal on and after the Facility Termination Date as and when Collections are received;
- (b) the fees set forth in the Fee Letter on the dates specified therein;
  - (c) all accrued and unpaid Interest on the Alternate Base Rate

Loans on each Settlement Date applicable thereto;

- (d) all accrued and unpaid Interest on the LIBO Rate Loans on the last day of each Interest Period applicable thereto;
- (e) all accrued and unpaid CP Costs on the CP Rate Loans on each Settlement Date; and  $\,$
- (f) all Broken Funding Costs and Indemnified Amounts upon demand.
- Section 2.2. COLLECTIONS PRIOR TO AMORTIZATION; REPAYMENT OF CERTAIN DEMAND ADVANCES. Without limiting the Agent's or any Lender's recourse to Borrower for payment of any and all Obligations:
- (a) If any Monthly Report reveals that a mandatory prepayment is required under Section 1.4(b), not later than the 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the next succeeding Settlement Date, the Servicer shall turn over to the Agent, for distribution a portion of the Collections received as of the Monthly Reporting Date on which such Monthly Report was due and not previously so distributed equal to the amount of such required mandatory prepayment;
- (b) If, on any Settlement Date, any Loans are to be voluntarily prepaid in accordance with Section 1.3, or if the aggregate principal amount of the Advances outstanding is to be reduced, the Servicer shall turn over to the Agent, for distribution to the Lenders, a portion of the Collections equal to the aggregate amount of such voluntary prepayment or reduction and any other amounts required to be paid in connection with such voluntary prepayment or reduction; and

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- (c) In addition to, but without duplication of, the foregoing, on (i) each Settlement Date and (ii) each other date on which any principal of or interest on any of the Loans becomes due (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and, in the case of principal, has not been reborrowed pursuant to Section 1.1, the Servicer shall turn over to the Agent, for distribution to the Lenders the portion of the Collections equal to the aggregate amount of all other Obligations that are due and owing on such date. If the Collections and proceeds of new Loans are insufficient to make all payments required under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and to pay the Servicing Fees and, if applicable, all expenses due and owing to any replacement Servicer under Section 8.1 (all of the foregoing, collectively, the "REQUIRED AMOUNTS") and Borrower has made any Demand Advances, Borrower shall make demand upon ECM for payment of the Demand Advances in an amount equal to the lesser of the Required Amounts or the aggregate outstanding principal balance of such Demand Advances (plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon) and, upon receipt of any such amounts, Borrower shall pay them to the Agent for distribution in accordance with this Section 3.2.
- (d) If the aggregate amount of Collections and payments on Demand Advances received by the Agent on any Settlement Date are insufficient to pay all Required Amounts, the aggregate amount received shall be applied to the items specified in the subclauses below, in the order of priority of such subclauses:
- (i) to any accrued and unpaid interest on the Loans that is then due and owing, including any previously accrued interest which was not paid on its applicable due date;
- (ii) if the Servicer is not Parent or an Affiliate thereof, to any accrued and unpaid Servicing Fee that is then due and owing to such Servicer, together with any invoiced expenses of the Servicer due and owing pursuant to Section 10.3;
- (iii) to the Facility Fee and the Usage Fee accrued during such Settlement Period, plus any previously accrued Facility Fee and Usage Fee not paid on a prior Settlement Date;
- $% \left( iv\right) =0$  (iv) to the payment of the principal of any Loans that are then due and owing;
  - (v) to other Obligations that are then due and owing;

and

- $\,$  (vi) if the Servicer is Parent or one of its respective Affiliates, to the accrued and unpaid Servicing Fee that is then due and owing to such Servicer.
- (e) In addition to, but without duplication of, the foregoing, on (i) each Settlement Date and (ii) each other date on which any principal of or interest on any of the Loans becomes due (whether by acceleration or otherwise), the Servicer shall turn over to the Agent, for distribution to the Lenders, a portion of the Collections equal to the aggregate amount of all

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Section 2.3 REPAYMENT OF DEMAND ADVANCES ON THE AMORTIZATION DATE; COLLECTIONS FOLLOWING AMORTIZATION.

- (a) On the Amortization Date, ECM hereby agrees to repay the aggregate outstanding principal balance of all Demand Advances, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to the Agent's Account, without demand or notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by ECM.
- (b) On the Amortization Date and on each day thereafter, the Servicer shall set aside and hold in trust, for the Secured Parties, all Collections received on such day. On and after the Amortization Date, the Servicer shall, on each Settlement Date and on each other Business Day specified by the Agent (after deduction of any accrued and unpaid Servicing Fee as of such date): (i) remit to the Agent's Account the amounts set aside pursuant to the preceding two sentences, and (ii) apply such amounts to reduce the Obligations as follows:

FIRST, to the reimbursement of the Agent's actual and reasonable costs of collection and enforcement of this Agreement,

SECOND, ratably to the payment of all accrued and unpaid CP Costs, Interest and Broken Funding Costs,  $\,$ 

 $\,$  THIRD, ratably to the payment of all accrued and unpaid fees under the Fee Letter,

FOURTH, to the ratable reduction of Aggregate Principal,

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FIFTH}},$  for the ratable payment of all other unpaid Obligations, and

 $\mbox{\sc SIXTH},$  after the Obligations have been indefeasibly reduced to zero, to Borrower.

Collections applied to the payment of Obligations shall be distributed in accordance with the aforementioned provisions, and, giving effect to each of the priorities set forth above in this Section 2.3(b), shall be shared ratably (within each priority) among the Agent and the Lenders in accordance with the amount of such Obligations owing to each of them in respect of each such priority.

Section 2.4 PAYMENT RECISSION. No payment of any of the Obligations shall be considered paid or applied hereunder to the extent that, at any time, all or any portion of such payment or application is rescinded by application of law or judicial authority, or must otherwise be returned or refunded for any reason. Borrower shall remain obligated for the amount of any payment or application so rescinded, returned or refunded, and shall promptly pay to the Agent (for application to the Person or Persons who suffered such recission, return or refund) the full amount thereof, plus Interest on such amount at the Default Rate from the date of any such recission, return or refunding.

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#### ARTICLE III.

#### BLUE RIDGE FUNDING

Section 3.1 CP COSTS. Borrower shall pay CP Costs with respect to the principal balance of Blue Ridge's Loans from time to time outstanding. Each Loan of Blue Ridge that is funded substantially with Pooled Commercial Paper will accrue CP Costs each day on a pro rata basis, based upon the percentage share that the principal in respect of such Loan represents in relation to all assets held by Blue Ridge and funded substantially with related Pooled Commercial Paper.

Section 3.2 CALCULATION OF CP COSTS. Not later than the 3rd Business Day immediately preceding each Monthly Reporting Date, Blue Ridge shall calculate the aggregate amount of CP Costs applicable to its CP Rate Loans for the Calculation Period then most recently ended and shall notify Borrower of such aggregate amount.

Section 3.3 CP COSTS PAYMENTS. On each Settlement Date, Borrower shall pay to the Agent (for the benefit of Blue Ridge) an aggregate amount equal to all accrued and unpaid CP Costs in respect of the principal associated with all CP Rate Loans for the Calculation Period then most recently ended in accordance with Article II.

Section 3.4 DEFAULT RATE. From and after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Amortization Event, all Loans of Blue Ridge shall accrue

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### LIQUIDITY BANK FUNDING

Section 4.1 LIQUIDITY BANK FUNDING. Prior to the occurrence of an Amortization Event, the outstanding principal balance of each Liquidity Funding shall accrue interest for each day during its Interest Period at either the LIBO Rate or the Alternate Base Rate in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. Until Borrower gives notice to the Agent of another Interest Rate in accordance with Section 4.4, the initial Interest Rate for any Loan transferred to the Liquidity Banks by Blue Ridge pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement shall be the Alternate Base Rate (unless the Default Rate is then applicable). If the Liquidity Banks acquire by assignment from Blue Ridge any Loan pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement, each Loan so assigned shall each be deemed to have an Interest Period commencing on the date of any such assignment.

Section 4.2 INTEREST PAYMENTS. On the Settlement Date for each Liquidity Funding, Borrower shall pay to the Agent (for the benefit of the Liquidity Banks) an aggregate amount equal to the accrued and unpaid Interest for the entire Interest Period of each such Liquidity Funding in accordance with Article II.

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#### Section 4.3 SELECTION AND CONTINUATION OF INTEREST PERIODS.

- (a) With consultation from (and approval by) the Agent (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), Borrower shall from time to time request Interest Periods for the Liquidity Fundings, PROVIDED THAT if at any time any Liquidity Funding is outstanding, Borrower shall always request Interest Periods such that at least one Interest Period shall end on the date specified in clause (A) of the definition of Settlement Date.
- (b) Borrower or the Agent, upon notice to and consent by the other received at least three (3) Business Days prior to the end of an Interest Period (the "TERMINATING TRANCHE") for any Liquidity Funding, may, effective on the last day of the Terminating Tranche: (i) divide any such Liquidity Funding into multiple Liquidity Fundings, (ii) combine any such Liquidity Funding with one or more other Liquidity Fundings that have a Terminating Tranche ending on the same day as such Terminating Tranche or (iii) combine any such Liquidity Funding with a new Liquidity Funding to be made by the Liquidity Banks on the day such Terminating Tranche ends.

Section 4.4 LIQUIDITY BANK INTEREST RATES. Borrower may select the LIBO Rate or the Alternate Base Rate for each Liquidity Funding. Borrower shall by 12:00 noon (New York time): (i) at least three (3) Business Days prior to the expiration of any Terminating Tranche with respect to which the LIBO Rate is being requested as a new Interest Rate and (ii) at least one (1) Business Day prior to the expiration of any Terminating Tranche with respect to which the Alternate Base Rate is being requested as a new Interest Rate, give the Agent irrevocable notice of the new Interest Rate for the Liquidity Funding associated with such Terminating Tranche. Until Borrower gives notice to the Agent of another Interest Rate, the initial Interest Rate for any Loan transferred to the Liquidity Banks pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement shall be the Alternate Base Rate (unless the Default Rate is then applicable).

#### Section 4.5 SUSPENSION OF THE LIBO RATE.

- (a) If any Liquidity Bank notifies the Agent that it has reasonably determined that funding its Pro Rata Share of the Liquidity Fundings at a LIBO Rate would violate any applicable law, rule, regulation, or directive of any governmental or regulatory authority, whether or not having the force of law, or that (i) deposits of a type and maturity appropriate to match fund its Liquidity Funding at such LIBO Rate are not available or (ii) such LIBO Rate does not accurately reflect the cost of acquiring or maintaining a Liquidity Funding at such LIBO Rate, then the Agent shall suspend the availability of such LIBO Rate and require Borrower to select the Alternate Base Rate for any Liquidity Funding accruing Interest at such LIBO Rate.
- (b) If less than all of the Liquidity Banks give a notice to the Agent pursuant to Section 4.5(a), each Liquidity Bank which gave such a notice shall be obliged, at the request of Borrower, Blue Ridge or the Agent, to assign all of its rights and obligations hereunder to (i) another Liquidity Bank or (ii) another funding entity nominated by Borrower or the Agent that is an Eligible Assignee willing to participate in this Agreement through the Liquidity Termination Date in the place of such notifying Liquidity Bank; PROVIDED THAT (i) the notifying Liquidity Bank receives payment in full, pursuant to an Assignment Agreement, of all Obligations owing

to it (whether due or accrued), and (ii) the replacement Liquidity Bank otherwise satisfies the requirements of Section 12.1(b).

Section 4.6 DEFAULT RATE. From and after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Amortization Event, all Liquidity Fundings shall accrue Interest at the Default Rate.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 5.1 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE LOAN PARTIES. Each Loan Party hereby represents and warrants to the Agent and the Lenders, as to itself, as of the date hereof, as of the date of each Advance and as of each Settlement Date that:

- (a) EXISTENCE AND POWER. Such Loan Party's jurisdiction of organization is correctly set forth in the preamble to this Agreement. Such Loan Party is duly organized under the laws of that jurisdiction and no other state or jurisdiction, and such jurisdiction must maintain a public record showing the organization to have been organized. Such Loan Party is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization. Such Loan Party is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign entity, and has and holds all organizational power and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted except where the failure to so qualify or so hold could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) POWER AND AUTHORITY; DUE AUTHORIZATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY. The execution and delivery by such Loan Party of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party, and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder and, in the case of Borrower, Borrower's use of the proceeds of Advances made hereunder, are within its corporate powers and authority and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on its part. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which such Loan Party is a party has been duly executed and delivered by such Loan Party.
- (c) NO CONFLICT. The execution and delivery by such Loan Party of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party, and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder do not contravene or violate (i) its certificate or articles of incorporation or by-laws, (ii) any law, rule or regulation applicable to it, (iii) any restrictions under any agreement, contract or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, or (iv) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or its property, and do not result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of such Loan Party or its Subsidiaries (except as created hereunder) except, in any case, where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and no transaction contemplated hereby requires compliance with any bulk sales act or similar law.

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- (d) GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATION. Other than the filing of the financing statements required hereunder, no authorization or approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority or regulatory body is required for the due execution and delivery by such Loan Party of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder.
- (e) ACTIONS, SUITS. There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending, or to the best of such Loan Party's knowledge, threatened, against or affecting such Loan Party, or any of its properties, in or before any court, arbitrator or other body, that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Such Loan Party is not in default with respect to any order of any court, arbitrator or governmental body.
- (f) BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which such Loan Party is a party constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of such Loan Party enforceable against such Loan Party in accordance with their respective terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (g) ACCURACY OF INFORMATION. All information heretofore furnished by such Loan Party or any of its Affiliates to the Agent or the Lenders for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement, any of the other Transaction Documents or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby is, and

all such information hereafter furnished by such Loan Party or any of its Affiliates to the Agent or the Lenders will be, true and accurate in every material respect on the date such information is stated or certified and does not and will not contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading; PROVIDED THAT, with respect to any projected financial information, such Loan Party represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.

- (h) USE OF PROCEEDS. No proceeds of any Advance hereunder will be used by Borrower (i) for a purpose that violates, or would be inconsistent with, (A) Section 7.2(e) of this Agreement or (B) Regulation T, U or X promulgated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from time to time or (ii) to acquire any margin stock in violation of Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
- (i) GOOD TITLE. Borrower is the legal and beneficial owner of the Receivables and Related Security with respect thereto, free and clear of any Adverse Claim, except as created for Permitted Encumbrances. There have been duly filed all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect Borrower's ownership interest in each Receivable, its Collections and the Related Security.
- (j) PERFECTION. This Agreement, together with the filing of the financing statements contemplated hereby, is effective to create a valid security interest in favor of the Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral to secure payment of the Obligations, free and clear of any Adverse Claim except as created by the Transactions

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Documents. There have been duly filed all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect the Agent's (on behalf of the Secured Parties) security interest in the Collateral. Such Loan Party's jurisdiction of organization is a jurisdiction whose law generally requires information concerning the existence of a nonpossessory security interest to be made generally available in a filing, record or registration system as a condition or result of such a security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor which respect to collateral.

- (k) PLACES OF BUSINESS AND LOCATIONS OF RECORDS. The principal places of business and chief executive office of such Loan Party and the offices where it keeps all of its Records are located at the address(es) listed on Exhibit III or such other locations of which the Agent has been notified in accordance with Section 7.2(a) in jurisdictions where all action required by Section 14.4(a) has been taken and completed. Such Loan Party's jurisdiction of organization, organizational identification number and Federal Employer Identification Number are correctly set forth on Exhibit III. As of the date hereof, each Loan Party is a "registered organization" (within the meaning of Section 9-102 of the UCC as in effect in its jurisdiction of organization). Since the date of this Agreement, no Loan Party has changed its jurisdiction of organization.
- (1) COLLECTIONS. The conditions and requirements set forth in Section 7.1(j) and Section 8.2 have at all times been satisfied and duly performed. The names, addresses and jurisdictions of organization of all Collection Banks, together with the account numbers of the Collection Accounts of Borrower at each Collection Bank and the post office box number of each Lock-Box, are listed on Exhibit IV. Borrower has not granted any Person, other than the Agent as contemplated by this Agreement, dominion and control of any Lock-Box or Collection Account, or the right to take dominion and control of any such Lock-Box or Collection Account at a future time or upon the occurrence of a future event.
- (m) MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. (i) The initial Servicer represents and warrants that since March 31, 2004, no event has occurred that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or operations of the initial Servicer and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or the ability of the initial Servicer to perform its obligations under this Agreement, and (ii) Borrower represents and warrants that since the date of this Agreement, no event has occurred that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on (A) the financial condition or operations of Borrower, (B) the ability of Borrower to perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents, or (C) the collectibility of the Receivables generally or any material portion of the Receivables.
- (n) NAMES. The name in which Borrower has executed this Agreement is identical to the name of Borrower as indicated on the public record of its state of organization which shows Borrower to have been organized. In the past five (5) years, Borrower has not used any corporate names, trade names or assumed names other than the name in which it has executed this Agreement.

(o) OWNERSHIP OF BORROWER. Parent owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Borrower, free and clear of any Adverse Claim. Such

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capital stock is validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and there are no options, warrants or other rights to acquire securities of the Borrower.

- (p) NOT A HOLDING COMPANY OR AN INVESTMENT COMPANY. Such Loan Party is not a "holding company" or a "subsidiary holding company" of a "holding company" within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, or any successor statute. Such Loan Party is not an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or any successor statute.
- (q) COMPLIANCE WITH LAW. Such Loan Party has complied in all respects with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees or awards to which it may be subject, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Receivable, together with the Contract related thereto, does not contravene any laws, rules or regulations applicable thereto (including, without limitation, laws, rules and regulations relating to truth in lending, fair credit billing, fair credit reporting, equal credit opportunity, fair debt collection practices and privacy), and no part of such Contract is in violation of any such law, rule or regulation, except where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (r) COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Such Loan Party has complied in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Receivable and the related Contract, and has not made any material change to such Credit and Collection Policy, except such material change as to which the Agent has been notified in accordance with Section 7.1(a)(vii).
- (s) PAYMENTS TO APPLICABLE ORIGINATOR. With respect to each Receivable transferred to ECM or Borrower under any of the Receivables Sale Agreements, ECM or Borrower (as the case may be) has given reasonably equivalent value to the applicable Originator or to ECM (as the case may be) in consideration therefor and such transfer was not made for or on account of an antecedent debt. No transfer by any Originator or ECM of any Receivable under any of the Receivables Sale Agreements is or may be voidable under any section of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 (11 U.S.C. ss.ss. 101 ET SEQ.), as amended.
- (t) ENFORCEABILITY OF CONTRACTS. Each Contract with respect to each Receivable is effective to create, and has created, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor to pay the Outstanding Balance of the Receivable created thereunder and any accrued interest thereon, enforceable against the Obligor in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (u) ELIGIBLE RECEIVABLES. Each Receivable included in the Net Pool Balance as an Eligible Receivable on the date of any Monthly Report was an Eligible Receivable on such date.

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- (v) BORROWING LIMIT. Immediately after giving effect to each Advance and each settlement on any Settlement Date hereunder, the Aggregate Principal is less than or equal to the Borrowing Limit.
- (w) ACCOUNTING. The manner in which such Loan Party accounts for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Receivables Sale Agreement does not jeopardize the true sale analysis.
- Section 5.2. LIQUIDITY BANK REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Each Liquidity Bank hereby represents and warrants to the Agent, Blue Ridge and the Loan Parties that:
- (a) EXISTENCE AND POWER. Such Liquidity Bank is a banking association duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, and has all organizational power to perform its obligations hereunder and under the Liquidity Agreement.
- (b) NO CONFLICT. The execution and delivery by such Liquidity Bank of this Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder are within its corporate powers, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, do not contravene or violate (i) its certificate or articles of incorporation or association or by-laws, (ii)

any law, rule or regulation applicable to it, (iii) any restrictions under any agreement, contract or instrument to which it is a party or any of its property is bound, or (iv) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or its property, and do not result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on its assets. This Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by such Liquidity Bank.

- (c) GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATION. No authorization or approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority or regulatory body is required for the due execution and delivery by such Liquidity Bank of this Agreement or the Liquidity Agreement and the performance of its obligations hereunder or thereunder.
- (d) BINDING EFFECT. Each of this Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of such Liquidity Bank enforceable against such Liquidity Bank in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### CONDITIONS OF ADVANCES

Section 6.1 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO INITIAL ADVANCE. The initial Advance under this Agreement is subject to the conditions precedent that (a) the Agent shall have received on or before the date of such Advance those documents listed on Schedule A to the Receivables Sale Agreement and those documents listed on Schedule B to this Agreement, (b) the Rating Agency Condition (if applicable to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the

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Transaction Documents) shall have been satisfied, and (c) the Agent shall have received all fees and expenses required to be paid on such date pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Fee Letter.

Section 6.2 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO ALL ADVANCES. Each Advance and each rollover or continuation of any Advance shall be subject to the further conditions precedent that (a) the Servicer shall have delivered to the Agent on or prior to the date thereof, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent, all Monthly Reports as and when due under Section 8.5; (b) the Facility Termination Date shall not have occurred; (c) the Agent shall have received such other approvals, opinions or documents as it may reasonably request; and (d) on the date thereof, the following statements shall be true (and acceptance of the proceeds of such Advance shall be deemed a representation and warranty by Borrower that such statements are then true):

(i) the representations and warranties set forth in Section 5.1 are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of such Advance (or such Settlement Date, as the case may be) as though made on and as of such date; provided, however, that the preceding standard shall not apply to those representations and warranties which themselves contain materiality standards;

(ii) no event has occurred and is continuing, or would result from such Advance (or the continuation thereof), that will constitute an Amortization Event, and no event has occurred and is continuing, or would result from such Advance (or the continuation thereof), that would constitute an Unmatured Amortization Event; and

#### ARTICLE VII.

#### COVENANTS

Section 7.1 AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS OF THE LOAN PARTIES. Until the Final Payout Date, each Loan Party hereby covenants, as to itself, as set forth below:

(a) FINANCIAL REPORTING. Such Loan Party will maintain, for itself and each of its Subsidiaries, a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP, and furnish or cause to be furnished to the Agent:

(i) ANNUAL REPORTING. As soon as practicable and in any event within ninety-five (95) days after the end of each Fiscal Year, (A) either (i) a copy of a report on Form 10-K, or any successor form, and any amendments thereto, filed by the Parent with the Securities and Exchange Commission with

respect to the immediately preceding Fiscal Year or (ii) an audited consolidated balance sheet of the Parent and its Subsidiaries as of the close of such Fiscal Year and audited Consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the Fiscal Year then ended, including the notes thereto, all in reasonable detail setting forth in comparative form the corresponding figures for the preceding Fiscal Year and prepared by the Parent and certified by a nationally recognized independent certified public accounting firm acceptable to the

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Agent in accordance with GAAP and, if applicable, containing disclosure of the effect on the financial position or results of operation of any change in the application of accounting principles and practices during the year, and accompanied by a report thereon by such certified public accountants that is not qualified with respect to scope limitations imposed by the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or with respect to accounting principles followed by the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries not in accordance with GAAP, and (B) an unaudited balance sheet and income statement for the Borrower for such Fiscal Year, certified in a manner acceptable to the Agent by the Borrower's president, chief financial officer or treasurer

- (ii) QUARTERLY REPORTING. As soon as practicable and in any event, within fifty (50) days after the end of each of the first three (3) fiscal quarters of each Fiscal Year, (A) either (i) a copy of a report on Form 10-Q, or any successor form, and any amendments thereto, filed by the Parent with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the immediately preceding fiscal quarter or (ii) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Parent and its Subsidiaries as of the close of such fiscal quarter and unaudited consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal quarter then ended and that portion of the Fiscal Year then ended, including any notes thereto, all in reasonable detail setting forth in comparative form the corresponding figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the preceding Fiscal Year and prepared by the Parent in accordance with GAAP and, if applicable, containing disclosure of the effect on the financial position or results of operations of any change in the application of accounting principles and practices during the period, and certified by a Responsible Officer of the Parent to present fairly in all material respects the financial condition of the Parent and its Subsidiaries as of their respective dates and the results of operations of the Parent and its Subsidiaries for the respective periods then ended, subject to normal year-end adjustments and to the absence of footnotes required by GAAP, and (B) an unaudited balance sheet and income statement for Borrower for such Fiscal Quarter, certified in a manner acceptable to the Agent by Borrower's president, chief financial officer or treasurer.
- (iii) COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE. Together with the financial statements required hereunder, a compliance certificate in substantially the form of Exhibit V signed by an Authorized Officer of the Borrower and dated the date of such annual financial statement or such quarterly financial statement, as the case may be.
- (iv) SHAREHOLDERS STATEMENTS AND REPORTS. Promptly upon the furnishing thereof to the shareholders of the Parent copies of all financial statements, reports and proxy statements so furnished.
- (v) S.E.C. FILINGS. Promptly after the filing thereof, a copy of (i) each report or other filing made by the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries with the Securities and Exchange Commission and required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be delivered to the shareholders of the Parent or any Subsidiary thereof, (ii) each report made by any of the Parent or any Subsidiary thereof to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K and (iii) each final registration statement of the Parent or any

Subsidiary thereof filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, except in connection with pension plans and other employee benefit plans.

- (vi) COPIES OF NOTICES. Promptly upon its receipt of any notice, request for consent, financial statements, certification, report or other communication under or in connection with any Transaction Document from any Person other than the Agent or any Lender, copies of the same.
- (vii) CHANGE IN CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. At least thirty (30) days prior to the effectiveness of any material change in or material amendment to the Credit and Collection Policy, a copy of the Credit and Collection Policy then in effect and a notice (A) indicating such change or amendment, and (B) if such proposed change or amendment would be reasonably likely to adversely affect the collectibility of the Receivables or decrease the credit quality of any newly created Receivables, requesting the Agent's consent thereto.
- (viii) OTHER INFORMATION. Promptly, from time to time, such other information, documents, records or reports relating to the Receivables or the condition or operations, financial or otherwise, of such Loan Party as the Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to protect the interests of the Agent and the Lenders under or as contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) NOTICES. Such Loan Party will notify the Agent in writing of any of the following promptly upon learning of the occurrence thereof by any Responsible Officer, describing the same and, if applicable, the steps being taken with respect thereto:
  - (i) AMORTIZATION EVENTS OR UNMATURED AMORTIZATION EVENTS. The occurrence of each Amortization Event and each Unmatured Amortization Event, by a statement of an Authorized Officer of such Loan Party.
  - (ii) JUDGMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS. (A) (1) The entry of any judgment or decree against Performance Guarantor, the Servicer or any of their respective Subsidiaries if the aggregate amount of all judgments and decrees then outstanding against Performance Guarantor, the Servicer and their respective Subsidiaries exceeds \$10,000,000 after deducting (a) the amount with respect to which Performance Guarantor, the Servicer or any such Subsidiary, as the case may be, is insured and with respect to which the insurer has assumed responsibility in writing, and (b) the amount for which Performance Guarantor, the Servicer or any such Subsidiary is otherwise indemnified if the terms of such indemnification are satisfactory to the Agent, and (2) the institution of any litigation, arbitration proceeding or governmental proceeding against Performance Guarantor or the Servicer which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (B) the entry of any judgment or decree or the institution of any litigation, arbitration proceeding or governmental proceeding against Borrower.
  - (iii) MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. The occurrence of any event or condition that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

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- (iv) TERMINATION DATE. The occurrence of the "TERMINATION DATE" under and as defined in the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- $\mbox{(v)}$  DEFAULTS UNDER PARENT CREDIT AGREEMENT. The occurrence of any Default or Event of Default under (and as such term is defined in) the Parent Credit Agreement.
- (vi) NOTICES UNDER RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT. Copies of all notices delivered under the any of Receivables Sale
- (vii) DOWNGRADE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR. Any downgrade in the rating of any Indebtedness of Performance Guarantor by S&P or Moody's, setting forth the Indebtedness affected and the nature of such change (but excluding any private indicative ratings that the Performance Guarantor may request from time to time from Moody's or S&P).

(c) COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND PRESERVATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE. Such Loan Party will (i) comply in all respects with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees or awards to which it may be subject, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (ii) will preserve and maintain its corporate existence, rights, franchises and privileges in the jurisdiction of its incorporation, and qualify and remain qualified in good standing as a foreign corporation in each jurisdiction where its business is conducted, except where the failure to so preserve and maintain or qualify could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing in the foregoing shall prevent such Loan Party (other than Borrower) from discontinuing any line of business if (x) no Amortization Event or Unmatured Amortization Event exists or would result therefrom, and (y) with respect to the discontinuance of a material line of business, the board of directors (or comparable governing body) of such Loan Party determines in good faith that such discontinuance is in the best interest of the Performance Guarantor and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(d) AUDITS. Such Loan Party will furnish to the Agent from time to time such information with respect to it and the Receivables as the Agent may reasonably request. Such Loan Party will, from time to time during regular business hours as requested by the Agent upon reasonable notice and at the sole cost of such Loan Party, permit the Agent, or its agents or representatives (and shall cause each Originator to permit the Agent or its agents or representatives): (i) to examine and make copies of and abstracts from all Records in the possession or under the control of such Person relating to the Collateral, including, without limitation, the related Contracts, and (ii) to visit the offices and properties of such Person for the purpose of examining such materials described in clause (i) above, and to discuss matters relating to such Person's financial condition or the Collateral or any Person's performance under any of the Transaction Documents or any Person's performance under the Contracts and, in each case, with any of the officers or employees of Borrower or the Servicer having knowledge of such matters (each of the foregoing examinations and visits, a "REVIEW"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that, so long as no Amortization Event has occurred and is continuing, (A) the Loan Parties shall only be responsible for the costs and expenses of one (1) Review in any one calendar year, and (B) the Agent will not request more than four (4) Reviews in any one calendar year. To the

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extent that the Agent, in the course of any Review, obtains possession of any Proprietary Information pertaining to any Loan Party or any of its Affiliates, Agent shall handle such information in accordance with the requirements of Section 14.5 hereof.

#### (e) KEEPING AND MARKING OF RECORDS AND BOOKS.

(i) The Servicer will (and will cause each Originator to) maintain and implement administrative and operating procedures (including, without limitation, an ability to recreate records evidencing Receivables in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain all documents, books, records and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all Receivables (including, without limitation, records adequate to permit the immediate identification of each new Receivable and all Collections of and adjustments to each existing Receivable). The Servicer will (and will cause each Originator to) give the Agent notice of any material change in the administrative and operating procedures referred to in the previous sentence.

(ii) Such Loan Party will (and will cause each Originator to): (A) on or prior to the date hereof, mark its master data processing records and other books and records relating to the Loans with a legend, acceptable to the Agent, describing the Agent's security interest in the Collateral and (B) upon the request of the Agent following the occurrence and during the continuation of an Amortization Event: (x) mark each Contract with a legend describing the Agent's security interest and (y) deliver to the Agent all Contracts (including, without limitation, all multiple originals of any such Contract constituting an instrument, a certificated security or chattel paper) relating to the Receivables.

(f) COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACTS AND CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Such Loan Party will (and will cause each Originator to) timely and fully (i) perform and comply in all material respects with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Contracts related to the Receivables, and (ii) comply in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy in regard to each Receivable and the related

(g) PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT. Borrower will, and will require each Originator to, perform each of their respective obligations and undertakings under and pursuant to the Receivables Sale Agreements, each of ECM and Borrower will purchase Receivables thereunder in strict compliance with the terms thereof, and each of ECM and Borrower will

vigorously enforce the rights and remedies accorded to it under the Receivables Sale Agreements. Borrower will take all actions to perfect and enforce its and ECM's rights and interests (and the rights and interests of the Agent and the Lenders as assignees of Borrower) under the Receivables Sale Agreements as the Agent may from time to time reasonably request, including, without limitation, making claims to which it or ECM may be entitled under any indemnity, reimbursement or similar provision contained in the Receivables Sale Agreements.

(h) OWNERSHIP. Borrower will (or will cause each Originator to) take all necessary action to (i) vest legal and equitable title to the Collateral purchased under the Receivables Sale Agreement irrevocably in Borrower, free and clear of any Adverse Claims (other than Permitted Encumbrances) including, without limitation, the filing of all financing

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statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect Borrower's interest in such Collateral and such other action to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the interest of Borrower therein as the Agent may reasonably request), and (ii) establish and maintain, in favor of the Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a valid and perfected first priority security interest in all Collateral, free and clear of any Adverse Claims (other than Permitted Encumbrances), including, without limitation, the filing of all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect the Agent's (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) security interest in the Collateral and such other action to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the interest of the Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties as the Agent may reasonably request.

(i) LENDERS' RELIANCE. Borrower acknowledges that the Lenders are entering into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in reliance upon Borrower's identity as a legal entity that is separate from each Originator. Therefore, from and after the date of execution and delivery of this Agreement, Borrower shall take all reasonable steps, including, without limitation, all steps that the Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request, to maintain Borrower's identity as a separate legal entity and to make it manifest to third parties that Borrower is an entity with assets and liabilities distinct from those of each Originator and any Affiliates thereof (other than Borrower) and not just a division of any Originator or any such Affiliate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to the other covenants set forth herein, Borrower will:

(i) conduct its own business in its own name and require that all full-time employees of Borrower, if any, identify themselves as such and not as employees of any Originator (including, without limitation, by means of providing appropriate employees with business or identification cards identifying such employees as Borrower's employees);

(ii) compensate all employees, consultants and agents directly, from Borrower's own funds, for services provided to Borrower by such employees, consultants and agents and, to the extent any employee, consultant or agent of Borrower is also an employee, consultant or agent of any Originator or any Affiliate thereof, allocate the compensation of such employee, consultant or agent between Borrower and such Originator or such Affiliate, as applicable, on a basis that reflects the services rendered to Borrower and such Originator or such Affiliate, as applicable;

(iii) clearly identify its offices (by signage or otherwise) as its offices and, if such office is located in the offices of any Originator, Borrower shall lease such office at a fair market rent;

(iv) have a separate telephone number, which will be answered only in its name and separate stationery and checks in its own name;

(v) conduct all transactions with each Originator and the Servicer (including, without limitation, any delegation of its obligations hereunder as Servicer) strictly on an arm's-length basis, allocate all overhead expenses (including, without limitation, telephone and other utility charges) for items shared between Borrower and such Originator on the basis of

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actual use to the extent practicable and, to the extent such allocation is not practicable, on a basis reasonably related to actual use;

(vi) at all times have a Board of Directors consisting of three members, at least one member of which is an Independent Director; entity, and ensure that all corporate actions relating to (A) the selection, maintenance or replacement of the Independent Director, (B) the dissolution or liquidation of Borrower or (C) the initiation of, participation in, acquiescence in or consent to any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar proceeding involving Borrower, are duly authorized by unanimous vote of its Board of Directors (including the Independent Director);

(viii) maintain Borrower's books and records separate from those of each Originator and any Affiliate thereof and otherwise readily identifiable as its own assets rather than assets of any Originator or any Affiliate thereof;

(ix) prepare its financial statements separately from those of each Originator and insure that any consolidated financial statements of any Originator or any Affiliate thereof that include Borrower and that are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other governmental agency have notes clearly stating that Borrower is a separate corporate entity and that its assets will be available first and foremost to satisfy the claims of the creditors of Borrower;

(x) except as herein specifically otherwise provided, maintain the funds or other assets of Borrower separate from, and not commingled with, those of any Originator or any Affiliate thereof and only maintain bank accounts or other depository accounts to which Borrower alone is the account party, into which Borrower alone makes deposits and from which Borrower alone (or the Agent hereunder) has the power to make withdrawals;

(xi) pay all of Borrower's operating expenses from Borrower's own assets (except for certain payments by any Originator or other Persons pursuant to allocation arrangements that comply with the requirements of this Section 7.1(i));

(xii) operate its business and activities such that: it does not engage in any business or activity of any kind, or enter into any transaction or indenture, mortgage, instrument, agreement, contract, lease or other undertaking, other than the transactions contemplated and authorized by this Agreement and the Receivables Sale Agreements (and Borrower many own nominal non-passive assets to the extent necessary so that it is not characterized as a "qualifying special purpose entity" within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140); and does not create, incur, quarantee, assume or suffer to exist any indebtedness or other liabilities, whether direct or contingent, other than (1) as a result of the endorsement of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection or similar transactions in the ordinary course of business, (2) the incurrence of obligations under this Agreement, (3) the incurrence of obligations, as expressly contemplated in the Receivables Sale Agreement, to make payment to the applicable Originator thereunder or ECM for the purchase of Receivables from such Originator or ECM under the Receivables Sale Agreement, and (4) the

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incurrence of operating expenses in the ordinary course of business of the type otherwise contemplated by this Agreement;

(xiii) maintain its corporate charter in conformity with this Agreement, such that it does not amend, restate, supplement or otherwise modify its Certificate of Incorporation or By-Laws in any respect that would materially impair its ability to comply with the terms or provisions of any of the Transaction Documents, including, without limitation, Section 7.1(i) of this Agreement;

(xiv) maintain the effectiveness of, and continue to perform under the Receivables Sale Agreements and the Performance Undertaking, such that it does not amend, restate, supplement, cancel, terminate or otherwise modify the Receivables Sale Agreements or the Performance Undertaking, or give any consent, waiver, directive or approval thereunder or waive any default, action, omission or breach under the Receivables Sale Agreements or the Performance Undertaking or otherwise grant any indulgence thereunder, without (in each case) the prior written consent of the Agent;

(xv) maintain its corporate separateness such that it does not merge or consolidate with or into, or convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions, and except as otherwise contemplated herein) all or substantially all of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to, or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of, any Person, nor at any time create, have, acquire, maintain or hold any interest in any Subsidiary.

(xvi) maintain at all times the Required Capital Amount (as defined in the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement) and refrain from making any dividend, distribution, redemption of capital stock or payment of any subordinated indebtedness which would cause the Required Capital Amount to cease to be so maintained; and

(xvii) take such other actions as are necessary on its part to ensure that the facts and assumptions set forth in the opinion issued by Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, as counsel for Borrower, in connection with the closing or initial Advance under this Agreement and relating to substantive consolidation issues, and in the certificates accompanying such opinion, remain true and correct in all material respects at all times.

(j) COLLECTIONS. Such Loan Party will cause (1) all proceeds from all Lock-Boxes to be directly deposited by a Collection Bank into a Collection Account and (2) each Lock-Box and Collection Account to be subject at all times to a Collection Account Agreement that is in full force and effect. In the event any payments relating to the Collateral are remitted directly to Borrower or any Affiliate of Borrower, Borrower will remit (or will cause all such payments to be remitted) directly to a Collection Bank and deposited into a Collection Account within two (2) Business Days following receipt thereof, and, at all times prior to such remittance, Borrower will itself hold or, if applicable, will cause such payments to be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the Agent and the Lenders. Borrower will maintain exclusive ownership, dominion and control (subject to the terms of this Agreement) of each Lock-Box and Collection Account and shall not grant the right to take dominion and control of any Lock-Box or

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Collection Account at a future time or upon the occurrence of a future event to any Person, except to the Agent as contemplated by this Agreement.

- (k) TAXES. Unless otherwise filed by the Performance Guarantor, such Loan Party will file all material tax returns and reports required by law to be filed by it and will promptly pay all material taxes and governmental charges at any time owing, except taxes which are not yet delinquent or (i) that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which such Loan Party has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (ii) to the extent the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Borrower will pay when due any taxes payable in connection with the Receivables, exclusive of taxes on or measured by income or gross receipts of the Agent or any Lender.
- (1) PAYMENT TO APPLICABLE ORIGINATOR. With respect to any Receivable purchased by ECM from any Originator or purchased by Borrower from ECM, such sale shall be effected under, and in strict compliance with the terms of, the applicable Receivables Sale Agreement, including, without limitation, the terms relating to the amount and timing of payments to be made to such Originator or ECM in respect of the purchase price for such Receivable.
- Section 7.2 NEGATIVE COVENANTS OF THE LOAN PARTIES. Until the Final Payout Date, each Loan Party hereby covenants, as to itself, that:
- (a) NAME CHANGE, OFFICES AND RECORDS. Such Loan Party will not change its name, identity or structure (within the meaning of any applicable enactment of the UCC), relocate its chief executive office at any time while the location of its chief executive office is relevant to perfection of the Agent's security interest, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Receivables, Related Security and Collections, or change any office where Records are kept unless it shall have: (i) given the Agent at least ten (10) Business Days' prior written notice thereof and (ii) delivered to the Agent all financing statements, instruments and other documents requested by the Agent in connection with such change or relocation.
- (b) CHANGE IN PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO OBLIGORS. Except as may be required by the Agent pursuant to Section 8.2(b), such Loan Party will not add or terminate any bank as a Collection Bank, or make any change in the instructions to Obligors regarding payments to be made to any Lock-Box or Collection Account, unless the Agent shall have received, at least ten (10) days before the proposed effective date therefor, (i) written notice of such addition, termination or change and (ii) with respect to the addition of a Collection Bank or a Collection Account or Lock-Box, an executed Collection Account Agreement with respect to the new Collection Account or Lock-Box; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Servicer may make changes in instructions to Obligors regarding payments if such new instructions require such Obligor to make payments to another existing Collection Account.
- (c) MODIFICATIONS TO RECEIVABLES AND CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Such Loan Party will not, and will not permit any Originator to, make any material change to the Credit and Collection Policy that could adversely affect the collectibility of the Receivables or decrease the credit quality of any newly created Receivables. Except as provided in Section 8.2(d), the Servicer will not, and will not permit any Originator to, extend, amend or otherwise

modify the terms of any Receivable other than in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy.

- (d) SALES, LIENS. Borrower will not sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, or create or suffer to exist any Adverse Claim upon (including, without limitation, the filing of any financing statement) or with respect to, any of the Collateral, or assign any right to receive income with respect thereto (other than Permitted Encumbrances), and Borrower will defend the right, title and interest of the Secured Parties in, to and under any of the foregoing property, against all claims of third parties claiming through or under Borrower or any Originator (other than Permitted Encumbrances). Borrower will not create or suffer to exist any mortgage, pledge, security interest, encumbrance, lien, charge or other similar arrangement on any of its inventory (other than Permitted Encumbrances).
- (e) USE OF PROCEEDS. Borrower will not use the proceeds of the Advances for any purpose other than (i) paying for Receivables and Related Security under and in accordance with the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement, including without limitation, making payments on the Subordinated Notes to the extent permitted thereunder and under the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement, (ii) making Demand Advances to ECM at any time prior to the Facility Termination Date while it is acting as Servicer and no Amortization Event or Unmatured Amortization Event exists and is continuing, (iii) paying its ordinary and necessary operating expenses when and as due, and (iv) making Restricted Junior Payments to the extent permitted under this Agreement.
- (f) TERMINATION DATE DETERMINATION. Borrower will not designate the Termination Date (as defined in any of the Receivables Sale Agreements), or send any written notice to ECM or any Originator in respect thereof, without the prior written consent of the Agent, except with respect to the occurrence of such Termination Date arising pursuant to Section 5.1(d) any of the Receivables Sale Agreements.
- (g) RESTRICTED JUNIOR PAYMENTS. Borrower will not make any Restricted Junior Payment if after giving effect thereto, Borrower's Net Worth (as defined in the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement) would be less than the Required Capital Amount (as defined in the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement).
- (h) BORROWER INDEBTEDNESS. Borrower will not incur or permit to exist any Indebtedness or liability on account of deposits except: (i) the Obligations, (ii) the Subordinated Loans, and (iii) other current accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business and not overdue.
- (i) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL NEGATIVE PLEDGES. No Loan Party will enter into or assume any agreement (other than this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents) prohibiting the creation or assumption of any Adverse Claim upon the Collateral except as contemplated by the Transaction Documents, or otherwise prohibiting or restricting any transaction contemplated hereby or by the other Transaction Documents, and no Loan Party will enter into or assume any agreement creating any Adverse Claim upon the Subordinated Notes.

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#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION

#### Section 8.1 DESIGNATION OF SERVICER.

- (a) The servicing, administration and collection of the Receivables shall be conducted by such Person (the "SERVICER") so designated from time to time in accordance with this Section 8.1. ECM is hereby designated as, and hereby agrees to perform the duties and obligations of, the Servicer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Agent may at any time following the occurrence of an Amortization Event designate as Servicer any Person to succeed ECM or any successor Servicer PROVIDED THAT the Rating Agency Condition is satisfied.
- (b) ECM may delegate, and ECM hereby advises the Lenders and the Agent that it has delegated, to the other Originators, as sub-servicers of the Servicer, certain of its duties and responsibilities as Servicer hereunder in respect of the Receivables originated by such other Originator. Without the prior written consent of the Agent and the Required Liquidity Banks, ECM shall not be permitted to delegate any of its duties or responsibilities as Servicer to any Person other than (i) Borrower, (ii) the other Originators, (iii) solely with respect to invoice generation and mailing, an outside billing agent in accordance with its customary practices, and (iv) with respect to certain Defaulted Receivables, outside collection agencies in accordance with its customary practices. Neither Borrower nor any Originator shall be permitted to further delegate to any other Person any of the duties or responsibilities of

the Servicer delegated to it by ECM. If at any time the Agent shall designate as Servicer any Person other than ECM, all duties and responsibilities theretofore delegated by ECM to Borrower or the other Originators may, at the discretion of the Agent, be terminated forthwith on notice given by the Agent to ECM and to Borrower and the other Originators.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing subsection (b): (i) ECM shall be and remain primarily liable to the Agent and the Lenders for the full and prompt performance of all duties and responsibilities of the Servicer hereunder and (ii) the Agent and the Lenders shall be entitled to deal exclusively with ECM in matters relating to the discharge by the Servicer of its duties and responsibilities hereunder. The Agent and the Lenders shall not be required to give notice, demand or other communication to any Person other than ECM in order for communication to the Servicer and its sub-servicer or other delegate with respect thereto to be accomplished. ECM, at all times that it is the Servicer, shall be responsible for providing any sub-servicer or other delegate of the Servicer with any notice given to the Servicer under this Agreement.

#### Section 8.2 DUTIES OF SERVICER.

(a) The Servicer shall take or cause to be taken all such actions as may be necessary or advisable to collect each Receivable from time to time, all in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, with reasonable care and diligence, and in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy.

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- (b) The Servicer will instruct all Obligors to pay all Collections directly to a Lock-Box or Collection Account. The Servicer shall effect a Collection Account Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit VI with each bank party to a Collection Account at any time. In the case of any remittances received in any Lock-Box or Collection Account that shall have been identified, to the satisfaction of the Servicer, to not constitute Collections or other proceeds of the Receivables or the Related Security, the Servicer shall promptly remit such items to the Person identified to it as being the owner of such remittances. From and after the date the Agent delivers to any Collection Bank a Collection Notice pursuant to Section 8.3, the Agent may request that the Servicer, and the Servicer thereupon promptly shall instruct all Obligors with respect to the Receivables, to remit all payments thereon to a new depositary account specified by the Agent and, at all times thereafter, Borrower and the Servicer shall not deposit or otherwise credit, and shall not permit any other Person to deposit or otherwise credit to such new depositary account any cash or payment item other than Collections.
- (c) The Servicer shall administer the Collections in accordance with the procedures described herein and in Article II. The Servicer shall set aside and hold in trust for the account of Borrower and the Lenders their respective shares of the Collections in accordance with Article II. The Servicer shall, upon the request of the Agent, segregate, in a manner acceptable to the Agent, all cash, checks and other instruments received by it from time to time constituting Collections from the general funds of the Servicer or Borrower prior to the remittance thereof in accordance with Article II. If the Servicer shall be required to segregate Collections pursuant to the preceding sentence, the Servicer shall segregate and deposit with a bank designated by the Agent such allocable share of Collections of Receivables set aside for the Lenders on the first Business Day following receipt by the Servicer of such Collections, duly endorsed or with duly executed instruments of transfer.
- (d) The Servicer may, in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy, extend the maturity of any Receivable or adjust the Outstanding Balance of any Receivable as the Servicer determines to be appropriate to maximize Collections thereof; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that such extension or adjustment shall not alter the status of such Receivable as a Delinquent Receivable or Defaulted Receivable or limit the rights of the Agent or the Lenders under this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Agent shall have the absolute and unlimited right to direct the Servicer to commence or settle any legal action with respect to any Receivable or to foreclose upon or repossess any Related Security; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT (i) in lieu of commencing any such action or taking other enforcement action, the Servicer may, at its option, elect to pay to the Agent an amount equal to the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable and (ii) the Servicer shall not, unless indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders, be obligated to commence or take any legal action that is in contravention of applicable law or regulation, or to settle any action that would entail an admission by the Servicer, Borrower or any Originator of legal wrongdoing or culpability or require the payment of damages by any Originator or the Servicer to any third party.
- (e) The Servicer shall hold in trust for Borrower and the Lenders all Records that (i) evidence or relate to the Receivables, the related Contracts and Related Security or (ii) are otherwise necessary or desirable to

collect the Receivables and shall, as soon as practicable upon demand of the Agent at any time when an Amortization Event exists, deliver or make available to the Agent all such Records, at a place selected by the Agent. The Servicer shall, as

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soon as practicable following receipt thereof turn over to Borrower any cash collections or other cash proceeds received with respect to Indebtedness not constituting Receivables. The Servicer shall, from time to time at the request of any Lender, furnish to the Lenders (promptly after any such request) a calculation of the amounts set aside for the Lenders pursuant to Article II.

(f) Any payment by an Obligor in respect of any indebtedness owed by it to Originator or Borrower shall, except as otherwise specified by such Obligor or otherwise required by contract or law and unless otherwise instructed by the Agent, be applied as a Collection of any Receivable of such Obligor (starting with the oldest such Receivable) to the extent of any amounts then due and payable thereunder before being applied to any other receivable or other obligation of such Obligor.

#### Section 8.3 COLLECTION NOTICES.

(a) The Agent is authorized at any time after an Incipient Bankruptcy Event or Amortization Event has occurred and is continuing to date and to deliver to the Collection Banks the Collection Notices. Borrower hereby transfers to the Agent for the benefit of the Lenders, effective when the Agent delivers such notice, the exclusive ownership and control of each Lock-Box and the Collection Accounts. In case any authorized signatory of Borrower whose signature appears on a Collection Account Agreement shall cease to have such authority before the delivery of such notice, such Collection Notice shall nevertheless be valid as if such authority had remained in force. Borrower hereby authorizes the Agent, and agrees that the Agent shall be entitled (i) at any time after delivery of the Collection Notices, to endorse Borrower's name on checks and other instruments representing Collections, (ii) at any time when an Amortization Event has occurred and is continuing, to enforce the Receivables, the related Contracts and the Related Security, and (iii) at any time when an Amortization Event has occurred and is continuing, to take such action as shall be necessary or desirable to cause all cash, checks and other instruments constituting Collections of Receivables to come into the possession of the Agent rather than Borrower.

(b) Borrower hereby authorizes the Agent or its designee to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto and assignments thereof, relative to all or any of the Receivables and the Related Security now existing or hereafter arising in the name of Borrower without any signature of Borrower. If Borrower fails to perform any of its agreements or obligations under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the Agent or its designee may (but shall not be required to) itself perform, or cause performance of, such agreement or obligation, and the expenses of the Agent or its designee incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by Borrower as provided herein.

Section 8.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF BORROWER. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the exercise by the Agent and the Lenders of their rights hereunder shall not release the Servicer, any Originator or Borrower from any of their duties or obligations with respect to any Receivables or under the related Contracts. The Lenders shall have no obligation or liability with respect to any Receivables or related Contracts, nor shall any of them be obligated to perform the obligations of Borrower.

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Section 8.5 MONTHLY REPORTS. The Servicer shall prepare and forward to the Agent (i) on each Monthly Reporting Date, a Monthly Report and an electronic file of the data contained therein and (ii) at such times as the Agent shall request, a listing by Obligor of all Receivables together with an aging of such Receivables; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if an Unmatured Amortization Event or an Amortization Event shall exist and be continuing, the Agent may request a Monthly Report be prepared and forwarded to the Agent more frequently than monthly.

Section 8.6 SERVICING FEE. As compensation for the Servicer's servicing activities on their behalf, the Lenders hereby agree to pay the Servicer the Servicing Fee, which fee shall be paid in arrears on each Settlement Date.

ARTICLE IX.

#### AMORTIZATION EVENTS

- (a) (i) Any Loan Party or Performance Guarantor shall fail to make any payment or deposit in respect of principal of the Loans required to be made by it under the Transaction Documents when due, (ii) any Loan Party or Performance Guarantor shall fail to make any payment or deposit of interest on the Loans, Program Fees or Unused Fees (each, as defined in the Fee Letter) required to be made by it under the Transaction Documents which is not remedied within two (2) Business Days after the earlier to occur of a Responsible Officer's becoming aware of such failure or Borrower's and Servicer's receipt of written notice of such failure from the Agent, or (iii) any Loan Party or Performance Guarantor shall fail to make any other payment or deposit required to be made by it under the Transaction Documents which is not remedied within five (5) Business Days after the earlier to occur of a Responsible Officer's becoming aware of such failure or Borrower's and Servicer's receipt of written notice of such failure from the Agent.
- (b) Any representation, warranty, certification or statement made by Performance Guarantor or any Loan Party in any Transaction Document to which it is a party or in any other document delivered pursuant thereto shall prove to have been incorrect when made or deemed made in any material respect; PROVIDED THAT, the materiality threshold in the foregoing clause shall not be applicable with respect to any representation or warranty which itself is subject to a materiality threshold.
- (c) Any Loan Party shall fail to perform or observe any covenant contained in Sections 7.1(b)(i), 7.1(c)(ii), 7.2 or 8.5 when due; PROVIDED THAT, the failure to deliver the Monthly Report pursuant to Section 8.5 shall not be deemed an Amortization Event to the extent (i) the Servicer delivers such Monthly Report within thirty (30) days from the date originally due; and (ii) during the time period from the date the Monthly Report is originally due to the date the Monthly Report is actually delivered, the Aggregate Principal is zero dollars (\$0) and Borrower does not make any requests for Advances and (iii) Borrower pays all other outstanding amounts due hereunder.

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- (d) Any Loan Party or Performance Guarantor shall fail to perform or observe (i) any other covenant or agreement contained in Sections 7.1(a), 7.1(b) (other than 7.1(b) (i)) and 7.1(i) and such failure shall continue unremedied for fifteen (15) days after the earlier of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to the Borrower and the Servicer by the Buyer or (ii) any other covenant or agreement not mentioned in this Section 9.1 under any Transaction Documents and such failure shall continue unremedied for thirty (30) days after the earlier of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to the Borrower and the Servicer by the Buyer.
- (e) Failure of Borrower to pay any Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) when due or the default by Borrower in the performance of any term, provision or condition contained in any agreement under which any such Indebtedness was created or is governed, the effect of which is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness to cause, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity; or any such Indebtedness of Borrower shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the date of maturity thereof.
- (f) Failure of Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries other than Borrower to pay Indebtedness in excess of \$20,000,000 in aggregate principal amount (hereinafter, "MATERIAL INDEBTEDNESS") when due; or the default by Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries other than Borrower in the performance of any term, provision or condition contained in any agreement under which any Material Indebtedness was created or is governed, the effect of which is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Material Indebtedness to cause, such Material Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity; or any Material Indebtedness of Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries other than Borrower shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the date of maturity thereof (PROVIDED that for so long as Wachovia or an Affiliate thereof is a Liquidity Bank hereunder and Wachovia or an Affiliate thereof is a lender under the Parent Credit Agreement, then, in any such event, any amendments, waivers or other modifications granted by the requisite lenders thereunder shall be binding upon the parties hereunder for the purpose of determining whether an Amortization Event with respect to this clause has occurred; PROVIDED FURTHER that if at any time the Parent Credit Agreement is terminated or is no longer in full force and effect, the parties hereto agree to enter into good faith negotiations to amend this clause for a period of sixty (60) days following the date of such termination, during which period the provisions of this clause shall remain in effect as if the Credit Agreement were still in full force and effect (provided that if no agreement is reached between the parties on such sixtieth day, such event shall constitute as Amortization

- (g) An Event of Bankruptcy shall occur with respect to Performance Guarantor, any Loan Party or any of its/their respective Material Subsidiaries.
  - (h) As at the end of any Calculation Period:
  - (i) the three-month rolling average Delinquency Ratio shall exceed 7.25%,

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- (ii) the three-month rolling average Default Ratio shall exceed 5.25%, or
- (iii) the three-month rolling average Dilution Ratio shall exceed 5.50%.
- (i) A Change of Control shall occur.
- (j) (i) One or more final judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount of \$12,000 or more shall be entered against Borrower or (ii) one or more final judgments for the payment of money in an amount in excess of \$10,000,000, individually or in the aggregate, shall be entered against Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries (other than Borrower) on claims not covered by insurance or as to which the insurance carrier has denied its responsibility, and such judgment shall continue unsatisfied and in effect for thirty (30) consecutive days without a stay of execution.
- (k) The "TERMINATION DATE" under and as defined in any of the Receivables Sale Agreements shall occur under such Receivables Sale Agreement or any Originator or ECM shall for any reason cease to transfer, or cease to have the legal capacity to transfer, or otherwise be incapable of transferring Receivables to ECM or Borrower (as the case may be) under any of the Receivables Sale Agreements.
- (1) This Agreement shall terminate in whole or in part (except in accordance with its terms), or shall cease to be effective or to be the legally valid, binding and enforceable obligation of Borrower, or any Obligor shall directly or indirectly contest in any manner such effectiveness, validity, binding nature or enforceability, or the Agent for the benefit of the Lenders shall cease to have a valid and perfected first priority security interest in the Collateral.
- (m) On any Settlement Date, after giving effect to the turnover of Collections by the Servicer on such date and the application thereof to the Obligations in accordance with this Agreement, the Aggregate Principal shall exceed the Borrowing Limit.
- (n) The Performance Undertaking shall cease to be effective or to be the legally valid, binding and enforceable obligation of Performance Guarantor, or Performance Guarantor shall directly or indirectly contest in any manner such effectiveness, validity, binding nature or enforceability of its obligations thereunder.
- (o) The Internal Revenue Service shall file notice of a lien pursuant to Section 6323 of the Tax Code with regard to any of the Collateral and such lien shall not have been released within thirty (30) days or the PBGC shall file notice of a lien pursuant to Section 4068 of ERISA with regard to any of the Collateral, and in either case such lien shall not have been released within thirty (30) days thereafter.

Affiliates:

- (p) Any Plan of Performance Guarantor or any of its ERISA
- (i) shall fail to be funded in accordance with the minimum funding standard required by applicable law, the terms of such Plan, Section 412 of the Tax Code or Section 302 of ERISA for any plan year or a waiver of such standard is sought or granted

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with respect to such Plan under applicable law, the terms of such Plan or Section 412 of the Tax Code or Section 303 of ERISA; or

- (ii) is being, or has been, terminated or the subject of termination proceedings under applicable law or the terms of such Plan; or  $\ \ \,$
- (iii) shall require Performance Guarantor or any of its ERISA Affiliates to provide security under applicable law, the terms of such Plan, Section 401 or 412 of the Tax Code or Section 306 or 307 of ERISA; or

(iv) results in a liability to Performance Guarantor or any of its ERISA Affiliates under applicable law, the terms of such Plan, or Title IV ERISA,  $\,$ 

and there shall result from any such failure, waiver, termination or other event a liability of any Loan Party to the PBGC or a Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(q) Any event shall occur which materially and adversely impairs (i) the ability of the Originators to originate Receivables of a credit quality that is at least equal to the credit quality of the Receivables sold or contributed to Borrower on the date of this Agreement, (ii) the Agent's security interest in the Receivables generally, or in any significant portion of the Receivables or the Collections, (iii) the collectibility of the Receivables generally or of a substantial portion of the Receivables or (iv) the ability of the Servicer to service the Receivables in a manner consistent with, and subject to, the same historical standards that are satisfactory to the Agent pursuant to the due diligence conducted prior to the date hereof.

Section 9.2 REMEDIES. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Amortization Event, the Agent may, or upon the direction of the Required Liquidity Banks shall, upon notice to the Borrower and the Servicer, take any of the following actions: (i) replace the Person then acting as Servicer (ii) declare the Amortization Date to have occurred, whereupon the Aggregate Commitment shall immediately terminate and the Amortization Date shall forthwith occur, all without demand, protest or further notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by each Loan Party; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Bankruptcy with respect to any Loan Party, the Amortization Date shall automatically occur, without demand, protest or any notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by each Loan Party, (iii) deliver the Collection Notices to the Collection Banks, (iv) exercise all rights and remedies of a secured party upon default under the UCC and other applicable laws, and (v) notify Obligors of the Agent's security interest in the Receivables and other Collateral. The aforementioned rights and remedies shall be without limitation, and shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies of the Agent and the Lenders otherwise available under any other provision of this Agreement, by operation of law, at equity or otherwise, all of which are hereby expressly preserved, including, without limitation, all rights and remedies provided under the UCC, all of which rights shall be cumulative.

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#### ARTICLE X.

#### INDEMNIFICATION

Section 10.1 INDEMNITIES BY THE LOAN PARTIES. Without limiting any other rights that the Agent or any Lender may have hereunder or under applicable law, (A) Borrower hereby agrees to indemnify (and pay upon demand to) the Agent, Blue Ridge, each of the Liquidity Banks and each of the respective assigns, officers, directors, agents and employees of the foregoing (each, an "INDEMNIFIED PARTY") from and against any and all damages, losses, claims, taxes, liabilities, costs, expenses and for all other amounts payable, including actual and reasonable attorneys' fees (which attorneys may be employees of the Agent or such Lender) and disbursements (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to as "INDEMNIFIED AMOUNTS") awarded against or incurred by any of them arising out of or as a result of this Agreement or the acquisition, either directly or indirectly, by a Lender of an interest in the Receivables, and (B) the Servicer hereby agrees to indemnify (and pay upon demand to) each Indemnified Party for Indemnified Amounts awarded against or incurred by any of them arising out of the Servicer's activities as Servicer hereunder EXCLUDING, HOWEVER, in all of the foregoing instances under the preceding clauses (A) and (B):

- (a) Indemnified Amounts to the extent a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction holds that such Indemnified Amounts resulted from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Indemnified Party seeking indemnification provided that the Loan Parties shall not be obligated to indemnify and Indemnified Party under this Section 10.1 in connection with any claim under any cause of action by or against such Indemnified Party with respect to which any Loan Party is an adverse party and such Loan Party is the prevailing party with respect to such claim under such cause of action;
- (b) Indemnified Amounts to the extent the same includes losses in respect of Receivables that are uncollectible on account of the insolvency, bankruptcy or lack of creditworthiness of the related Obligor; or
- (c) (i) income and franchise taxes imposed on (or measured by) any Indemnified Party's net income by the United States of America or by the jurisdiction under the laws of which such Indemnified Party is organized or its principal office is located, or is or should be qualified to do business or any political subdivision thereof, or in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable Lending Office is located (PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no Lender shall be deemed to be located in any jurisdiction solely as a result of taking any action

related to the Transaction Documents) and (ii) any branch profits taxes imposed by the United States of America or any similar tax imposed by any other jurisdiction described in clause (i) above, in each of the foregoing cases to the extent that the computation of such income, franchise or branch profit taxes is consistent with the characterization for such income, franchise or branch profit tax purposes of the acquisition by the Lenders of Loans as a loan or loans by the Lenders to Borrower secured by the Receivables, the Related Security, the Collection Accounts and the Collections;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing contained in this sentence shall limit the liability of any Loan Party or limit the recourse of the Lenders to any Loan Party for amounts otherwise specifically

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provided to be paid by such Loan Party under the terms of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing indemnification, Borrower shall indemnify the Agent and the Lenders for Indemnified Amounts (including, without limitation, losses in respect of uncollectible receivables, regardless of whether reimbursement therefor would constitute recourse to Borrower or the Servicer) relating to or resulting from:

(i) any representation or warranty made by any Loan Party or any Originator (or any officers of any such Person) under or in connection with this Agreement, any other Transaction Document or any other information or report delivered by any such Person pursuant hereto or thereto, which shall have been false or incorrect when made or deemed made;

(ii) the failure by Borrower, the Servicer or any Originator to comply with any applicable law, rule or regulation with respect to any Receivable or Contract related thereto, or the nonconformity of any Receivable or Contract included therein with any such applicable law, rule or regulation or any failure of any Originator to keep or perform any of its obligations, express or implied, with respect to any Contract;

(iii) any failure of Borrower, the Servicer or any Originator to perform its duties, covenants or other obligations in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document;

(iv) any products liability, personal injury or damage suit, or other similar claim arising out of or in connection with merchandise, insurance or services that are the subject of any Contract or any Receivable;

(v) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than discharge in bankruptcy of the Obligor) of the Obligor to the payment of any Receivable (including, without limitation, a defense based on such Receivable or the related Contract not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from the sale of the merchandise or service related to such Receivable or the furnishing or failure to furnish such merchandise or services;

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(vii) any investigation, litigation or proceeding related to or arising from this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the transactions contemplated hereby, the use of the proceeds of any Advance, the Collateral or any other investigation, litigation or proceeding relating to Borrower, the Servicer or any Originator in which any Indemnified Party becomes involved as a result of any of the transactions contemplated hereby;

(viii) any inability to litigate any claim against any Obligor in respect of any Receivable as a result of such Obligor being immune from civil and commercial law and suit on the grounds of sovereignty or otherwise from any legal action, suit or proceeding;

(ix) any Amortization Event;

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(x) any failure of Borrower to acquire and maintain legal and equitable title to, and ownership of any of the Collateral from the applicable Originator, free and clear of any Adverse Claim (other than as created hereunder); or any failure of ECM or Borrower to give reasonably equivalent value to any Originator or ECM (as applicable) under the Receivables Sale Agreement in consideration of the transfer by such Originator or ECM (as applicable) of any Receivable, or any attempt by any Person to void such transfer under statutory provisions or common law or equitable action;

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benefit of the Secured Parties, a valid first priority perfected security interests in the Collateral, free and clear of any Adverse Claim (except as created by the Transaction Documents);

(xii) the failure to have filed, or any delay in filing, financing statements or other similar instruments or documents under the UCC of any applicable jurisdiction or other applicable laws with respect to any Collateral, and the proceeds thereof, whether at the time of any Advance or at any subsequent time;

(xiii) any action or omission by any Loan Party which reduces or impairs the rights of the Agent or the Lenders with respect to any Collateral or the value of any Collateral (for any reason other than the application of Collections thereto or charge-off of any Receivable as uncollectible);

 $\,$  (xiv) any attempt by any Person to void any Advance or the Agent's security interest in the Collateral under statutory provisions or common law or equitable action; and

 $\,$  (xv) the failure of any Receivable included in the calculation of the Net Pool Balance as an Eligible Receivable to be an Eligible Receivable at the time so included.

Section 10.2 INCREASED COST AND REDUCED RETURN. If after the date hereof, any Regulatory Change shall occur: (i) that subjects any Funding Source to any charge or withholding on or with respect to any Funding Agreement or a Funding Source's obligations under a Funding Agreement, or on or with respect to the Receivables, or changes the basis of taxation of payments to any Funding Source of any amounts payable under any Funding Agreement (except for changes in the rate of tax on the overall net income of a Funding Source or taxes excluded by Section 10.1) or (ii) that imposes, modifies or deems applicable any reserve, assessment, insurance charge, special deposit or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of a Funding Source, or credit extended by a Funding Source pursuant to a Funding Agreement or (iii) that imposes any other condition the result of which is to increase the cost to a Funding Source of performing its obligations under a Funding Agreement, or to reduce the rate of return on a Funding Source's capital as a consequence of its obligations under a Funding Agreement, or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by a Funding Source under a Funding Agreement or to require any payment calculated by reference to the amount of interests or loans held or interest received by it, then, upon demand by the Agent, Borrower shall pay to the Agent, for the benefit of the relevant Funding Source, such amounts charged to such Funding Source

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for such amounts to otherwise compensate such Funding Source for such increased cost or such reduction. In determining any amount provided for or referred to in this Section 10.2, a Funding Source may use any reasonable averaging and attribution methods that it (in its sole discretion) shall deem applicable. Within 90 days after the latest to occur of (a) discovery of a Regulatory Change covered by this Section 10.2, (b) incurrence of any increased cost, tax, reserve or other amount described above, or (c) the date on which such increased cost, tax, reserve or other amount is required to be paid or established, any Funding Source wishing to make a claim under this Section 10.2 shall submit to Borrower a certificate as to such actual increased cost or actual reduced return (including calculation thereof in reasonable detail), which shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and biding upon Borrower. Borrower shall not be responsible for any amount claimed under this Section unless such certificate was delivered in such 90-day period. If requested by Borrower, each Funding Source will use reasonable efforts (subject to the overall policy considerations of such Funding Source) to designate an alternate Lending Office with respect to Loans affected by any of the matters or circumstances prescribed in this Section 10.2 in order to reduce the liability of Borrower under this Section 10.2 or to avoid the results provided in this Section 10.2 so long as such designation is not disadvantageous to such Funding Source as determined by such Funding Source, which determination, if made in good faith, shall be conclusive and binding on all parties hereto. Nothing in this Section 10.2 shall affect or postpone any of the obligations of Borrower hereunder or any right of any Funding Source hereunder.

Section 10.3 OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES. Borrower shall pay to the Agent and Blue Ridge on demand all costs and out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby and the other documents to be delivered hereunder, including without limitation, the cost of Blue Ridge's auditors auditing the books, records and procedures of Borrower, reasonable fees and out-of-pocket expenses of legal counsel for Blue Ridge and the Agent (which such counsel may be employees of Blue Ridge or the Agent) with respect thereto and with respect to advising Blue Ridge and the Agent as to their respective rights and remedies under this Agreement. Borrower shall pay to the Agent on demand any and all reasonable costs and expenses of the Agent and the Lenders,

if any, including actual and reasonable counsel fees and expenses in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement and the other documents delivered hereunder and in connection with any restructuring or workout of this Agreement or such documents, or the administration of this Agreement following an Amortization Event. Borrower shall reimburse Blue Ridge on demand for all other reasonable costs and expenses actually incurred by Blue Ridge ("OTHER COSTS"), including, without limitation, the cost of auditing Blue Ridge's books by certified public accountants, the cost of rating the Commercial Paper by independent financial rating agencies, and the reasonable fees and out-of-pocket expenses of counsel for Blue Ridge or any counsel for any shareholder of Blue Ridge with respect to advising Blue Ridge or such shareholder as to matters relating to Blue Ridge's operations.

Section 10.4 ALLOCATIONS. Blue Ridge shall allocate the liability for (a) increased costs covered by Section 10.2 arising under Funding Agreements that are not specifically related solely to this Agreement ("SHARED INCREASED COSTS") and (b) Other Costs among Borrower and other Persons with whom Blue Ridge has entered into agreements to purchase interests in or finance receivables and other financial assets ("OTHER CUSTOMERS"). If any Other Costs are attributable to Borrower and not attributable to any Other Customer or any Shared Increased

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Costs are attributable to the facility evidenced by this Agreement and not to any Other Customers' facilities, Borrower shall be solely liable for such Other Costs or Shared Increased Costs. However, if Other Costs or Shared Increased Costs are attributable to Other Customers and their facilities but not attributable to Borrower or the facility evidenced hereby, such Other Customer shall be solely liable for such Other Costs or Shared Increased Costs, as the case may be. All allocations to be made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Article X shall be made by Blue Ridge in its sole discretion and shall be binding on Borrower and the Servicer.

#### ARTICLE XI.

#### THE AGENT

Section 11.1 AUTHORIZATION AND ACTION. Each Lender hereby designates and appoints Wachovia to act as its agent under the Transaction Documents and under the Liquidity Agreement, and authorizes the Agent to take such actions as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Agent by the terms of the Liquidity Agreement or the Transaction Documents, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth in the Liquidity Agreement or in any Transaction Document, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities on the part of the Agent shall be read into the Liquidity Agreement or any Transaction Document or otherwise exist for the Agent. In performing its functions and duties under the Liquidity Agreement and the Transaction Documents, the Agent shall act solely as agent for the Lenders and does not assume nor shall be deemed to have assumed any obligation or relationship of trust or agency with or for any Loan Party or any of such Loan Party's successors or assigns. The Agent shall not be required to take any action that exposes the Agent to personal liability or that is contrary to the Liquidity Agreement or any Transaction Document or applicable law. The appointment and authority of the Agent hereunder shall terminate upon the indefeasible payment in full of all Obligations. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Agent to execute each of the UCC financing statements, each Collection Account Agreement on behalf of such Lender (the terms of which shall be binding on such Lender).

Section 11.2 DELEGATION OF DUTIES. The Agent may execute any of its duties under the Liquidity Agreement and each Transaction Document by or through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.

Section 11.3 EXCULPATORY PROVISIONS. Neither the Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be (i) liable for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by it or them under or in connection with the Liquidity Agreement or any Transaction Document (except for its, their or such Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct), or (ii) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by any Loan Party contained in the Liquidity Agreement, any Transaction Document or any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received under or in connection with, any Transaction Document or for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of the Liquidity Agreement or any

Transaction Document or any other document furnished in connection therewith, or for any failure of any Loan Party to perform its obligations under any Transaction Document, or for the satisfaction of any condition specified in Article VI, or for the perfection, priority, condition, value or sufficiency of any collateral pledged in connection herewith. The Agent shall not be under any obligation to any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements or covenants contained in, or conditions of, any Transaction Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of the Loan Parties. The Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any Amortization Event or Unmatured Amortization Event unless the Agent has received notice from a Loan Party or a Lender.

Section 11.4 RELIANCE BY AGENT. The Agent shall in all cases be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any document or conversation believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including, without limitation, counsel to Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Agent. The Agent shall in all cases be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under the Liquidity Agreement or any Transaction Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of Blue Ridge or the Required Liquidity Banks or all of the Lenders, as applicable, as it deems appropriate and it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders, PROVIDED THAT unless and until the Agent shall have received such advice, the Agent may take or refrain from taking any action, as the Agent shall deem advisable and in the best interests of the Lenders. The Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, in accordance with a request of Blue Ridge or the Required Liquidity Banks or all of the Lenders, as applicable, and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders.

Section 11.5 NON-RELIANCE ON AGENT AND OTHER LENDERS. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Agent, nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by the Agent hereafter taken, including, without limitation, any review of the affairs of any Loan Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Agent. Each Lender represents and warrants to the Agent that it has and will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, prospects, financial and other conditions and creditworthiness of Borrower and made its own decision to enter into the Liquidity Agreement, the Transaction Documents and all other documents related thereto.

Section 11.6 REIMBURSEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION. The Liquidity Banks agree to reimburse and indemnify the Agent and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents ratably according to their Pro Rata Shares, to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Loan Parties (i) for any amounts for which the Agent, acting in its capacity as Agent, is entitled to reimbursement by the Loan Parties hereunder and (ii) for any other expenses incurred by the Agent, in its capacity as Agent and acting on behalf of the Lenders, in connection with the administration and enforcement of the Liquidity Agreement and the Transaction Documents.

Section 11.7 AGENT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY. The Agent and its Affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with Borrower or

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any Affiliate of Borrower as though the Agent were not the Agent hereunder. With respect to the making of Loans pursuant to this Agreement, the Agent shall have the same rights and powers under the Liquidity Agreement and this Agreement in its individual capacity as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Agent, and the terms "LIQUIDITY BANK," "LENDER," "LIQUIDITY BANKS" and "LENDERS" shall include the Agent in its individual capacity.

Section 11.8 SUCCESSOR AGENT. The Agent, upon five (5) days' notice to the Loan Parties and the Lenders, may voluntarily resign and may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the Required Liquidity Lenders; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that Wachovia shall not voluntarily resign as the Agent so long as any of the Liquidity Commitments remain in effect or Blue Ridge has any outstanding Loans. If the Agent (other than Wachovia) shall voluntarily resign or be removed as Agent under this Agreement, then the Required Liquidity Lenders during such five-day period shall appoint, with the consent of the Borrower from among the remaining Liquidity Banks, a successor Agent, whereupon such successor Agent shall succeed to the rights, powers and duties of the Agent and the term "Agent" shall mean such successor agent, effective upon its appointment, and the former Agent's rights, powers and duties as Agent shall be terminated, without any other or further act or deed on the part of such former Agent or any of the parties to this Agreement. Upon resignation or replacement of any Agent in

accordance with this Section 11.8, the retiring Agent shall execute such UCC-3 assignments and amendments, and assignments and amendments of the Liquidity Agreement and the Transaction Documents, as may be necessary to give effect to its replacement by a successor Agent. After any retiring Agent's resignation hereunder as Agent, the provisions of this Article XI and Article X shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was Agent under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE XII.

#### ASSIGNMENTS; PARTICIPATIONS

#### Section 12.1 ASSIGNMENTS.

- (a) Each of the Agent, the Loan Parties and the Liquidity Banks hereby agrees and consents to the complete or partial assignment by Blue Ridge of all or any portion of its rights under, interest in, title to and obligations under this Agreement to the Liquidity Banks pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement.
- (b) Any Liquidity Bank may at any time and from time to time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees (each, a "PURCHASING LIQUIDITY BANK") all or any part of its rights and obligations under this Agreement pursuant to an assignment agreement substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit VII hereto (an "ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT") executed by such Purchasing Liquidity Bank and such selling Liquidity Bank; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that any assignment of a Liquidity Bank's rights and obligations hereunder shall include a pro rata assignment of its rights and obligations under the Liquidity Agreement. The consent of Blue Ridge (and, if no Amortization Event then exists, Borrower, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required prior to the effectiveness of any such assignment. Each assignee of a Liquidity Bank must (i) be an Eligible Assignee and (ii) agree to deliver to the Agent, promptly following any request therefor by the Agent or Blue Ridge, an enforceability opinion in form and

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substance satisfactory to the Agent and Blue Ridge. Upon delivery of an executed Assignment Agreement to the Agent, such selling Liquidity Bank shall be released from its obligations hereunder and under the Liquidity Agreement to the extent of such assignment. Thereafter the Purchasing Liquidity Bank shall for all purposes be a Liquidity Bank party to this Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement and shall have all the rights and obligations of a Liquidity Bank hereunder and thereunder to the same extent as if it were an original party hereto and thereto and no further consent or action by Borrower, the Lenders or the Agent shall be required. Agent shall give Borrower and the Parent prior notice of each assignment made under this Section.

- (c) Each of the Liquidity Banks agrees that in the event that it shall suffer a Downgrading Event, such Downgraded Liquidity Bank shall be obliged, at the request of Blue Ridge or the Agent, to (i) collateralize its Commitment and its Liquidity Commitment in a manner acceptable to the Agent, or (ii) assign all of its rights and obligations hereunder and under the Liquidity Agreement to an Eligible Assignee nominated by the Agent or a Loan Party and acceptable to Blue Ridge (and, if no Amortization Event then exists, Borrower, which acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and willing to participate in this Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement through the Liquidity Termination Date in the place of such Downgraded Liquidity Bank; PROVIDED THAT the Downgraded Liquidity Bank receives payment in full, pursuant to an Assignment Agreement, of an amount equal to such Liquidity Bank's Pro Rata Share of the Obligations owing to the Liquidity Banks.
- (d) No Loan Party may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Agent and each of the Lenders and without satisfying the Rating Agency Condition.

Section 12.2 PARTICIPATIONS. Any Liquidity Bank may, in the ordinary course of its business at any time sell to one or more Persons (each, a "PARTICIPANT") participating interests in its Pro Rata Share of the Aggregate Commitment, its Loans, its Liquidity Commitment or any other interest of such Liquidity Bank hereunder or under the Liquidity Agreement. Notwithstanding any such sale by a Liquidity Bank of a participating interest to a Participant, such Liquidity Bank's rights and obligations under this Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement shall remain unchanged, such Liquidity Bank shall remain solely responsible for the performance of its obligations hereunder and under the Liquidity Agreement, and the Loan Parties, Blue Ridge and the Agent shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Liquidity Bank in connection with such Liquidity Bank's rights and obligations under this Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement. Each Liquidity Bank agrees that any agreement between such Liquidity Bank and any such Participant in respect of such participating interest shall not restrict such Liquidity Bank's right to agree to any amendment, supplement, waiver or modification to this Agreement, except for any amendment, supplement, waiver or modification described in Section 14.1(b)(i).

Section 12.3 FOREIGN LENDERS. Each Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Borrower (with a copy to the Agent), at the time or times prescribed by applicable law, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower as will permit all payments under this Agreement to be made without withholding. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Foreign Lender agrees that it will deliver to the Agent and the Borrower (or in the case of a Participant, to the Lender from which the

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related participation shall have been purchased) (i) two (2) duly completed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI or W-8BEN, or any successor form thereto, as the case may be, certifying in each case that such Foreign Lender is entitled to receive payments made by any Borrower hereunder without deduction or withholding of any United States federal income taxes and (ii) a duly completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-8 or W-9, or any successor form thereto, as the case may be, to establish an exemption from United States backup withholding tax. Each such Foreign Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Agent such forms on or before the date that it becomes a party to this Agreement (or in the case of a Participant, on or before the date such Participant purchases the related participation). In addition, each such Lender shall deliver such forms promptly upon the obsolescence or invalidity of any form previously delivered by such Lender. Each such Lender shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Agent at any time that it determines that it is no longer in a position to provide any previously delivered certificate to the Borrower (or any other form of certification adopted by the U.S. taxing authorities for such purpose).

#### ARTICLE XIII.

#### SECURITY INTEREST

Section 13.1 GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST. To secure the due and punctual payment of the Obligations, whether now or hereafter existing, due or to become due, direct or indirect, or absolute or contingent, including, without limitation, all Indemnified Amounts, in each case pro rata according to the respective amounts thereof, the Borrower hereby grants to the Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a security interest in, all of the Borrower's right, title and interest, whether now owned and existing or hereafter arising in and to all of the Receivables, the Related Security, the Collections and all proceeds of the foregoing (collectively, the "COLLATERAL").

Section 13.2 TERMINATION AFTER FINAL PAYOUT DATE. Each of the Secured Parties hereby authorizes the Agent, and the Agent hereby agrees, promptly after the Final Payout Date to execute and deliver to the Borrower such UCC termination statements as may be necessary to terminate the Agent's security interest in and Lien upon the Collateral, all at the Borrower's expense. Upon the Final Payout Date, all right, title and interest of the Agent and the other Secured Parties in and to the Collateral shall terminate.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 14.1 WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS.

(a) No failure or delay on the part of the Agent or any Lender in exercising any power, right or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such power, right or remedy preclude any other further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power, right or remedy. The rights and remedies herein

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provided shall be cumulative and nonexclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law. Any waiver of this Agreement shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

(b) No provision of this Agreement may be amended, supplemented, modified or waived except in writing in accordance with the provisions of this Section 14.1(b). Blue Ridge, Borrower and the Agent, at the direction of the Required Liquidity Banks, may enter into written modifications or waivers of any provisions of this Agreement, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that no such modification or waiver shall:

(i) without the consent of each affected Lender, (A) extend the Liquidity Termination Date or the date of any payment or deposit of Collections by Borrower or the Servicer, (B) reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of Interest or any CP Costs (or any component of Interest or CP Costs), (C) reduce any fee payable to the Agent for the benefit of the Lenders,

(D) except pursuant to Article XII hereof, change the amount of the principal of any Lender, any Liquidity Bank's Pro Rata Share or any Liquidity Bank's Commitment, (E) amend, modify or waive any provision of the definition of Required Liquidity Banks or this Section 14.1(b), (F) consent to or permit the assignment or transfer by Borrower of any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement, (G) change the definition of "ELIGIBLE RECEIVABLE," "LOSS RESERVE," "DILUTION RESERVE," "YIELD RESERVE," "SERVICING RESERVE," "SERVICING FEE RATE," "REQUIRED RESERVE" or "REQUIRED RESERVE FACTOR FLOOR" or (H) amend or modify any defined term (or any defined term used directly or indirectly in such defined term) used in clauses (A) through (G) above in a manner that would circumvent the intention of the restrictions set forth in such clauses; or

(ii) without the written consent of the then Agent, amend, modify or waive any provision of this Agreement if the effect thereof is to affect the rights or duties of such Agent,

AND ANY MATERIAL AMENDMENT, WAIVER OR OTHER MODIFICATION OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL REQUIRE SATISFACTION OF THE RATING AGENCY CONDITION. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) without the consent of the Liquidity Banks, but with the consent of Borrower, the Agent may amend this Agreement solely to add additional Persons as Liquidity Banks hereunder and (ii) the Agent, the Required Liquidity Banks and Blue Ridge may enter into amendments to modify any of the terms or provisions of Article XI, Article XII, Section 14.13 or any other provision of this Agreement without the consent of Borrower, PROVIDED THAT such amendment has no negative impact upon Borrower. Any modification or waiver made in accordance with this Section 14.1 shall apply to each of the Lenders equally and shall be binding upon Borrower, the Lenders and the Agent.

Section 14.2 NOTICES. Except as provided in this Section 14.2, all communications and notices provided for hereunder shall be in writing (including bank wire, telecopy or electronic facsimile transmission or similar writing) and shall be given to the other parties hereto at their respective addresses or telecopy numbers set forth on the signature pages hereof or at such other address or telecopy number as such Person may hereafter specify for the purpose of notice to each of the other parties hereto. Each such notice or other communication shall be effective (i) if given by telecopy, upon the receipt thereof, (ii) if given by mail, three (3) Business Days after

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the time such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid or (iii) if given by any other means, when received at the address specified in this Section 14.2. Borrower hereby authorizes the Agent to effect Advances and Interest Period and Interest Rate selections based on telephonic notices made by any Person whom the Agent in good faith believes to be acting on behalf of Borrower. Borrower agrees to deliver promptly to the Agent a written confirmation of each telephonic notice signed by an authorized officer of Borrower; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, the absence of such confirmation shall not affect the validity of such notice. If the written confirmation differs from the action taken by the Agent, the records of the Agent shall govern absent manifest error.

Section 14.3 RATABLE PAYMENTS. If any Lender, whether by setoff or otherwise, has payment made to it with respect to any portion of the Obligations owing to such Lender (other than payments received pursuant to Section 10.2 or 10.3) in a greater proportion than that received by any other Lender entitled to receive a ratable share of such Obligations, such Lender agrees, promptly upon demand, to purchase for cash without recourse or warranty a portion of such Obligations held by the other Lenders so that after such purchase each Lender will hold its ratable proportion of such Obligations; PROVIDED THAT if all or any portion of such excess amount is thereafter recovered from such Lender, such purchase shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, but without interest.

Section 14.4 PROTECTION OF AGENT'S SECURITY INTEREST.

(a) Borrower agrees that from time to time, at its expense, it will promptly execute and deliver all instruments and documents, and take all actions, that may be necessary or desirable, or that the Agent may reasonably request, to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the Agent's security interest in the Collateral, or to enable the Agent or the Lenders to exercise and enforce their rights and remedies hereunder. At any time when an Amortization Event has occurred and is continuing, the Agent may, or the Agent may direct Borrower or the Servicer to, notify the Obligors of Receivables, at Borrower's expense, of the ownership or security interests of the Lenders under this Agreement and may also direct that payments of all amounts due or that become due under any or all Receivables be made directly to the Agent or its designee. Borrower or the Servicer (as applicable) shall, at any Lender's request, withhold the identity of such Lender in any such notification.

(b) If any Loan Party fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the Agent or any Lender may (but shall not be required to) perform, or cause performance of, such obligations, and the Agent's or such Lender's

actual and reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by Borrower as provided in Section 10.3. Each Loan Party irrevocably authorizes the Agent at any time and from time to time in the sole discretion of the Agent, and appoints the Agent as its attorney-in-fact, to act on behalf of such Loan Party (i) to execute on behalf of Borrower as debtor and to file financing statements necessary or desirable in the Agent's reasonable judgment to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interest of the Lenders in the Receivables and (ii) to file a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Agreement or any financing statement with respect to the Receivables as a financing statement in such offices as the Agent in its reasonable judgment deems necessary or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the Agent's security interest in the Collateral, for the benefit of the Secured Parties. This appointment is coupled with an

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interest and is irrevocable. Each of the Loan Parties hereby: (A) authorizes the Agent to file financing statements and other filing or recording documents with respect to the Receivables and Related Security (including any amendments thereto, or continuation or termination statements thereof), without the signature or other authorization of such Loan Party, in such form and in such offices as the Agent reasonably determines appropriate to perfect or maintain the perfection of the security interest of the Agent hereunder, (B) acknowledges and agrees that it is not authorized to, and will not, file financing statements or other filing or recording documents with respect to the Receivables or Related Security (including any amendments thereto, or continuation or termination statements thereof), without the express prior written approval by the Agent, consenting to the form and substance of such filing or recording document, and (C) approves, authorizes and ratifies any filings or recordings made by or on behalf of the Agent in connection with the perfection of the security interests in favor of Borrower or the Agent.

#### Section 14.5 CONFIDENTIALITY.

- (a) Each Loan Party and each Lender shall maintain and shall cause each of its employees and officers to maintain the confidentiality of this Agreement, the Fee Letter and the other confidential or proprietary information that are clearly marked as being confidential and/or proprietary with respect to the Agent and Blue Ridge and their respective businesses obtained by it or them in connection with the structuring, negotiating and execution of the transactions contemplated herein, except that such Loan Party and such Lender and its officers and employees may disclose such information to such Loan Party's and such Lender's officers, employees, auditors, accountants, attorneys, consultants, and other advisers and as required by any applicable law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial or administrative or regulatory authority or proceeding (whether or not having the force or effect of law) or to enforce its rights under the Transaction Documents.
- (b) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, each Loan Party hereby consents to the disclosure of any nonpublic information with respect to it (i) to the Agent, the Liquidity Banks or Blue Ridge by each other, (ii) by the Agent or the Lenders to any prospective or actual assignee or participant of any of them and (iii) by the Agent to any rating agency, Commercial Paper dealer or provider of a surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to Blue Ridge or any entity organized for the purpose of purchasing, or making loans secured by, financial assets for which Wachovia acts as the administrative agent and to any officers, directors, employees, outside accountants and attorneys of any of the foregoing, PROVIDED THAT each such Person is informed of the confidential nature of such information and (except in the case of a Person described in clause (iii) above) agrees to maintain the confidential nature of such information. In addition, the Lenders and the Agent may disclose any such nonpublic information pursuant to any applicable law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law).
- (c) Notwithstanding any other express or implied agreement to the contrary, each of the Loan Parties agrees that it has sought their own tax advice in structuring the transactions evidenced by the Transaction Documents, and they shall have no claim against the Agent or any Lender in the event their intended tax treatment is disallowed.

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(d) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parent, each Lender and the Agent hereby agrees to keep all Proprietary Information confidential and not to disclose or reveal any Proprietary Information to any Person other than its (or its Affiliates) directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives who reasonably require such information in connection wit their activities concerning this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby and to actual or potential Participants or Purchasing Liquidity Banks,

and then only upon a confidential basis in any such case; provided, however, that the Agent or any Lender may disclose Proprietary Information: (i) to the Agent or any other Lender, (ii) to the extent reasonably required in connection with any litigation to which the Agent, any Lender or their respective Affiliates may be a party, (iii) to the extent reasonably required in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder, (iv) as required by law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law), (v) to its attorneys, accountants or other consultants (but only on a confidential basis), (vi) to bank regulatory authorities or other governmental authorities and (vii) by Blue Ridge to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer, or provider of a surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to Blue Ridge which has agreed in writing to be bound by the provisions of this Section 14.5.

Section 14.6 BANKRUPTCY PETITION. Borrower, the Servicer, the Agent and each Liquidity Bank hereby covenants and agrees that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding senior indebtedness of Blue Ridge, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Blue Ridge any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.

Section 14.7 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Except with respect to any claim arising out of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of Blue Ridge, the Agent or any Liquidity Bank, no claim may be made by any Loan Party or any other Person against Blue Ridge, the Agent or any Liquidity Bank or their respective Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages in respect of any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith; and each Loan Party hereby waives, releases, and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected to exist in its favor.

Section 14.8 CHOICE OF LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, without regard to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof OTHER THAN SECTION 5-1401 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW (except in the case of the other Transaction Documents, to the extent otherwise expressly stated therein) AND EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PERFECTION OF THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF THE BORROWER OR THE SECURITY INTEREST OF THE AGENT, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SECURED PARTIES, IN ANY OF THE COLLATERAL IS GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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Section 14.9 CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR NEW YORK STATE COURT SITTING IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY SUCH PERSON PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT, AND EACH SUCH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF THE AGENT OR ANY LENDER TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ANY LOAN PARTY IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BY ANY LOAN PARTY AGAINST THE AGENT OR ANY LENDER OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE AGENT OR ANY LENDER INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY SUCH LOAN PARTY PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN A COURT IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Section 14.10 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT, ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY ANY LOAN PARTY PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED HEREUNDER OR THEREUNDER.

Section 14.11 INTEGRATION; BINDING EFFECT; SURVIVAL OF TERMS.

(a) This Agreement and each other Transaction Document contain the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof superseding all prior oral or written understandings.

(b) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns (including any trustee in bankruptcy). This Agreement shall create and

constitute the continuing obligations of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with its terms; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the rights and remedies with respect to (i) any breach of any representation and warranty made by any Loan Party pursuant to Article V, (ii) the indemnification and payment provisions of Article X, and Sections 14.5 and 14.6 shall be continuing and shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

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Section 14.12 COUNTERPARTS; SEVERABILITY; SECTION REFERENCES. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by telecopier shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement. Any provisions of this Agreement which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Unless otherwise expressly indicated, all references herein to "ARTICLE," "SECTION," "SCHEDULE" or "EXHIBIT" shall mean articles and sections of, and schedules and exhibits to, this Agreement.

Section 14.13 WACHOVIA ROLES. Each of the Liquidity Banks acknowledges that Wachovia acts, or may in the future act: (i) as administrative agent for Blue Ridge or any Liquidity Bank, (ii) as an issuing and paying agent for the Commercial Paper, (iii) to provide credit or liquidity enhancement for the timely payment for the Commercial Paper, and/or (iv) to provide other services from time to time for Blue Ridge or any Liquidity Bank (collectively, the "WACHOVIA ROLES"). Without limiting the generality of this Section 14.13, each Liquidity Bank hereby acknowledges and consents to any and all Wachovia Roles and agrees that in connection with any Wachovia Role, Wachovia may take, or refrain from taking, any action that it, in its discretion, deems appropriate, including, without limitation, in its role as administrative agent for Blue Ridge, and the giving of notice of a mandatory purchase pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement.

Section 14.14 Interest. In no event shall the amount of interest, and all charges, amounts or fees contracted for, charged or collected by any Lender or the Agent pursuant to this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents and deemed to be interest under applicable law (collectively, "INTEREST") exceed the highest rate of interest allowed by applicable law (the "MAXIMUM RATE"), and in the event any such payment is inadvertently received by any Lender or the Agent, then the excess sum (the "EXCESS") shall be credited as a payment of principal, unless the Borrower shall notify the applicable recipient in writing that it elects to have the Excess returned forthwith. It is the express intent hereof that Borrower not pay and the Lenders and the Agent not receive, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever, interest in excess of that which may legally be paid by Borrower under applicable law. The right to accelerate maturity of any of the Loans does not include the right to accelerate any interest that has not otherwise accrued on the date of such acceleration, and the Agent and the Lenders do not intend to collect any unearned interest in the event of any such acceleration. All monies paid to the Agent or any Lender hereunder or under any of the other Transaction Documents, whether at maturity or by prepayment, shall be subject to rebate of unearned interest as and to the extent required by applicable law. By the execution of this Agreement, Borrower covenants, to the fullest extent permitted by law, that (i) the credit or return of any Excess shall constitute the acceptance by Borrower of such Excess, and (ii) Borrower shall not seek or pursue any other remedy, legal or equitable, against the Agent or any Lender, based in whole or in part upon contracting for charging or receiving any Interest in excess of the Maximum Rate. For the purpose of determining whether or not any Excess has been contracted for, charged or received from Borrower in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents

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shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be amortized, prorated, allocated and spread in equal parts throughout the full term of the Commitments. Borrower, the Agent and each Lender shall, to the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, (i) characterize any non-principal payment as an expense, fee or premium rather than as Interest and (ii) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof. The provisions of this Section 14.14 shall be deemed to be incorporated into each of the other Transaction Documents (whether or not any provision of this Section is referred to therein). All such Transaction Documents and communications relating to any Interest owed by Borrower and all figures set forth therein shall, for the sole purpose of computing the extent of obligations hereunder and under the other Transaction Documents be automatically

recomputed by Borrower, and by any court considering the same, to give effect to the adjustments or credits required by this Section 14.14.

Section 14.15 Termination. This Agreement shall terminate on the Final Payout Date; provided that the provisions of Sections 2.4, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 11.6, 14.5, 14.6 and 14.14 of this Agreement shall survive such termination.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the date hereof.

EQUIFAX REC	EIVABLES FINANCE LLC, as Borrower
By:	
Name: Title:	1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Attn: President Fax: (404) 885-8221
EQUIFAX CAP	ITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., as Servicer
By:	
Name: Title:	1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Attn: Treasurer Fax: (404) 885-8221
BLUE RIDGE	ASSET FUNDING CORPORATION
BY: WACHOV	IA SECURITIES, LLC, ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
Ву:	
Name: Title: Address:	
WACHOVIA BA	NK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Liquidity Bank and as Agent
Ву:	
Name: Title:	
	[Signature Page to the Credit and Security Agreement]
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EXHIBIT I

### DEFINITIONS

AS USED IN THIS AGREEMENT, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS (SUCH MEANINGS TO BE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO BOTH THE SINGULAR AND PLURAL FORMS OF THE TERMS DEFINED):

"ADJUSTED DILUTION RATIO" means, at any time, the rolling average of

the Dilution Ratio for the 12 Calculation Periods then most recently ended.

amount of the several Loans made on the same Borrowing Date.

"ADVANCE" means a borrowing hereunder consisting of the aggregate

"ADVERSE CLAIM" means a lien, security interest, charge or encumbrance,

or other right or claim in, of or on any Person's assets or properties in favor of any other Person.

"AFFILIATE" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, such Person or any Subsidiary of such Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if the controlling Person owns 10% or more of any class of voting securities of the controlled Person or possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of the controlled Person, whether through ownership of stock, by contract or otherwise.

"AGENT" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"AGENT'S ACCOUNT" means account #200001038492 at Wachovia Bank, National Association, ABA #053000219.

"AGGREGATE COMMITMENT" means, on any date of determination, the aggregate amount of the Liquidity Banks' Commitments to make Loans hereunder. As of the date hereof, the Aggregate Commitment is \$125,000,000.

"AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL" means, on any date of determination, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Advances outstanding on such date.

"AGGREGATE REDUCTION" has the meaning specified in Section 1.3.

"AGREEMENT" means this Credit and Security Agreement, as it may be amended or modified and in effect from time to time.

"ALTERNATE BASE RATE" means for any day, the rate PER ANNUM equal to the higher as of such day of (i) the Prime Rate, or (ii) one-half of one percent (0.50%) above the Federal Funds Rate. For purposes of determining the Alternate Base Rate for any day, changes in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Rate shall be effective on the date of each such change.

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"ALTERNATE BASE RATE LOAN" means a Loan which bears interest at the Alternate Base Rate or the Default Rate.

"AMORTIZATION DATE" means the earliest to occur of (i) the Business Day immediately prior to the occurrence of an Event of Bankruptcy with respect to any Loan Party, (ii) the Business Day specified in a written notice from the Agent following the occurrence of any other Amortization Event, and (iii) the date which is 10 Business Days after the Agent's receipt of written notice from Borrower that it wishes to terminate the facility evidenced by this Agreement.

"AMORTIZATION EVENT" has the meaning specified in Article IX.

"ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT" has the meaning set forth in Section 12.1(b).

"AUTHORIZED OFFICER" means, with respect to any Person, its president, corporate controller, treasurer or chief financial officer.

"BLUE RIDGE" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"BORROWER" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"BORROWING BASE" means, on any date of determination, the Net Pool Balance as of the last day of the period covered by the most recent Monthly Report, MINUS the Required Reserve as of the last day of the period covered by the most recent Monthly Report, and MINUS Deemed Collections that have occurred since the most recent Cut-Off Date to the extent that such Deemed Collections exceed the Dilution Reserve.

"BORROWING DATE" means a Business Day on which an Advance is made hereunder.

"BORROWING LIMIT" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1.

"BORROWING NOTICE" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.2.

"BROKEN FUNDING COSTS" means for any CP Rate Loan or LIBO Rate Loan which: (a) in the case of a CP Rate Loan, has its principal reduced without compliance by Borrower with the notice requirements hereunder, (b) in the case of a CP Rate Loan or a LIBO Rate Loan, does not become subject to an Aggregate Reduction following the delivery of any Reduction Notice, (c) in the case of a CP Rate Loan, is assigned under the Liquidity Agreement, or (d) in the case of a LIBO Rate Loan, is terminated or reduced prior to the last day of its Interest Period, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the CP Costs or Interest (as applicable) that would have accrued during the remainder of the Interest Periods or the tranche periods for Commercial Paper determined by the Agent to

relate to such Loan (as applicable) subsequent to the date of such reduction, assignment or termination (or in respect of clause (b) above, the date such Aggregate Reduction was designated to occur pursuant to the Reduction Notice) of the principal of such Loan if such reduction, assignment or termination had not occurred or such Reduction Notice had not been delivered, over (ii) the sum of (x) to the extent all or a portion of such principal is allocated to another Loan, the amount of CP Costs or Interest

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actually accrued during the remainder of such period on such principal for the new Loan, and (y) to the extent such principal is not allocated to another Loan, the income, if any, actually received during the remainder of such period by the holder of such Loan from investing the portion of such principal not so allocated. In the event that the amount referred to in clause (B) exceeds the amount referred to in clause (A), the relevant Lender or Lenders agree to pay to Borrower the amount of such excess. All Broken Funding Costs shall be due and payable hereunder upon demand.

"BUSINESS DAY" means any day on which banks are not authorized or required to close in New York, New York or Atlanta, Georgia, and The Depository Trust Company of New York is open for business, and, if the applicable Business Day relates to any computation or payment to be made with respect to the LIBO Rate, any day on which dealings in dollar deposits are carried on in the London interbank market.

"CALCULATION PERIOD" means a calendar month.

"CAPITAL LEASE" means, with respect to any Person, any lease of any property that should, in accordance with GAAP, be classified and accounted for as a capital lease on a consolidated balance sheet of such Person and its consolidated Subsidiaries.

"CHANGE OF CONTROL" means (i) during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the board of directors of the Parent (together with any new directors whose election by such board or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Parent was approved by a vote of a majority of the directors then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) and who were entitled to vote on such matters, cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the board of directors of the Parent then in office, (ii) any person or group of persons (within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) after the date of the Agreement shall obtain ownership or control in one or more series of transactions of more than 25% of the common stock or 25% of the voting power of the Parent entitled to vote in the election of members of the board of directors of the Parent, (iii) there shall have occurred under any indenture or other instrument evidencing any Indebtedness in excess of \$20,000,000 any "change in control" (as defined in such indenture or other evidence of Indebtedness) obligating the Parent to repurchase, redeem or repay all or any part of the Debt provided for therein

"COLLATERAL" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.1.

"COLLECTION ACCOUNT" means each concentration account, depositary account, lock-box account or similar account in which any Collections are collected or deposited and which is listed on Exhibit IV.

"COLLECTION ACCOUNT AGREEMENT" means an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit VI among an Originator, Servicer, Borrower, the Agent and a Collection Bank.

"COLLECTION BANK" means, at any time, any of the banks holding one or more Collection Accounts.

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"COLLECTION NOTICE" means a notice, in substantially the form of Annex A to Exhibit VI, from the Agent to a Collection Bank.

"COLLECTIONS" means, with respect to any Receivable, all cash collections and other cash proceeds in respect of such Receivable, including, without limitation, all Finance Charges or other related amounts accruing in respect thereof and all cash proceeds of Related Security with respect to such Receivable.

"COMMERCIAL PAPER" means promissory notes of Blue Ridge issued by Blue Ridge in the commercial paper market.

"COMMITMENT" means, for each Liquidity Bank, the commitment of such Liquidity Bank to make Loans to Borrower hereunder in the event the Blue Ridge elects not to fund any Advance in an aggregate principal amount at any one time

outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Liquidity Bank's name on Schedule A to this Agreement.

"CONTINGENT OBLIGATION" of a Person means any agreement, undertaking or arrangement by which such Person assumes, guarantees, endorses, contingently agrees to purchase or provide funds for the payment of, or otherwise becomes or is contingently liable upon, the obligation or liability of any other Person, or agrees to maintain the net worth or working capital or other financial condition of any other Person, or otherwise assures any creditor of such other Person against loss, including, without limitation, any comfort letter, operating agreement, take-or-pay contract or application for a letter of credit.

"CONTRACT" means, with respect to any Receivable, any and all instruments, agreements, invoices or other writings pursuant to which such Receivable arises or which evidences such Receivable.

"CP COSTS" means, for each day, the sum of (i) discount or interest accrued on Pooled Commercial Paper on such day, plus (ii) any and all accrued commissions in respect of placement agents and Commercial Paper dealers, and issuing and paying agent fees incurred, in respect of such Pooled Commercial Paper for such day, plus (iii) other costs associated with funding small or odd-lot amounts with respect to all receivable purchase facilities which are funded by Pooled Commercial Paper for such day, minus (iv) any accrual of income net of expenses received on such day from investment of collections received under all receivable purchase or financing facilities funded substantially with Pooled Commercial Paper, minus (v) any payment received on such day net of expenses in respect of Broken Funding Costs (or similar costs) related to the prepayment of any investment of Blue Ridge pursuant to the terms of any receivable purchase or financing facilities funded substantially with Pooled Commercial Paper. In addition to the foregoing costs, if Borrower shall request any Advance during any period of time determined by the Agent in its sole discretion to result in incrementally higher CP Costs applicable to such Advance, the principal associated with any such Advance shall, during such period, be deemed to be funded by Blue Ridge in a special pool (which may include capital associated with other receivable purchase or financing facilities) for purposes of determining such additional CP Costs applicable only to such special pool and charged each day during such period against such principal.

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"CP RATE LOAN" means, for each Loan of Blue Ridge prior to the time, if any, when (i) it is refinanced with a Liquidity Funding pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement, or (ii) the occurrence of an Amortization Event and the commencement of the accrual of Interest thereon at the Default Rate.

"CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY" means Borrower's credit and collection policies and practices relating to Contracts and Receivables existing on the date hereof and summarized in Exhibit VIII hereto, as modified from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

"CSC" means Computer Services Corporation, a Nevada corporation.

"CSC AGREEMENT" means the Agreement for Computerized Credit Reporting Services and Options to Purchase and Sell Assets, dated as of the 1st day of August, 1988 among EIS, the Company, CSC and certain other parties, as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"CSC PUT" means the right of certain subsidiaries of CSC under the CSC Agreement to require EIS to purchase their credit reporting businesses within  $180~{
m days}$  after notice.

"CUT-OFF DATE" means the last day of a Calculation Period.

"DAYS SALES OUTSTANDING" means, as of any day, an amount equal to the product of (x) 91, multiplied by (y) the amount obtained by dividing (i) the aggregate outstanding balance of Receivables as of the most recent Cut-Off Date, by (ii) the aggregate amount of Receivables created during the three (3) Calculation Periods including and immediately preceding such Cut-Off Date.

"DEEMED COLLECTIONS" means Collections deemed received by the Borrower under Section  $1.4\,(a)\,.$ 

"DEFAULT HORIZON RATIO" means, as of any Cut-Off Date, the ratio (expressed as a decimal) computed by dividing (i) the aggregate sales generated by the Originators during the four Calculation Periods ending on such Cut-Off Date, by (ii) the Net Pool Balance as of such Cut-off Date.

"DEFAULT RATE" means a rate per annum equal to the sum of (i) the Alternate Base Rate plus (ii) 2.00%, changing when and as the Alternate Base Rate changes.

"DEFAULT RATIO" means, as of any Cut-Off Date, the ratio (expressed as

a percentage) computed by dividing (x) the total amount of Receivables which became Defaulted Receivables during the Calculation Period that includes such Cut-Off Date, by (y) the aggregate credit sales generated by the Originators during the Calculation Period occurring four months prior to the Calculation Period ending on such Cut-Off Date.

"DEFAULTED RECEIVABLE" means a Receivable: (i) as to which the Obligor thereof has suffered an Event of Bankruptcy; (ii) which, consistent with the Credit and Collection Policy.

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would be written off Borrower's books as uncollectible; or (iii) as to which any payment, or part thereof, remains unpaid for 121 days or more from the original invoice date for such payment.

"DELINQUENCY RATIO" means, at any time, a percentage equal to (i) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Receivables that were Delinquent Receivables at such time divided by (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Receivables at such time.

"DELINQUENT RECEIVABLE" means a Receivable as to which any payment, or part thereof, remains unpaid for 91-120 days from the original invoice date for such payment.

"DEMAND ADVANCE" means an advance made by the Borrower to ECM at any time while it is acting as the Servicer on any day prior to the Facility Termination Date on which no Amortization Event or Unmatured Amortization Event exists and is continuing, which advance (a) is payable upon demand, (b) is not evidenced by an instrument, chattel paper or a certificated security, (c) bears interest at a market rate determined by the Borrower and the Servicer from time to time, (d) is not subordinated to any other Indebtedness or obligation of the Servicer, and (e) may not be offset by Parent against amounts due and owing from the Borrower to it under its Subordinated Note.

"DILUTION" means the amount of any reduction or cancellation of the Outstanding Balance of a Receivable as described in Section 1.4(a).

"DILUTION HORIZON RATIO" means, as of any Cut-off Date, a ratio (expressed as a decimal), computed by dividing (i) the aggregate credit sales generated by the Originators during the Calculation Period ending on such Cut-Off Date, by (ii) the Net Pool Balance as of such Cut-Off Date.

"DILUTION RATIO" means, as of any Cut-Off Date, a ratio (expressed as a percentage), computed by dividing (i) the total amount of decreases in Outstanding Balances due to Dilutions during the Calculation Period ending on such Cut-Off Date, by (ii) the aggregate credit sales generated by the Originators during the Calculation Period prior to the Calculation Period ending on such Cut-Off Date.

"DILUTION RESERVE" means, for any Calculation Period, the product (expressed as a percentage) of:

- (a) the sum of (i) two (2) times the Adjusted Dilution Ratio as of the immediately preceding Cut-Off Date, PLUS (ii) the Dilution Volatility Component as of the immediately preceding Cut-Off Date, TIMES
- (b) the Dilution Horizon Ratio as of the immediately preceding  $\mbox{\sc Cut-Off}$  Date.

"DILUTION VOLATILITY COMPONENT" means the product (expressed as a percentage) of (i) the difference between (a) the highest three (3)-month rolling average Dilution Ratio over the past 12 Calculation Periods and (b) the Adjusted Dilution Ratio, and (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is equal to the amount calculated in (i)(a) of this definition and the denominator of which is equal to the amount calculated in (i)(b) of this definition.

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"DOWNGRADED LIQUIDITY BANK" means a Liquidity Bank which has been the subject of a Downgrading Event.

"DOWNGRADING EVENT" with respect to any Person means the lowering of the rating with regard to the short-term securities of such Person to below (i) A-1 by S&P, or (ii) P-1 by Moody's.

"ECM" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"EIS" means Equifax Information Services LLC, a Georgia limited liability company.

"ELIGIBLE ASSIGNEE" means a commercial bank having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$250,000,000\$ with a rating of its (or its Parent holding company's) short-term securities equal to or higher than (i) A-1 by S&P and (ii) P-1 by Moody's.

"ELIGIBLE ORIGINATOR" means (i) Parent, (ii) Equifax Information Services LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, (iii) Equifax Direct Marketing Solutions LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, and (iv) each other Subsidiary that is directly or indirectly wholly-owned by Parent to which the Administrative Agent gives its written approval.

"ELIGIBLE RECEIVABLE" means, at any time, a Receivable originated by an Eligible Originator:

- (i) the Obligor of which (a) if a natural person, is a resident of the United States, if a corporation or other business organization, is organized under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof and has its chief executive office in the United States or any political subdivision thereof; and (b) is not an Affiliate of any of the parties hereto,
- (ii) which is not a Defaulted Receivable or owing from an Obligor as to which more than 50% of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Receivables owing from such Obligor are Defaulted Receivables,
- (iii) which was not a Delinquent Receivable on the date on which it was acquired by Borrower from the applicable Eligible Originator,
- $\,$  (iv) which by its terms is due and payable upon receipt and has not had its payment terms extended more than once,
- (v) which is an "account" or "chattel paper" within the meaning of Section 9-106 and Section 9-105, respectively, of the UCC of all applicable jurisdictions,
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- (vii) which arises under a Contract which, together with such Receivable, is in full force and effect and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor enforceable against such Obligor in accordance with its terms subject to no

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offset, counterclaim or other defense, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that if such offset, counterclaim or defense affects only a portion of the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable, then such Receivable may be deemed an Eligible Receivable to the extent of the portion of such Outstanding Balance which is not so affected, and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that Receivables of any Obligor which has any accounts payable by the applicable Eligible Originator or by a wholly-owned Subsidiary of such Eligible Originator (thus giving rise to a potential offset against such Receivables) may be treated as Eligible Receivables to the extent that the Obligor of such Receivables has agreed pursuant to a written agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent, that such Receivables shall not be subject to such offset,

- (viii) which arises under a Contract which does not contain a confidentiality provision that purports to restrict the ability of any Lender to exercise its rights under this Agreement, including, without limitation, its right to review the Contract,
- (ix) which arises under a Contract that contains an obligation to pay a specified sum of money, contingent only upon the sale of goods or the provision of services by the applicable Eligible Originator,
- (x) which, together with the Contract related thereto, does not contravene any law, rule or regulation applicable thereto (including, without limitation, any law, rule and regulation relating to truth in lending, fair credit billing, fair credit reporting, equal credit opportunity, fair debt collection practices and privacy) and with respect to which no part of the Contract related thereto is in violation of any such law, rule or regulation,
- $\mbox{(xi)}$  which satisfies all applicable requirements of the Credit and Collection Policy,
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- $\,$  (xiii) which arises solely from the sale of goods or the provision of services to the related Obligor by the applicable Eligible Originator, and not by any other Person (in whole or in part),
  - (xiv) which is not subject to any dispute, counterclaim, right

of rescission, set-off, counterclaim or any other defense (including defenses arising out of violations of usury laws) of the applicable Obligor against the applicable Eligible Originator or any other Adverse Claim, and the Obligor thereon holds no right as against such Eligible Originator to cause such Eligible Originator to repurchase the goods or merchandise the sale of which shall have given rise to such Receivable (except with respect to sale discounts effected pursuant to the Contract, or defective goods returned in accordance with the terms of the Contract); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if such dispute, offset, counterclaim or defense affects only a portion of the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable, then such Receivable may be deemed an Eligible Receivable to the extent of the portion of such Outstanding Balance which is not so affected, and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that Receivables of any Obligor which has any accounts payable by the applicable Eligible Originator or by a wholly-owned Subsidiary of such Eligible Originator (thus giving rise to a potential offset against such Receivables) may be treated as Eligible Receivables

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to the extent that the Obligor of such Receivables has agreed pursuant to a written agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent, that such Receivables shall not be subject to such offset,

(xv) as to which the applicable Eligible Originator has satisfied and fully performed all obligations on its part with respect to such Receivable required to be fulfilled by it, and no further action is required to be performed by any Person with respect thereto other than payment thereon by the applicable Obligor (other than Permitted Encumbrances),

(xvi) as to which each of the representations and warranties contained in Sections 5.1(i), (j), (r), (s), (t) and (u) is true and correct, and

(xvii) all right, title and interest to and in which has been validly transferred by the applicable Eligible Originator directly to ECM and by ECM to Borrower under and in accordance with the Receivables Sale Agreement, and Borrower has good and marketable title thereto free and clear of any Adverse Claim (other than Permitted Encumbrances).

"EQUITY INTERESTS" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents, including membership interests (however designated, whether voting or non-voting), of capital of such Person, including, if such Person is a partnership, partnership interests (whether general or limited) and any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, such partnership, whether outstanding on the date hereof or issued after the date of this Agreement.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and any rule or regulation issued thereunder.

"ERISA AFFILIATE" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with Performance Guarantor within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Tax Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Tax Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Tax Code).

"EVENT OF BANKRUPTCY" shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to a Person if either:

(a) a case or other proceeding shall be commenced, without the application or consent of such Person, in any court, seeking the liquidation, reorganization, debt arrangement, dissolution, winding up, or composition or readjustment of debts of such Person, the appointment of a trustee, receiver, custodian, liquidator, assignee, sequestrator or the like for such Person or all or substantially all of its assets, or any similar action with respect to such Person under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, winding up or composition or adjustment of debts, and such case or proceeding shall continue undismissed, or unstayed and in effect, for a period of 60 consecutive days; or an order for relief in respect of such Person shall be entered in an involuntary case under the federal bankruptcy laws or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect; or

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(b) such Person shall commence a voluntary case or other proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, debt arrangement, dissolution or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or shall consent to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee (other than a trustee under a deed of trust, indenture or similar instrument), custodian, sequestrator (or other similar official) for, such Person or for any substantial part of its property, or shall make any general assignment

for the benefit of creditors, or shall be adjudicated insolvent, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or, if a corporation or similar entity, its board of directors shall vote to implement any of the foregoing.

"EXCESS TERMS ALLOWANCE" means the excess, if any, of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables which by its terms are due and payable greater than 30 days from the original invoice date thereof that exceeds 1.0% of the Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables.

"EXECUTIVE OFFICER" means any of the chief executive officer, president, executive vice president or senior vice president of the Parent.

"FACILITY ACCOUNT" means Borrower's account no. 200001691442 at Wachovia.

"FACILITY TERMINATION DATE" means the earlier of (i) the Liquidity Termination Date and (ii) the Amortization Date.

"FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY CODE" means Title 11 of the United States Code entitled "Bankruptcy," as amended and any successor statute thereto.

"FEDERAL FUNDS EFFECTIVE RATE" means, for any period, a fluctuating interest rate PER ANNUM for each day during such period equal to (a) the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers, as published for such day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, for the preceding Business Day) by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the Composite Closing Quotations for U.S. Government Securities; or (b) if such rate is not so published for any day which is a Business Day, the average of the quotations at approximately 11:30 a.m. (New York time) for such day on such transactions received by the Agent from three federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it.

"FEE LETTER" means that certain letter agreement dated as of the date hereof between the Borrower and the Agent, as it may be amended or modified and in effect from time to time.

"FINAL PAYOUT DATE" means the date on which all Obligations have been paid in full and the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated.

"FINANCE CHARGES" means, with respect to a Contract, any finance, interest, late payment charges or similar charges owing by an Obligor pursuant to such Contract.

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"FIRST STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT" means that certain Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2004, among the Originators, as sellers, and ECM, as buyer, as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

"FOREIGN LENDER" means any Lender that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is located. For purposes of this definition, the United States of America, each state thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.

"FUNDING AGREEMENT" means (i) this Agreement, (ii) the Liquidity Agreement and (iii) any other agreement or instrument executed by any Funding Source with or for the benefit of Blue Ridge.

"FUNDING SOURCE" means (i) any Liquidity Bank or (ii) any insurance company, bank or other funding entity providing liquidity, credit enhancement or back-up purchase support or facilities to Blue Ridge.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in effect in the United States of America as of the date of this Agreement.

"GOVERNMENT RECEIVABLES" means Eligible Receivables the Obligor of which is a government or a governmental subdivision or agency.

"GOVERNMENT RECEIVABLE EXCESS" means the excess, if any, of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Government Receivables over 1.0% of the Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables.

"INCIPIENT BANKRUPTCY EVENT" means that the Agent shall have been informed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower, Servicer or Parent shall have otherwise reasonably determined that Borrower, Servicer or Parent is about to commence or to become the subject of a case or proceeding of the type described in the definition of "EVENT OF BANKRUPTCY."

"INDEBTEDNESS" of any person means at any date, without duplication: (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of

such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property purchased by such Person (other than customary reservations or retentions of title under agreements with suppliers entered into in the ordinary course of business), (d) all obligations of such Person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services purchased by such Person (other than trade Indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business on terms customary in the trade) which would appear as liabilities on a balance sheet of such Person and any obligation relating to or arising out of the CSC Put after the receipt by the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of notice from CSC or any of its Subsidiaries regarding the intent to exercise the CSC Put, (e) all obligations of such Person under take or pay or similar arrangements or under commodities agreements, (f) all Indebtedness of others secured by (for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on, or payable out of the proceeds, of property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the obligations secured thereby have been assumed, provided that for purposes hereof the amount of such Indebtedness shall be

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limited to the greater of (i) the amount of such Indebtedness as to which there is recourse to such Person and (ii) the fair market value of the property which is subject to the Lien, (g) all Contingent Obligations of such Person with respect to a Indebtedness of another Person, (h) the principal portion of all obligations of such Person under Capital Leases, (i) all net obligation of such Person in respect of Hedging Agreements, (j) the maximum amount of all standby letters of credit issued or bankers' acceptances facilities created for the account of such Person and, without duplication, all drafts drawn thereunder (to the extent unreimbursed or not cash collateralized), (k) all preferred stock issued by such Person and required by the terms thereof to be redeemed, or for which mandatory sinking fund payments are due, by a fixed date, (1) the outstanding attributed principal amount under any asset securitization program of such Person (including without limitation any notes or accounts receivable financing program) and (m) the principal balance outstanding under any synthetic lease, tax retention operating lease, off-balance sheet loan or similar off-balance sheet financing product to which such Person is a party, where such transaction is considered borrowed money indebtedness for tax purposes but is classified as an operating lease in accordance with GAAP. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, but only to the extent to which there is recourse to the assets (other than the ownership interest in such partnership or joint venture) of such Person for payment of such Indebtedness.

"INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR" shall mean a member of the Board of Directors of Borrower who is not at such time, and has not been at any time during the preceding five (5) years: (A) a director, officer, employee or affiliate of Performance Guarantor, any Originator or any of their respective Subsidiaries or Affiliates (other than Borrower), or (B) the beneficial owner (at the time of such individual's appointment as an Independent Director or at any time thereafter while serving as an Independent Director) of any of the outstanding common shares of Borrower, any Originator, or any of their respective Subsidiaries or Affiliates, having general voting rights (excepting immaterial beneficial interests in mutual finds or similar managed investment accounts which in no case shall exceed 2% of any class of such shares.)

"INTEREST" means for each respective Interest Period relating to Loans of the Liquidity Banks, an amount equal to the product of the applicable Interest Rate for each Loan multiplied by the principal of such Loan for each day elapsed during such Interest Period, annualized on a 360 day basis.

"INTEREST PERIOD" means, with respect to any Loan held by a Liquidity Bank:

(a) if Interest for such Loan is calculated on the basis of the LIBO Rate, a period of one month, or such other period as may be mutually agreeable to the Agent and Borrower, commencing on a Business Day selected by Borrower or the Agent pursuant to this Agreement. Such Interest Period shall end on the day in the applicable succeeding calendar month which corresponds numerically to the beginning day of such Interest Period, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if there is no such numerically corresponding day in such succeeding month, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of such succeeding month; or

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(b) if Interest for such Loan is calculated on the basis of the Alternate Base Rate, a period commencing on a Business Day selected by Borrower and agreed to by the Agent, PROVIDED THAT no such period shall exceed one month.

If any Interest Period would end on a day which is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall end on the next succeeding Business Day, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in the case of Interest Periods corresponding to the LIBO Rate, if such next succeeding Business Day falls in a new month, such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the case of any Interest Period for any Loan which commences before the Amortization Date and would otherwise end on a date occurring after the Amortization Date, such Interest Period shall end on the Amortization Date. The duration of each Interest Period which commences after the Amortization Date shall be of such duration as selected by the Agent.

"INTEREST RATE" means, with respect to each Loan of the Liquidity Banks, the LIBO Rate, the Alternate Base Rate or the Default Rate, as applicable.

"INTEREST RESERVE" means, for any Calculation Period, the product (expressed as a percentage) of (i) 1.5 TIMES (ii) the Alternate Base Rate as of the immediately preceding Cut-Off Date TIMES (iii) a fraction the numerator of which is the highest Days Sales Outstanding for the most recent 12 Calculation Periods and the denominator of which is 360.

"LENDER" means Blue Ridge and each Liquidity Bank.

"LENDING OFFICE" means, with respect to any Lender, the branch or office of such Lender maintaining such Lender's Commitment.

"LIBO RATE" means, for any Interest Period, the rate per annum determined on the basis of the offered rate for deposits in U.S. dollars of amounts equal or comparable to the principal amount of the related Loan offered for a term comparable to such Interest Period, which rates appear on a Bloomberg L.P. terminal, displayed under the address "US0001M [INDEX] Q [GO]" effective as of 11:00 A.M., London time, two Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period, PROVIDED that if no such offered rates appear on such page, the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period will be the arithmetic average (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next higher 1/100th of 1%) of rates quoted by not less than two major banks in New York, New York, selected by the Agent, at approximately 10:00 a.m.(New York time), two Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period, for deposits in U.S. dollars offered by leading European banks for a period comparable to such Interest Period in an amount comparable to the principal amount of such Loan, divided by (b) one minus the maximum aggregate reserve requirement (including all basic, supplemental, marginal or other reserves) which is imposed against the Agent in respect of Eurocurrency liabilities, as defined in Regulation D of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as in effect from time to time (expressed as a decimal), applicable to such Interest Period plus the Applicable Percentage for Offshore Rate Loans under the Multi-Year Facility (each, as defined in the Parent Credit Agreement). The LIBO Rate shall be rounded, if necessary, to the next higher 1/16 of 1%.

"LIBO RATE LOAN" means a Loan which bears interest at the LIBO Rate.

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"LIEN" shall mean any Adverse Claim, or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever.

"LIQUIDITY AGREEMENT" means that certain Liquidity Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2004 by and among Blue Ridge, the Agent and the banks from time to time party thereto, as the same may be amended, restated and/or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"LIQUIDITY BANKS" has the meaning set forth in the preamble in this Agreement.

"LIQUIDITY COMMITMENT" means, as to each Liquidity Bank, its commitment under the Liquidity Agreement (which shall equal 102% of its Commitment hereunder).

"LIQUIDITY FUNDING" means (a) a purchase made by any Liquidity Bank pursuant to its Liquidity Commitment of all or any portion of, or any undivided interest in, a Blue Ridge Loan, or (b) any Loan made by a Liquidity Bank in lieu of Blue Ridge pursuant to Section 1.1.

"LIQUIDITY TERMINATION DATE" means the earlier to occur of the following:

- (a) September 6, 2005, or any earlier date on which the Liquidity Banks' Liquidity Commitments expire, cease to be available to Blue Ridge or otherwise cease to be in full force and effect in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Liquidity Agreement, as such date may be extended pursuant to Section 1.7; or
- (b) the date on which a Downgrading Event with respect to a Liquidity Bank shall have occurred and been continuing for not less

than 30 days, and either (i) the Downgraded Liquidity Bank shall not have been replaced by an Eligible Assignee pursuant to the Liquidity Agreement, or (ii) the Liquidity Commitment of such Downgraded Liquidity Bank shall not have been funded or collateralized in such a manner that will avoid a reduction in or withdrawal of the credit rating applied to the Commercial Paper to which such Liquidity Agreement applies by any of the rating agencies then rating such Commercial Paper, provided that this subpart (b) shall only apply if Commercial Paper is outstanding at such time.

"LOAN" means any loan made by a Lender to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement (including, without limitation, any Liquidity Funding). Each Loan shall either be a CP Rate Loan, an Alternate Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Rate Loan, selected in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

"LOAN PARTIES" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this  $\mbox{\sc Agreement.}$ 

"LOCK-BOX" means each locked postal box with respect to which a bank who has executed a Collection Account Agreement has been granted exclusive access for the purpose of retrieving and processing payments made on the Receivables and which is listed on Exhibit IV.

"LOSS RESERVE" means, for any Calculation Period, the product (expressed as a percentage) of (a) 2.0, times (b) the highest three-month rolling average Default Ratio during the

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Calculation Periods ending on the immediately preceding Cut-Off Date, times (c) the Default Horizon Ratio as of the immediately preceding Cut-Off Date.

"MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT" means a material adverse effect on (i) the financial condition or operations of the Parent and its Subsidiaries (other than the Borrowers) taken as a whole, (ii) the ability of any Loan Party to perform its obligations under this Agreement or the Performance Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Performance Undertaking, (iii) the legality, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (iv) the Agent's security interest, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Receivables generally or in any substantial portion of the Receivables, the Related Security or the Collections with respect thereto, or (v) the collectibility of the Receivables generally or of any substantial portion of the Receivables.

"MATERIAL SUBSIDIARY" means at any time any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Parent having: (a) assets in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total assets of the Parent and its Subsidiaries determined on a consolidated basis as of the last day of the most recent fiscal quarter of the Parent at such time; or (b) revenues or net income in an amount equal to at least 5% of the total revenues or net income of the Parent and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis for the 12-month period ending on the last day of the most recent fiscal quarter of the Parent at such time.

"MONTHLY REPORT" means a report, in substantially the form of Exhibit IX hereto (appropriately completed), furnished by the Servicer to the Agent pursuant to Section 8.5.

"MONTHLY REPORTING DATE" means the 20th day of each month after the date of this Agreement (or if any such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day thereafter) or such other days of each month as the Agent shall request in connection with Section 8.5 hereof.

"MOODY'S" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"NET POOL BALANCE" means, at any time, the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables at such time reduced by (i) the aggregate amount by which the Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables of each Obligor and its Affiliates exceeds the Obligor Concentration Limit for such Obligor, (ii) the Unbilled Receivable Excess, (iii) the Government Receivable Excess, and (iv) the Excess Terms Allowance.

"OBLIGATIONS" means, at any time, any and all obligations of either of the Loan Parties to any of the Secured Parties arising under or in connection with the Transaction Documents, whether now existing or hereafter arising, due or accrued, absolute or contingent, including, without limitation, obligations in respect of Aggregate Principal, CP Costs, Interest, fees under the Fee Letter, Broken Funding Costs and Indemnified Amounts.

"OBLIGOR" means a Person obligated to make payments pursuant to a  $\mbox{\sc Contract.}$ 

"OBLIGOR CONCENTRATION LIMIT" means, at any time, in relation to the aggregate Outstanding Balance of Receivables owed by any single Obligor and its Affiliates (if any), the applicable concentration limit shall be determined as

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unsecured debt ratings currently assigned to them by S&P and Moody's (or in the absence thereof, the equivalent long term unsecured senior debt ratings), the applicable concentration limit shall be determined according to the following table:

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S&P Rating	Moody's Rating	Allowable % of Eligible Receivables
<s> A-1+</s>	<c> P-1</c>	<c> 10%</c>
A-1	P-1	8%
A-2	P-2	
A-3	P-3	4%
Below A-3 or Not Rated by either S&P or Moody's	Below P-3 or Not Rated by either S&P or Moody's	3.5%

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; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (a) if any Obligor has a split rating, the applicable rating will be the lower of the two, (b) if any Obligor is not rated by either S&P or Moody's, the applicable Obligor Concentration Limit shall be the one set forth in the last line of the table above, and (c) subject to satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition and/or an increase in the percentage set forth in clause (a) (i) of the definition of "REQUIRED RESERVE FACTOR FLOOR," upon the Borrower's request from time to time, the Agent may agree to a higher percentage of Eligible Receivables for a particular Obligor and its Affiliates (each such higher percentage, a "SPECIAL CONCENTRATION LIMIT"), it being understood that any Special Concentration Limit may be cancelled by the Agent upon not less than five (5) Business Days' written notice to the Loan Parties.

"ORIGINATOR" means each of Parent, Equifax Information Services LLC, Equifax Direct Marketing Solutions LLC, Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc. and Compliance Data Center, Inc. in its capacity as a seller under the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement.

"OUTSTANDING BALANCE" of any Receivable at any time means the then outstanding principal balance thereof.

"PARENT" means Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation.

"PARENT CREDIT AGREEMENT" means the Credit Agreement, dated as of August 20, 2004, among Parent, certain subsidiaries of Parent, the lenders parties thereto from time to time, and SunTrust Bank, as administrative agent, as amended, supplemented, restated or replaced from time to time.

"PARTICIPANT" has the meaning set forth in Section 12.2.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

"PENSION PLAN" means a pension plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA which Performance Guarantor sponsors or maintains, or to which it makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions, or in the case of a multiple employer

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plan (as described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA) has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years.

"PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR" means Parent in such capacity under the Performance Undertaking.

"PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING" means that certain Performance Undertaking, dated as of September 7, 2004, by Performance Guarantor in favor of Borrower, substantially in the form of Exhibit X, as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

"PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES" shall mean the following: (a) Liens for taxes or assessments or other governmental charges not yet due and payable; and (b)

Liens created by the Transaction Documents.

"PERSON" means an individual, partnership, corporation (including a business trust), limited liability company, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture or other entity, or a government or any political subdivision or agency thereof.

"PLAN" means an employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) which Performance Guarantor or any of its ERISA Affiliates sponsors or maintains or to which Performance Guarantor or any of its ERISA Affiliates makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions and includes any Pension Plan, other than a Plan maintained outside the United States primarily for the benefit of Persons who are not U.S. residents.

"POOLED COMMERCIAL PAPER" means Commercial Paper notes of Blue Ridge subject to any particular pooling arrangement by Blue Ridge, but excluding Commercial Paper issued by Blue Ridge for a tenor and in an amount specifically requested by any Person in connection with any agreement effected by Blue Ridge.

"PRIME RATE" means a rate PER ANNUM equal to the prime rate of interest announced from time to time by Wachovia (which is not necessarily the lowest rate charged to any customer), changing when and as said prime rate changes.

"PROPRIETARY INFORMATION" means all information about the Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries which has been furnished to the Agent or any Lender by or on behalf of the Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries before or after the date hereof or which is obtained by any Lender or the Agent in the course of any Review made pursuant to Section 7.1(d) of the Agreement: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the term "PROPRIETARY INFORMATION" does not include information which (x) is or becomes publicly available (other than as a result of a breach of Section 14.5 of the Agreement), (y) is possessed by or available to the Agent or any Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure to the Agent or such Lender by the Performance Guarantor or a Subsidiary thereof or (z) becomes available to the Agent or any Lender on a non-confidential basis from a Person which, to the knowledge of the Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, is not bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries and is not otherwise prohibited from transmitting such information to the Agent or such Lender. In the event the Agent or any Lender is required to disclose any Proprietary Information by virtue of clause (ii) (but only if and to the extent such

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disclosure has not been sought by the Agent or Lender, and if neither the Performance Guarantor nor Borrower is a party to such litigation), (iv) or (v) above, to the extent such Lender or the Agent (as the case may be) determines in good faith that it is permissible by law to so to do, it shall promptly notify the Performance Guarantor of same so as to allow the Performance Guarantor or its Subsidiaries to seek a protective order or to take other appropriate action; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, neither any Lender nor the Agent shall be required to delay compliance with any directive to disclose any such information so as to allow the Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries to effect any such action.

"PRO RATA SHARE" means, for each Liquidity Bank, a percentage equal to the Commitment of such Liquidity Bank, divided by the Aggregate Commitment.

"PROPOSED REDUCTION DATE" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.3.

"PURCHASING LIQUIDITY BANK" has the meaning set forth in Section 12.1(b).

"RATING AGENCY CONDITION" means that Blue Ridge has received written notice from S&P and Moody's that an amendment, a change or a waiver will not result in a withdrawal or downgrade of the then current ratings on Blue Ridge's Commercial Paper.

"RECEIVABLE" means all indebtedness and other obligations owed to Borrower or any Originator (at the time it arises, and before giving effect to any transfer or conveyance under the Receivables Sale Agreement) or in which Borrower or an Originator has a security interest or other interest, including, without limitation, any indebtedness, obligation or interest constituting an account, chattel paper, instrument or general intangible, arising in connection with the sale of goods or the rendering of services by an Originator, and further includes, without limitation, the obligation to pay any Finance Charges with respect thereto. Indebtedness and other rights and obligations arising from any one transaction, including, without limitation, indebtedness and other rights and obligations represented by an individual invoice, shall constitute a Receivable separate from a Receivable consisting of the indebtedness and other rights and obligations arising from any other transaction; provided further, that any indebtedness, rights or obligations referred to in the immediately preceding sentence shall be a Receivable regardless of whether the account debtor or Borrower treats such indebtedness, rights or obligations as a separate payment obligation.

"RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT" means each of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement and the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement.

"RECORDS" means, with respect to any Receivable, all Contracts and other documents, books, records and other information (including, without limitation, computer programs, tapes, disks, punch cards, data processing software and related property and rights) relating to such Receivable, any Related Security therefor and the related Obligor (but in all cases the term "RECORDS" as used herein shall exclude consumer credit information and files.

"REDUCTION NOTICE" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.3.

"REGULATORY CHANGE" means any change after the date of this Agreement in United States (federal, state or municipal) or foreign laws, regulations (including Regulation D)  $\,$ 

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or accounting principles or the adoption or making after such date of any interpretations, directives or requests applying to a class of banks (including the Liquidity Banks) of or under any United States (federal, state or municipal) or foreign laws, regulations (whether or not having the force of law) or accounting principles by any court, governmental or monetary authority, or accounting board or authority (whether or not part of government) charged with the establishment, interpretation or administration thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, any interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51 by the Financial Accounting Standards Board shall constitute a Regulatory Change.

"RELATED SECURITY" means, with respect to any Receivable:

- (i) all of Borrower's interest in the inventory and goods (including returned or repossessed inventory or goods), if any, the sale of which by an Originator gave rise to such Receivable, and all insurance contracts with respect thereto,
- (ii) all other security interests or liens and property subject thereto from time to time, if any, purporting to secure payment of such Receivable, whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise, together with all financing statements and security agreements describing any collateral securing such Receivable,
- (iii) all guaranties, letters of credit, insurance and other agreements or arrangements of whatever character from time to time supporting or securing payment of such Receivable whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise,
- (iv) all service contracts and other contracts and agreements associated with such Receivable,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 
  - (v) all Records related to such Receivable,
- (vi) all of Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under the Receivables Sale Agreement in respect of such Receivable and all of Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under the Performance Undertaking,
- (vii) all of the Borrower's right, title and interest in and to the Demand Advances, and  $\,$ 
  - (viii) all proceeds of any of the foregoing.

"REQUIRED LIQUIDITY BANKS" means, at any time, Liquidity Banks with Commitments in excess of 66-2/3% of the Aggregate Commitment.

"REQUIRED NOTICE PERIOD" means 2 Business Days.

"REQUIRED RESERVE" means, on any day during a Calculation Period, the product of (a) the greater of (i) the Required Reserve Factor Floor and (ii) the sum of the Loss Reserve, the Interest Reserve, the Dilution Reserve and the Servicing Reserve, times (b) the Net Pool Balance as of the Cut-Off Date immediately preceding such Calculation Period.

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"REQUIRED RESERVE FACTOR FLOOR" means, for any Calculation Period, the sum (expressed as a percentage) of (a) 20% plus (b) the product of the Adjusted Dilution Ratio and the Dilution Horizon Ratio, in each case, as of the immediately preceding Cut-Off Date.

"RESPONSIBLE OFFICER" means any Executive Officer as well as any other officer of the Parent who is primarily responsible for the administration of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

"RESTRICTED JUNIOR PAYMENT" means (i) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares of any class of capital stock of Borrower now or hereafter outstanding, except a dividend payable solely in shares of that class of stock or in any junior class of stock of Borrower, (ii) any redemption, retirement, sinking fund or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any shares of any class of capital stock of Borrower now or hereafter outstanding, (iii) any payment or prepayment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest, fees or other charges on or with respect to, and any redemption, purchase, retirement, defeasance, sinking fund or similar payment and any claim for rescission with respect to the Subordinated Loans (as defined in the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement), (iv) any payment made to redeem, purchase, repurchase or retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire shares of any class of capital stock of Borrower now or hereafter outstanding, and (v) any payment of management fees by Borrower (except for reasonable management fees to any Originator or its Affiliates in reimbursement of actual management services performed).

"S&P" means Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc.

"SECOND STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT" means that certain Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2004, between ECM and the Borrower, as the same may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time.

"SECURED PARTIES" means the Indemnified Parties.

"SERVICER" means at any time the Person (which may be the Agent) then authorized pursuant to Article VIII to service, administer and collect Receivables.

"SERVICING FEE" means, for each day in a Calculation Period:

- (a) an amount equal to (i) the Servicing Fee Rate (or, at any time while Parent or one of its Affiliates is the Servicer, such lesser percentage as may be agreed between the Borrower and the Servicer on an arms' length basis based on then prevailing market terms for similar services), TIMES (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Receivables at the close of business on the Cut-Off Date immediately preceding such Calculation Period, TIMES (iii) 1/360; or
- (b) on and after the Servicer's reasonable request made at any time when Parent or one of its Affiliates is no longer acting as Servicer hereunder, an alternative amount specified by the successor Servicer not exceeding (i) 110% of such Servicer's reasonable costs and expenses of performing its obligations under this Agreement during the

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preceding Calculation Period, DIVIDED BY (ii) the number of days in the current Calculation Period.

"SERVICING FEE RATE" means 1.0% PER ANNUM (or such higher or lower percentage as the Agent and Borrower may from time to time agree upon based upon then prevailing market conditions).

"SERVICING RESERVE" means, for any Calculation Period, the product (expressed as a percentage) of (a) the Servicing Fee Rate, TIMES (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is the highest Days Sales Outstanding for the most recent 12 Calculation Periods and the denominator of which is 360.

"SETTLEMENT DATE" means (A) the 2nd Business Day after each Monthly Reporting Date, and (B) the last day of the relevant Interest Period in respect of each Loan of the Liquidity Banks.

"SETTLEMENT PERIOD" means (A) in respect of each Loan of Blue Ridge, the immediately preceding Calculation Period, and (B) in respect of each Loan of the Liquidity Banks, the entire Interest Period of such Loan.

"SUBSIDIARY" of a Person means (i) any corporation more than 50% of the outstanding securities having ordinary voting power of which shall at the time be owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or by one or more of its Subsidiaries or by such Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries, or (ii) any partnership, association, limited liability company, joint venture or similar business organization more than 50% of the ownership interests having ordinary voting power of which shall at the time be so owned or controlled.

"TAX CODE" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"TERMINATION PERCENTAGE" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"TERMINATING TRANCHE" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.3(b).

"TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS" means, collectively, this Agreement, each Borrowing Notice, the Receivables Sale Agreements, each Collection Account Agreement, the Performance Undertaking, the Fee Letter, each Subordinated Note (as defined in the Receivables Sale Agreements) and all other instruments, documents and agreements executed and delivered in connection herewith.

"UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the specified jurisdiction.

"UNBILLED RECEIVABLE" means any Eligible Receivable arising out of the sale of goods or the rendering of services by an Originator, but for which an invoice has not yet been sent to the applicable Obligor.

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"UNBILLED RECEIVABLE EXCESS" means the portion of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Unbilled Receivables that exceeds 25% of the Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables.

"UNMATURED AMORTIZATION EVENT" means an event which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would, or in the Agent's sole judgment could reasonably be expected to, result in an Amortization Event.

"WACHOVIA" means Wachovia Bank, National Association in its individual capacity and its capacity as agent.

ALL ACCOUNTING TERMS NOT SPECIFICALLY DEFINED HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAAP. ALL TERMS USED IN ARTICLE 9 OF THE UCC IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND NOT SPECIFICALLY DEFINED HEREIN, ARE USED HEREIN AS DEFINED IN SUCH ARTICLE 9. ANY AMORTIZATION EVENT ARISING FROM A BREACH OF SECTION 7.1(B)(I) (THE REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE OCCURRENCE OF EACH AMORTIZATION EVENT OR UNMATURED AMORTIZATION EVENT) WILL BE DEEMED TO BE CONTINUING UNTIL WAIVED IN WRITING REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE UNDERLYING AMORTIZATION EVENT OR UNMATURED AMORTIZATION EVENT IS CONTINUING.

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### EXHIBIT II-A

FORM OF BORROWING NOTICE

EQUIFAX RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC

BORROWING NOTICE

DATED \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_

FOR BORROWING ON \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Agent 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., GA-8088 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Cecil Noble, Fax No. (404) 332-5152

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Credit and Security Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AGREEMENT") among Equifax Receivables Finance LLC (the "BORROWER"), Equifax Capital Management Inc., as initial Servicer, Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporation, and Wachovia Bank National Association, individually and as Agent. Capitalized terms defined in the Credit Agreement are used herein with the same meanings.

- 1. The [Servicer, on behalf of the] Borrower hereby certifies, represents and warrants to the Agent and the Lenders that on and as of the Borrowing Date (as hereinafter defined):
  - (a) all applicable conditions precedent set forth in Article VI of the Credit Agreement have been satisfied;
  - (b) each of its representations and warranties contained in Section 5.1 of the Credit Agreement will be true and correct, in all material respects, as if made on and as of the Borrowing Date;
  - (c) no event will have occurred and is continuing, or would result from the requested Purchase, that constitutes an Amortization Event or Unmatured Amortization Event;

(d)	the	Facility	Termination	Date	has	not	occurred;	and
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(e) after giving effect to the Loans comprising the Advance requested below, the Aggregate Principal will not exceed the Borrowing Limit.

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2. The [Servicer, on behalf of the] Borrower hereby requests that Blue Ridge (or their respective Liquidity Banks) make an Advance on, 20 (the "BORROWING DATE") as follows:
(a) Aggregate Amount of Advance: \$
(b) If the Advance is not funded by Blue Ridge, [Servicer on behalf of the] Borrower requests that the Liquidity Banks make an Alternate Base Rate Loan that converts into LIBO Rate Loan with an Interest Period of months on the third Business Day after the Borrowing Date).
3. Please disburse the proceeds of the Loans as follows:
[Apply \$ to payment of principal and interest of existing Loans due on the Borrowing Date]. [Apply \$ to payment of fees due on the Borrowing Date]. [Wire transfer \$ to account no at Bank, in [city, state], ABA No, Reference:].
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the [Servicer, on behalf of the] Borrower has caused this Borrowing Request to be executed and delivered as of this day of,
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By: Name:
Title:
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EXHIBIT II-B
FORM OF REDUCTION NOTICE
REDUCTION NOTICE
DATED, 20
Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Agent 191 Peachtree Street, N.E., GA-8088 Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Attention: Cecil Noble, Fax No. (404) 332-5152
Ladies and Gentlemen:
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Reference is made to the Credit and Security Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT") among Equifax Receivables Finance LLC (the "BORROWER"), Equifax Capital Management Inc., as initial Servicer, Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporation, and Wachovia Bank National Association, as Agent. Capitalized terms defined in the Credit and Security Agreement are used herein with the same meanings.
The Borrower hereby notifies the Agent that it wishes to make an Aggregate Reduction of \$ and that the Proposed Reduction Date for such Aggregate Reduction is, 20, which gives effect to the Required Notice Period.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower has caused this Reduction Notice to be executed and delivered as of the date first above written.
EQUIFAX RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC, as Borrower
By:
Name: Title:

### EXHIBIT III

PLACES OF BUSINESS OF THE LOAN PARTIES; LOCATIONS OF RECORDS; STATE OF ORGANIZATION; ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S); FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

	Equifax Receivables Finance LLC	Equifax Capital Management, Inc.
Principal Places of Business and Chief Executive Office:	1550 Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, Georgia 30309	1550 Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, Georgia 30309
<s> Locations of Records</s>	<c> 1550 Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, Georgia 30309</c>	<pre><c>     1550 Peachtree Street NW     Atlanta, Georgia 30309</c></pre>
State of Organization	Delaware	Georgia
Organizational Identification Number(s)	3830039	0442626
Federal Employer Identification Number(s)	36-4557901	32-0121873

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# EXHIBIT IV

NAMES OF COLLECTION BANKS; LOCK-BOXES & COLLECTION ACCOUNTS

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

NAME OF ACCOUNT	NAME OF COLLECTION ACCOUNT BANK	NUMBER	
<s> Equifax Receivables Finance LLC - Co. 04</s>	<c> Wachovia Bank, National</c>	<c> 105835</c>	<c>2000015153186</c>
Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 04 EFT	Wachovia Bank, National	N/A	2000153353466
	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000186448173
Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 30		945510	2000123146917
Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 89	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000134515634
Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 89	Bank of America		
Finance LLC	Wachovia Bank, National Association		

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# EXHIBIT V

# FORM OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

To: Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Agent

This Compliance Certificate is furnished pursuant to that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 among Equifax Receivables Finance LLC (the "BORROWER"), Equifax Capital Management Inc., as Servicer (the "SERVICER"), the Lenders party thereto and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as agent for such Lenders (the "AGREEMENT").

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES IN HIS OR HER REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY ON BEHALF OF THE BORROWER THAT: 1. I am the duly elected of Borrower. 2. I have reviewed the terms of the Agreement and I have made, or have caused to be made under my supervision, a detailed review of the transactions and conditions of Parent and its Subsidiaries during the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements. 3. The examinations described in paragraph 2 did not disclose, and I have no knowledge of, the existence of any condition or event which constitutes an Amortization Event or Unmatured Amortization Event, as each such term is defined under the Agreement, during or at the end of the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements or as of the date of this Certificate[, except as set forth in paragraph 5 BELOW]. 4. Schedule I attached hereto sets forth financial data and computations evidencing the compliance with certain covenants of the Agreement, all of which data and computations are true, complete and correct. [5. Described below are the exceptions, if any, to paragraph 3 by listing, in detail, the nature of the condition or event, the period during which it has existed and the action which Borrower has taken, is taking, or proposes to take with respect to each such condition or event: 76 The foregoing certifications, together with the computations set forth in Schedule I hereto and the financial statements delivered with this Certificate in support hereof, are made and delivered by the undersigned in his or her representative capacity on behalf of the Borrower as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_. EQUIFAX RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC Name: Title: 77 SCHEDULE I TO COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE A. Schedule of Compliance as of  $\_$ ,  $\_$ , with Section  $\_$  of the Agreement. Unless otherwise defined herein, the terms used in this A. Schedule of Compliance as of \_ Compliance Certificate have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Agreement. This schedule relates to the month ended:

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EXHIBIT VI

FORM OF COLLECTION ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

[Insert copies of Wachovia and BofA Agreements]

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EXHIBIT VII

THIS	ASSIGNMENT	AGREEMENT	(this	"ASSIGNMENT	AGREEMENT")	is	entered	int
as of the	day of	<i>'</i>		by and between	een			
("ASSIGNOR")	and		("ASS	SIGNEE").				

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

- A. This Assignment Agreement is being executed and delivered in accordance with Section 12.1(b) of that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of June \_\_\_\_, 2004 by and among Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, as Borrower, Equifax Capital Management Inc., as Servicer, Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporation, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Agent, and the Liquidity Banks party thereto (as amended, modified or restated from time to time, the "CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT") and that certain Liquidity Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 by and among Blue Ridge, the Liquidity Banks from time to time party thereto and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Agent (as amended, modified or restated from time to time, the "LIQUIDITY AGREEMENT"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein are used with the meanings set forth or incorporated by reference in the Credit and Security Agreement.
- B. Assignor is a Liquidity Bank party to the Credit and Security Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement, and Assignee wishes to become a Liquidity Bank thereunder; and

#### AGREEMENT

The parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The sale, transfer and assignment effected by this Assignment Agreement shall become effective (the "EFFECTIVE DATE") two (2) Business Days (or such other date selected by the Agent in its sole discretion) following the date on which a notice substantially in the form of Schedule II to this Assignment Agreement ("EFFECTIVE NOTICE") is delivered by the Agent to Blue Ridge, Borrower, Servicer, Assignor and Assignee. From and after the Effective Date, Assignee shall be a Liquidity Bank party to the Credit and Security Agreement for all purposes thereof as if Assignee were an original party thereto and Assignee agrees to be bound by all of the terms and provisions contained therein.
- 2. If Assignor has no outstanding principal under the Credit and Security Agreement or the Liquidity Agreement, on the Effective Date, Assignor shall be deemed to have hereby transferred and assigned to Assignee, without recourse, representation or warranty

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(except as provided in paragraph 6 below), and the Assignee shall be deemed to have hereby irrevocably taken, received and assumed from Assignor, the Transferred Percentage of Assignor's Commitment and Liquidity Commitment and all rights and obligations associated therewith under the terms of the Credit and Security Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement, including, without limitation, the Transferred Percentage of Assignor's future funding obligations under the Credit and Security Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement.

- 3. If Assignor has any outstanding principal under the Credit and Security Agreement and Liquidity Agreement, at or before 12:00 noon, local time of Assignor, on the Effective Date Assignee shall pay to Assignor, in immediately available funds, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the Transferred Percentage of the outstanding principal of Assignor's Loans and, without duplication, Assignor's Percentage Interests (as defined in the Liquidity Agreement) (such amount, being hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNEE'S PRINCIPAL"); (ii) all accrued but unpaid (whether or not then due) Interest attributable to Assignee's Principal; and (iii) accruing but unpaid fees and other costs and expenses payable in respect of Assignee's Principal for the period commencing upon each date such unpaid amounts commence accruing, to and including the Effective Date (the "ASSIGNEE'S ACQUISITION Cost"); whereupon, Assignor shall be deemed to have sold, transferred and assigned to Assignee, without recourse, representation or warranty (except as provided in paragraph 6 below), and Assignee shall be deemed to have hereby irrevocably taken, received and assumed from Assignor, the Transferred Percentage of Assignor's Commitment, Liquidity Commitment, Loans (if applicable) and Percentage Interests (if applicable) and all related rights and obligations under the Transaction Documents and the Liquidity Agreement, including, without limitation, the Transferred Percentage of Assignor's future funding obligations under the Credit and Security Agreement and the Liquidity Agreement.
  - 4. Concurrently with the execution and delivery hereof, Assignor will

provide to Assignee copies of all documents requested by Assignee which were delivered to Assignor pursuant to the Credit and Security Agreement or the Liquidity Agreement.

- 5. Each of the parties to this Assignment Agreement agrees that at any time and from time to time upon the written request of any other party, it will execute and deliver such further documents and do such further acts and things as such other party may reasonably request in order to effect the purposes of this Assignment Agreement.
- 6. By executing and delivering this Assignment Agreement, Assignor and Assignee confirm to and agree with each other, the Agent and the Liquidity Banks as follows: (a) other than the representation and warranty that it has not created any Adverse Claim upon any interest being transferred hereunder, Assignor makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to any statements, warranties or representations made by any other Person in or in connection with any of the Transaction Documents or the Liquidity Agreement or the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of Assignee, the Credit and Security Agreement, the Liquidity Agreement or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant thereto or the perfection, priority, condition, value or sufficiency of any Collateral; (b) Assignor makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to the financial condition of the Borrower, any Obligor, any Affiliate of the Borrower or the performance or observance by the Borrower, any Obligor, any Affiliate of the

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Borrower of any of their respective obligations under the Transaction Documents or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant thereto or in connection therewith; (c) Assignee confirms that it has received a copy of each of the Transaction Documents and the Liquidity Agreement, and other documents and information as it has requested and deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment Agreement; (d) Assignee will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent, Blue Ridge, the Borrower or any other Liquidity Bank or Lender and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Transaction Documents and the Liquidity Agreement; (e) Assignee appoints and authorizes the Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under the Transaction Documents and the Liquidity Agreement as are delegated to the Agent by the terms thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto; and (f) Assignee agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which, by the terms of the Liquidity Agreement, the Credit and Security Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, are required to be performed by it as a Liquidity Bank or, when applicable, as a Lender.

- 7. Each party hereto represents and warrants to and agrees with the Agent that it is aware of and will comply with the provisions of the Credit and Security Agreement, including, without limitation, Sections 14.5 and 14.6 thereof.
- 8. Schedule I hereto sets forth the revised Commitment and Liquidity Commitment of Assignor and the Commitment and Liquidity Commitment of Assignee, as well as administrative information with respect to Assignee.
- 9. THIS ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- 10. Assignee hereby covenants and agrees that, prior to the date which is one year and one day after the payment in full of all senior indebtedness for borrowed money of Blue Ridge, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Blue Ridge any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Assignment Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers of the date hereof.

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[ASSIGNOR]

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# SCHEDULE I TO ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

LIST OF LENDING OFFICES, ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES AND COMMITMENT AMOUNTS

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The undersigned, as Agent under the as of September 7, 2004, by and among Equifar Delaware limited liability company, Equifar Servicer, Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporat Association, as Agent, and the Liquidity Backnowledges receipt of executed counterpar Agreement dated as of, 200 kassignor, and, as Assign Agreement are used herein as therein defined	Capital Management Inc., as aion, Wachovia Bank, National anks party thereto, hereby ats of a completed Assignment between, as see. Terms defined in such Assignment
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2. Each of the undersigned hereby as required by Section 12.1(b) of the Credi	consents to the Assignment Agreement t and Security Agreement.
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	WACHOVIA BANK, National Association, as Agent
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	BLUE RIDGE ASSET FUNDING CORPORATION
	BY: WACHOVIA CAPITAL MARKETS LLC, ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
	Ву:
	Name: Title:
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Equifax RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC	
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By:Name:	
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EXHIBIT VIII

CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY

SEE EXHIBIT V TO RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT

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EXHIBIT IX

FORM OF MONTHLY REPORT

Equifax Receivables Finance LLC Monthly Report

For the Month Ended:

(Page 1) (\$)

1. Beginning of Month Balance: (	Total A/R Outstanding)	
2. Gross Sales		
3. Deduct:		
	<ul><li>a. Total Collections:</li><li>b. Total Dilution</li><li>c. Write Offs</li></ul>	
Add:		
4.a. Calculated Ending A/R Balar b. Reported Ending A/R Balance c. Difference (If any)		
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	a. Defaulted Receivables b. Deferred Revenue c. Cross-Age @ 50% d. Affiliates e. Bankrupt Obligors f. Escrow Deposits g. Pass Through Revenue h. Wells Fargo Tiered Pricing i. Accrued Refunds j. Prepayments k. GECC Volume Rebate l. Sales Tax Payable m. Unapplied Cash	
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	n. Prebilling o. Credit Clearing p. A/R Refunds q. Payment Plan r. Contra Accounts s. Other t. Total Ineligibles	
6.Eligible Receivables:		
7.Deduct: Excess Concentration: Deduct: Excess Unbilled: Deduct: Excess Government: Deduct: Excess Terms > 30 days 8.Net Pool Balance [(6) -(7)]:	:	
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II. Calculations Reflecting Current Activity

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11.Required Reserve %

12.Required Reserve [(8) x (11)]: 13.Maximum Funding Availability 14.Funding Availability based on \$125MM Facility Limit 15.Additional Availability or (Required Paydown)	
III. Compliance	
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16.Asset Interest [(10) + (12) / (8)] < 100% :	
17.3M Avg. Delinquency Ratio	
18.3M Avg. Default Ratio	
19.3M Avg. Dilution Ratio	
20.Facility Limit (12)<= \$125,000	
Equifax Receivables Finance LLC Monthly Report For the Month Ended: (Page 3) (\$)	
IV. Excess Concentration: (Calculation)	
Eligible Receivables	
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The undersigned hereby represents and wa accuarate accounting with respect to ou accordance with the Credit and Security and that all representations and warrant restated and reaffirmed.	tstanding receivables as of Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004
Signed:Title:	Date:

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#### EXHIBIT X

#### FORM OF PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING

THIS PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING (this "UNDERTAKING"), dated as of September 7, 2004, is executed by Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR") in favor of Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (together with its successors and assigns, "RECIPIENT").

## RECITALS

- 1. Equifax Inc. (the "PARENT"), Equifax Information Services LLC, Equifax Direct Marketing Solutions LLC Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc., Compliance Data Center, Inc. (collectively, the "ORIGINATORS"), and Equifax Capital Management, Inc. ("ECM") have entered in to a Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2004 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, the "FIRST STEP SALE Agreement"), pursuant to which Originators, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, are selling their respective right, title and interest in their accounts receivable to ECM.
- 2. ECM and Recipient have entered into a Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2004 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, the "SECOND STEP SALE AGREEMENT"; the First Step Sale Agreement and the Second Step Sale Agreement being herein collectively called the "SALE AGREEMENTS"), pursuant to which ECM, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, is selling and/or contributing its right, title and interest in such accounts receivable to Recipient.
- 3. Performance Guarantor, directly or indirectly, owns one hundred percent (100%) of the capital stock or other equity interest of each of the other Originators, ECM and Recipient, and accordingly, Performance Guarantor, is expected to receive substantial direct and indirect benefits from their sale or contribution of receivables to ECM and Recipient pursuant to the Sale Agreements (which benefits are hereby acknowledged).
- 4. As an inducement for ECM to acquire Originators' accounts receivable pursuant to the First Step Sale Agreement and for Recipient to acquire such accounts receivable pursuant to the Second Step Sales Agreement, Performance Guarantor has agreed to guaranty the due and punctual performance by the other Originators and ECM of their respective obligations under the Sale Agreements.
- 5. Performance Guarantor wishes to guaranty the due and punctual performance by the other Originators of their obligations to ECM under or in respect of the First Step Sale Agreement and the due and punctual performance by ECM of its obligations to Recipient under or in respect of the Second Step Sale Agreement.

### AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, Performance Guarantor hereby agrees as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Sale Agreement or the Credit and Security Agreement (as hereinafter defined). In addition:

"GUARANTEED OBLIGATIONS" means, collectively: all covenants, agreements, terms, conditions and indemnities to be performed and observed by any Originator (other than the Parent in its capacity as an Originator) or ECM under and pursuant to any of the Sale Agreements and each other document executed and delivered by any Originator (other than the Parent in its capacity as an Originator) or ECM pursuant to any of the Sale Agreements, including, without limitation, the due and punctual payment of all sums which are or may become due and owing by any Originator (other than the Parent in its capacity as an Originator) or ECM under any of the Sale Agreements, whether for fees, expenses (including counsel fees), indemnified amounts or otherwise, whether upon any termination or for any other reason.

Section 2. GUARANTY OF PERFORMANCE OF GUARANTEED OBLIGATIONS. Performance Guarantor hereby guarantees to Recipient, the full and punctual payment and performance by each Originator and ECM of its respective Guaranteed Obligations. This Undertaking is an absolute, unconditional and continuing quaranty of the full and punctual performance of all Guaranteed Obligations of each Originator under the Agreements and each other document executed and delivered by any Originator pursuant to the Agreements and is in no way conditioned upon any requirement that Recipient first attempt to collect any amounts owing by any Originator or ECM to Recipient, the Agent or the Lenders from any other Person or resort to any collateral security, any balance of any deposit account or credit on the books of Recipient, the Agent or any Lender in favor of any Originator, ECM or any other Person or other means of obtaining payment. Should any Originator or ECM default in the payment or performance of any of its Guaranteed Obligations, Recipient (or its assigns) may cause the immediate performance by Performance Guarantor of the Guaranteed Obligations and cause any payment Guaranteed Obligations to become forthwith due and payable to Recipient (or its assigns), without demand or notice of any nature (other than as expressly provided herein), all of which are hereby expressly waived by Performance Guarantor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Undertaking is not a guarantee of the collection of any of the Receivables and Performance Guarantor shall not be responsible for any Guaranteed Obligations to the extent the failure to perform such Guaranteed Obligations by any Originator or ECM results from Receivables being uncollectible on account of the insolvency, bankruptcy or lack of creditworthiness of the related Obligor; PROVIDED THAT nothing herein shall relieve any Originator or ECM from performing in full its Guaranteed Obligations under the Agreements or Performance Guarantor of its undertaking hereunder with respect to the full performance of such duties.

Section 3. PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR'S FURTHER AGREEMENTS TO PAY. Performance Guarantor further agrees, as the principal obligor and not as a guarantor only, to pay to Recipient (and its assigns), forthwith upon demand in funds immediately available to Recipient, all reasonable costs and expenses (including court costs and reasonable legal expenses) actually incurred or expended by Recipient in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations, this Undertaking and the enforcement thereof, together with interest on amounts recoverable under this Undertaking from the time when such amounts become due until payment, at a rate of interest (computed for the actual number of days elapsed based on a 360 day year) equal to the

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Prime Rate plus 2% PER ANNUM, such rate of interest changing when and as the Prime Rate changes.

Section 4. WAIVERS BY PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR. Performance Guarantor waives notice of acceptance of this Undertaking, notice of any action taken or omitted by Recipient (or its assigns) in reliance on this Undertaking, and any requirement that Recipient (or its assigns) be diligent or prompt in making demands under this Undertaking, giving notice of any Termination Event, Amortization Event, other default or omission by any Originator or ECM or asserting any other rights of Recipient under this Undertaking. Performance Guarantor warrants that it has adequate means to obtain from each Originator or ECM, on a continuing basis, information concerning the financial condition of such Person and that it is not relying on Recipient to provide such information, now or in the future. Performance Guarantor also irrevocably waives all defenses (i) that at any time may be available in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations by virtue of any statute of limitations, valuation, stay, moratorium law or other similar law now or hereafter in effect or (ii) that arise under the law of suretyship, including impairment of collateral. Recipient (and its assigns) shall be at liberty, without giving notice to or obtaining the assent of Performance Guarantor and without relieving Performance Guarantor of any liability under this Undertaking, to deal with each Originator or ECM and with each other party who now is or after the date hereof becomes liable in any manner for any of the Guaranteed Obligations, in such manner as Recipient in its sole discretion deems fit, and to this end Performance Guarantor agrees that the validity and enforceability of this Undertaking, including without limitation, the provisions of Section 7 hereof, shall not be impaired or affected by any of the following: (a) any extension, modification or renewal of, or indulgence with respect to, or substitutions for, the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or any agreement relating thereto at any time; (b) any failure or omission to enforce any right, power or remedy with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or any agreement relating thereto, or any collateral securing the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; (c) any waiver of any right, power or remedy or of any Termination Event, Amortization Event, or default with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or any agreement relating thereto; (d) any release, surrender, compromise, settlement, waiver, subordination or modification, with or without consideration, of any other obligation of any person or entity with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; (e) the enforceability or validity of the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or the genuineness, enforceability or validity of any agreement relating thereto or with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; (f) the application of payments received from any source to the payment of any payment Obligations of any Originator or ECM or any part thereof or amounts which are not covered by this Undertaking even though Recipient (or its assigns) might lawfully have elected to apply such payments to any part or all of the payment Obligations of such Originator or ECM or to amounts which are not covered by this Undertaking; (g) the existence of any claim, setoff or other rights which Performance Guarantor may have at any time against any Originator or ECM in connection herewith or any unrelated transaction; (h) any assignment or transfer of the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; or (i) any failure on the part of any Originator or ECM to perform or comply with any term of the Agreements or any other document executed in connection therewith or delivered thereunder, all whether or not Performance Guarantor shall have had notice or knowledge of any act or omission referred to in the foregoing clauses (a) through (i) of this Section 4.

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Section 5. UNENFORCEABILITY OF GUARANTEED OBLIGATIONS AGAINST ORIGINATORS. Notwithstanding (a) any change of ownership of any Originator or ECM or the insolvency, bankruptcy or any other change in the legal status of any Originator or ECM; (b) the change in or the imposition of any law, decree, regulation or other governmental act which does or might impair, delay or in any way affect the validity, enforceability or the payment when due of the Guaranteed Obligations; (c) the failure of any Originator, ECM or Performance Guarantor to maintain in full force, validity or effect or to obtain or renew when required all governmental and other approvals, licenses or consents required in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations or this Undertaking, or to take any other action required in connection with the performance of all obligations pursuant to the Guaranteed Obligations or this Undertaking; or (d) if any of the moneys included in the Guaranteed Obligations have become irrecoverable from any Originator or ECM for any other reason other than final payment in full of the payment Obligations in accordance with their terms, this Undertaking shall nevertheless be binding on Performance Guarantor. This Undertaking shall be in addition to any other guaranty or other security for the Guaranteed Obligations, and it shall not be rendered unenforceable by the invalidity of any such other guaranty or security. In the event that acceleration of the time for payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is stayed upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of any Originator or for any other reason with respect to any Originator or ECM, all such amounts then due and owing with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations under the terms of the Agreements, or any other agreement evidencing, securing or otherwise executed in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations, shall be immediately due and payable by Performance Guarantor.

Section 6. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Performance Guarantor hereby represents and warrants to Recipient that:

- (a) EXISTENCE AND STANDING. Performance Guarantor is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation. Performance Guarantor is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation, and has and holds all corporate power and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted except where the failure to so qualify or so hold could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) AUTHORIZATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; BINDING EFFECT. The execution and delivery by Performance Guarantor of this Undertaking, and the performance of its obligations hereunder, are within its corporate powers and authority and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on its part. This Undertaking has been duly executed and delivered by Performance Guarantor. This Undertaking constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Performance Guarantor enforceable against Performance Guarantor in accordance with their respective terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).
  - (c) NO CONFLICT; GOVERNMENT CONSENT. The execution and delivery by

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rule or regulation applicable to it, (iii) any restrictions under any agreement, contract or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, or (iv) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or its property, and do not result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of Performance Guarantor or its Subsidiaries (except as created hereunder) except, in any case, where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (d) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The consolidated financial statements of Performance Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries dated as of December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2003 heretofore delivered to Recipient have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied and fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of Performance Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of such dates and for the periods ended on such dates. Since the later of (i) March 31, 2004 and (ii) the last time this representation was made or deemed made, and except as disclosed in the reports made by the Performance Guarantor to the Securities and Exchange Commission, no event has occurred which would or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) TAXES. Performance Guarantor has filed all United States federal tax returns and all other tax returns which are required to be filed and have paid all taxes due pursuant to said returns or pursuant to any assessment received by Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries, except taxes (i) that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which Performance Guarantor has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (ii) to the extent the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. As of the date of this Agreement, the United States income tax returns of Performance Guarantor have been audited by the Internal Revenue Service through the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995. No federal or state tax liens have been filed and no claims are being asserted with respect to any such taxes. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of Performance Guarantor in respect of any taxes or other governmental charges are, in the judgment of Performance Guarantor, adequate.
- (f) LITIGATION AND CONTINGENT OBLIGATIONS. Except as disclosed in the filings made by Performance Guarantor with the Securities and Exchange Commission, there are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the best of Performance Guarantor's knowledge threatened against or affecting Performance Guarantor or any of its properties, in or before any court, arbitrator or other body, that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on (i) the business, properties, condition (financial or otherwise) or results of operations of Performance Guarantor and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (ii) the ability of Performance Guarantor to perform its obligations under this Undertaking, or (iii) the validity or enforceability of any of this Undertaking or the rights or remedies of Recipient hereunder. Performance Guarantor does not have any material Contingent Obligations not provided for or disclosed in the financial statements referred to in Section 6(d).

Section 7. SUBROGATION; SUBORDINATION. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, until the Guaranteed Obligations are paid in full Performance Guarantor: (a) will not enforce or otherwise exercise any right of subrogation to any of the rights of Recipient, the Agent or any Lender against any Originator or ECM, (b) hereby waives all rights of

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subrogation (whether contractual, under Section 509 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, at law or in equity or otherwise) to the claims of Recipient, the Agent and the Lenders against any Originator or ECM and all contractual, statutory or legal or equitable rights of contribution, reimbursement, indemnification and similar rights and "claims" (as that term is defined in the United States Bankruptcy Code) which Performance Guarantor might now have or hereafter acquire against any Originator or ECM that arise from the existence or performance of Performance Guarantor's obligations hereunder, (c) will not claim any setoff, recoupment or counterclaim against any Originator or ECM in respect of any liability of Performance Guarantor to such Originator or ECM and (d) waives any benefit of and any right to participate in any collateral security which may be held by Secured Parties, the Agent or the Lenders. The payment of any amounts due with respect to any indebtedness of any Originator or ECM now or hereafter owed to Performance Guarantor is hereby subordinated to the prior payment in full of all of the Guaranteed Obligations. Performance Guarantor agrees that, after the occurrence of any default in the payment or performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, Performance Guarantor will not demand, sue

for or otherwise attempt to collect any such indebtedness of any Originator or ECM to Performance Guarantor until all of the Guaranteed Obligations shall have been paid and performed in full. If, notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Performance Guarantor shall collect, enforce or receive any amounts in respect of such indebtedness while any Obligations are still unperformed or outstanding, such amounts shall be collected, enforced and received by Performance Guarantor as trustee for Recipient (and its assigns) and be paid over to Recipient (or its assigns) on account of the Guaranteed Obligations without affecting in any manner the liability of Performance Guarantor under the other provisions of this Undertaking. The provisions of this Section 7 shall be supplemental to and not in derogation of any rights and remedies of Recipient under any separate subordination agreement which Recipient may at any time and from time to time enter into with Performance Guarantor.

Section 8. TERMINATION OF PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING. Performance Guarantor's obligations hereunder shall continue in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date, PROVIDED THAT this Undertaking shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment or other satisfaction of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned upon the bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization of any Originator or ECM or otherwise, as though such payment had not been made or other satisfaction occurred, whether or not Recipient (or its assigns) is in possession of this Undertaking. No invalidity, irregularity or unenforceability by reason of the federal bankruptcy code or any insolvency or other similar law, or any law or order of any government or agency thereof purporting to reduce, amend or otherwise affect the Guaranteed Obligations shall impair, affect, be a defense to or claim against the obligations of Performance Guarantor under this Undertaking.

Section 9. EFFECT OF BANKRUPTCY. This Performance Undertaking shall survive the insolvency of any Originator or ECM and the commencement of any case or proceeding by or against any Originator or ECM under the federal bankruptcy code or other federal, state or other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization statutes. No automatic stay under the federal bankruptcy code with respect to any Originator or ECM or other federal, state or other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization statutes to which any Originator or ECM is subject shall postpone the obligations of Performance Guarantor under this Undertaking.

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Section 10. SETOFF. Regardless of the other means of obtaining payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, Recipient (and its assigns) is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, but only during the existence of an Amortization Event, without notice to Performance Guarantor (any such notice being expressly waived by Performance Guarantor) and to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off and apply any deposits and other sums against the obligations of Performance Guarantor under this Undertaking then past due for more than two (2) Business Days.

Section 11. TAXES. All payments to be made by Performance Guarantor hereunder shall be made free and clear of any deduction or withholding (except for taxes excluded under Section 10.1 of the Credit and Security Agreement). If Performance Guarantor is required by law to make any deduction or withholding on account of tax (except for taxes excluded under Section 10.1 of the Credit and Security Agreement) or otherwise from any such payment, the sum due from it in respect of such payment shall be increased to the extent necessary to ensure that, after the making of such deduction or withholding, Recipient receive a net sum equal to the sum which they would have received had no deduction or withholding been made.

Section 12. FURTHER ASSURANCES. Performance Guarantor agrees that it will from time to time, at the request of Recipient (or its assigns), provide information relating to the business and affairs of Performance Guarantor as Recipient may reasonably request. Performance Guarantor also agrees to do all such things and execute all such documents as Recipient (or its assigns) may reasonably consider necessary or desirable to give full effect to this Undertaking and to perfect and preserve the rights and powers of Recipient hereunder.

Section 13. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. This Performance Undertaking shall be binding upon Performance Guarantor, its successors and permitted assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Recipient and its successors and assigns. Performance Guarantor may not assign or transfer any of its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each of Recipient and the Agent. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence, Recipient may assign or otherwise transfer the Agreements, any other documents executed in connection therewith or delivered thereunder or any other agreement or note held by them evidencing, securing or otherwise executed in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations, or sell participations in any interest therein, to any other entity or other person, and such other entity or other person shall thereupon become vested, to the extent set forth in the agreement evidencing such assignment, transfer or participation, with all the rights in respect

thereof granted to the Secured Parties herein.

Section 14. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Undertaking nor consent to any departure by Performance Guarantor therefrom shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by Recipient, the Agent and Performance Guarantor. No failure on the part of Recipient to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

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Section 15. NOTICES. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be made in writing and shall be addressed as follows: if to Performance Guarantor, at the address set forth beneath its signature hereto, and if to Recipient, at the addresses set forth beneath its signature to the Credit and Security Agreement, or at such other addresses as each of Performance Guarantor or any Recipient may designate in writing to the other. Each such notice or other communication shall be effective (1) if given by telecopy, upon the receipt thereof, (2) if given by mail, three (3) Business Days after the time such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid or (3) if given by any other means, when received at the address specified in this Section 15.

Section 16. GOVERNING LAW. THIS UNDERTAKING SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS (AND NOT THE LAW OF CONFLICTS) OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 17. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH OF PROVIDER AND RECIPIENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR NEW YORK STATE COURT SITTING IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS UNDERTAKING, THE AGREEMENTS OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT EXECUTED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH OR DELIVERED THEREUNDER AND EACH OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR AND RECIPIENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM.

Section 18. BANKRUPTCY PETITION. Performance Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding senior Indebtedness of Conduit, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Conduit any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.

Section 19. MISCELLANEOUS. This Undertaking constitutes the entire agreement of Performance Guarantor with respect to the matters set forth herein. The rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law or any other agreement, and this Undertaking shall be in addition to any other guaranty of or collateral security for any of the Guaranteed Obligations. The provisions of this Undertaking are severable, and in any action or proceeding involving any state corporate law, or any state or federal bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other law affecting the rights of creditors generally, if the obligations of Performance Guarantor hereunder would otherwise be held or determined to be avoidable, invalid or unenforceable on account of the amount of Performance Guarantor's liability under this Undertaking, then, notwithstanding any other provision of this Undertaking to the contrary, the amount of such liability shall, without any further action by Performance Guarantor or Recipient, be automatically limited and reduced to the highest amount

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that is valid and enforceable as determined in such action or proceeding. Any provisions of this Undertaking which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Unless otherwise specified, references herein to "SECTION" shall mean a reference to sections of this Undertaking.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Performance Guarantor has caused this Undertaking to be executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

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#### SCHEDULE A

#### COMMITMENTS OF LIQUIDITY BANKS

LIQUIDITY BANK	COMMITMENT
Wachovia Bank, National Association	\$125,000,000

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#### SCHEDULE B

#### DOCUMENTS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE AGENT

#### ON OR PRIOR TO THE INITIAL PURCHASE

- 1. Executed copies of the Credit and Security Agreement, duly executed by the parties thereto.
- 2. Copy of the Resolutions of the Board of Directors (or other governing body) of each Loan Party and Performance Guarantor certified by its Secretary authorizing such Person's execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered by it hereunder.
- 3. Articles or Certificate of Incorporation or Organization of each Loan Party and Performance Guarantor certified by the Secretary of State of its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization on or within a recent date prior to the initial Advance.
- 4. Good Standing Certificate for each Loan Party and Performance Guarantor issued by the Secretaries of State of its state of incorporation or organization and each jurisdiction where it has material operations, each of which is listed below:
  - a. Borrower:
  - b. Servicer:
  - c. Performance Guarantor:
- 5. A certificate of the Secretary of each Loan Party and Performance Guarantor certifying (i) the names and signatures of the officers authorized on its behalf to execute this Agreement and any other documents to be delivered by it hereunder and (ii) a copy of such Person's By-Laws or Limited Liability Company Agreement.
- 6. State and federal tax lien, judgment lien and UCC lien searches against each Loan Party from the following jurisdictions:
- a. Borrower: Georgia (Secretary of State and Fulton County); Delaware Secretary of State  $\,$ 
  - b. Servicer: Georgia (Secretary of State and Fulton County)
- 7. Time stamped receipt copies of proper financing statements, duly filed under the UCC on or before the date of the initial Advance in all jurisdictions as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the Agent, desirable, under the UCC of all appropriate jurisdictions or any comparable law in order to perfect the ownership interests contemplated by this Agreement.

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- 8. Time stamped receipt copies of proper UCC termination statements, if any, necessary to release all security interests and other rights of any Person in the Receivables, Contracts or Related Security previously granted by Borrower.
  - 9. Executed copies of Collection Account Agreements for each Lock-Box

and Collection Account.

- 10. Favorable opinions of special legal counsel and General Counsel (as to items (a), (b), and (c) below) for the Loan Parties and Performance Guarantor reasonably acceptable to the Agent which addresses the following matters and such other matters as the Agent may reasonably request:
- (a) Each of the Loan Parties and Performance Guarantor is a corporation or limited liability company duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization.
- (b) Each of the Loan Parties and Performance Guarantor has all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction where failure to be so qualified would have a material adverse effect on such entity's business.
- (c) The execution and delivery by each of the Loan Parties and Performance Guarantor of the Transaction Document to which it is a party and its performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary organizational action and proceedings on the part of such entity and will not:
  - (i) require any action by or in respect of, or filing with, any governmental body, agency or official (other than the filing of UCC financing statements);
  - (ii) contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or of its articles or certificate of incorporation or organization or its bylaws or limited liability company agreement or of any agreement, judgment, injunction, order, decree or other instrument binding upon such entity; or
  - (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of such entity or any of its Subsidiaries (except as contemplated by the Transaction Documents).
- (d) Each of the Transaction Documents to which each of the Loan Parties and Performance Guarantor is a party has been duly executed and delivered by such entity and constitutes the legally valid, and binding obligation of such entity enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and subject also to the availability of equitable remedies if equitable remedies are sought.
- (e) The provisions of the Credit and Security Agreement are effective to create valid security interests in favor of the Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in all of Borrower's right, title and interest in and to the Receivables and Related Security described therein which constitute "accounts," "chattel paper" or "general intangibles" (each as defined in

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the UCC) (collectively, the "OPINION COLLATERAL"), as security for the payment of the Obligations.

- (f) Each of the UCC-1 Financing Statements naming Borrower as debtor, and Agent, as secured party, to be filed in the State of Delaware, is in appropriate form for filing therein. Upon filing of such UCC-1 Financing Statements in such filing offices and payment of the required filing fees, the security interest in favor of the Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Opinion Collateral will be perfected.
- (g) Based solely on our review of the [describe UCC Search Reports], and assuming (i) the filing of the Financing Statements and payment of the required filing fees in accordance with paragraph (f) and (ii) the absence of any intervening filings between the date and time of the Search Reports and the date and time of the filing of the Financing Statements, the security interest of the Agent in the Opinion Collateral is prior to any security interest granted in the Opinion Collateral by Borrower, the priority of which is determined solely by the filing of a financing statement in the [describe filing offices].
- (h) Neither of the Loan Parties is a "holding company" or a "subsidiary holding company" of a "holding company" within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, or an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
  - 11. A Closing Certificate.
  - 12. The Fee Letter.
  - 13. A Monthly Report as at July 31, 2004.
  - 14. Executed copies of (i) all consents from and authorizations by any

Persons and (ii) all waivers and amendments to existing credit facilities, that are necessary in connection with this Agreement.

- 15. The Liquidity Agreement, duly executed by each of the parties thereto.
- 16. If applicable, for each Lender that is not incorporated under the laws of the United States of America, or a state thereof, two duly completed copies of United States Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or W-8ECI, as applicable, certifying in either case that such Lender is entitled to receive payments under the Agreement without deduction or withholding of any United States federal income taxes.

EXHIBIT 10.2

RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT

# DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

# AMONG

EQUIFAX INC., EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC, EQUIFAX DIRECT MARKETING SOLUTIONS LLC, EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES OF PUERTO RICO INC. AND COMPLIANCE DATA CENTER, INC., AS ORIGINATORS,

AND

# EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., AS BUYER

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# RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT

THIS RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT, dated as of September 7, 2004, is by and among EQUIFAX INC., a Georgia corporation ("PARENT"), EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("EIS"), EQUIFAX DIRECT MARKETING SOLUTIONS LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc., a Georgia corporation, and Compliance Data Center, Inc., a Georgia corporation (each of the foregoing, an "ORIGINATOR" and collectively, the "ORIGINATORS"), and EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., a Georgia corporation ("BUYER") (as the same may from time to time hereafter be amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified, this "AGREEMENT" or the "FIRST STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT"). UNLESS DEFINED ELSEWHERE HEREIN, CAPITALIZED TERMS USED IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS ASSIGNED TO SUCH TERMS IN EXHIBIT I HERETO (OR, IF NOT DEFINED IN EXHIBIT I HERETO, THE MEANING ASSIGNED TO SUCH TERM IN EXHIBIT I TO THE CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT).

# PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

Each of the Originators now owns, and from time to time hereafter will own, Receivables. Each of the Originators wishes to sell and assign to Buyer, and Buyer wishes to purchase from each Originator, all of such Originator's right, title and interest in and to its Receivables, together with the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto.

Each of the Originators and Buyer intend the transactions contemplated hereby to be true sales to Buyer by such Originator of the Receivables originated by it, providing Buyer with the full benefits of ownership of such Receivables, and none of the Originators nor Buyer intends these transactions to be, or for any purpose to be characterized as, loans from Buyer to such Originator.

Following the purchase of the Receivables from each Originator through the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement, Buyer will sell or contribute all of its interests in the Receivables to Equifax Receivables Finance LLC. The sale and contribution of all of Buyer's right, title and interest in and to the Receivables will be made pursuant to that certain Receivable Sales Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 (as the same may from time to time hereafter be amended, supplement, restated or otherwise modified, the "SECOND STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT") between Buyer and Equifax Receivables Finance LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1.1 INITIAL CONTRIBUTION OF RECEIVABLES. On the date hereof, Parent does hereby contribute, assign, transfer, set-over and otherwise convey to Buyer, and Buyer does hereby accept from Parent, Receivables originated by Parent and existing as of the close of business on the Business Day immediately prior to the date hereof (the "INITIAL CUTOFF DATE") having an aggregate Outstanding Balance of \$103,515,953.31 (the "INITIAL CONTRIBUTED RECEIVABLES"), together with all Related Security relating thereto and all Collections thereof.

#### Section 1.2 PURCHASE OF RECEIVABLES.

- Effective on the date hereof, in consideration for the (a) Purchase Price paid to each Originator and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, each Originator does hereby sell, assign, transfer, set-over and otherwise convey to Buyer, without recourse (except to the extent expressly provided herein), and Buyer does hereby purchase from such Originator, all of such Originator's right, title and interest in and to all Receivables originated by such Originator and existing as of the close of business on the Initial Cutoff Date (other than the Initial Contributed Receivables) and all Receivables thereafter originated by such Originator through and including the Termination Date, together, in each case, with all Related Security relating thereto and all Collections thereof. In accordance with the preceding sentence, on the date hereof Buyer shall acquire all of each Originator's right, title and interest in and to all Receivables existing as of the Initial Cutoff Date (other than the Initial Contributed Receivables) and thereafter arising through and including the Termination Date, together with all Related Security relating thereto and all Collections thereof. Buyer shall be obligated to pay the Purchase Price for the Receivables purchased hereunder from each Originator in accordance with SECTION 1.3.
- (b) On the 20th day of each month hereafter (or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day thereafter, each Originator shall (or shall require the Servicer to) deliver to Buyer a report in substantially the form of Exhibit VII hereto (each such report being herein called a "PURCHASE REPORT") with respect to the Receivables sold by such Originator to Buyer during the Settlement Period then most recently ended. In addition to, and not in limitation of, the foregoing, in connection with the payment of the Purchase Price for any Receivables purchased hereunder, Buyer may request that the applicable Originator deliver, and such Originator shall deliver, such approvals, opinions, information or documents as Buyer may reasonably request.
- (c) It is the intention of the parties hereto that each Purchase of Receivables from an Originator made hereunder shall constitute a sale, which sale is absolute and irrevocable and provides Buyer with the full benefits of ownership of the Receivables originated by such Originator. Except for the Purchase Price Credits owed to Buyer pursuant to SECTION 1.4, the sale of Receivables hereunder by each Originator is made without recourse to such Originator; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (i) such Originator shall be liable to Buyer for all representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities made by such Originator pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents to which such Originator is a party, and (ii) such sale does not constitute and is not intended to result in an assumption by Buyer or any assignee thereof of any

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obligation of such Originator or any other Person arising in connection with the Receivables, the related Contracts and/or other Related Security or any other obligations of such Originator. In view of the intention of the parties hereto that each Purchase of Receivables made hereunder shall constitute a sale of such Receivables rather than loans secured thereby, each Originator agrees that it will, on or prior to the date hereof and in accordance with SECTION 4.1(E)(II), mark its books and records including aged trial balance with respect to the Receivables originated by it with a legend acceptable to Buyer and to the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), evidencing that Buyer has purchased such Receivables as provided in this Agreement and to note in its financial statements that its Receivables have been sold to Buyer. Upon the request of Buyer or the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), each Originator will execute and file such financing or continuation statements, or amendments thereto or assignments thereof, and such other instruments or notices, as may be necessary or appropriate to perfect and maintain the perfection of Buyer's ownership interest in the Receivables originated by such Originator and the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto, or as Buyer or the Agent (as Buyer's assignee) may reasonably request.

# Section 1.3 PAYMENT FOR THE PURCHASES.

- (a) The Purchase Price for the Purchase from each Originator of its Receivables in existence as of the close of business on the Initial Cutoff Date (other than the Initial Contributed Receivables) shall be payable in full by Buyer to such Originator on the date hereof, and shall be paid to such Originator in the following manner:
  - (i) by delivery of immediately available funds, and

(ii) the balance, by delivery of the proceeds of a revolving loan from such Originator to Buyer (a "REVOLVING LOAN") in an amount not to exceed the least of (A) the remaining unpaid portion of such Purchase Price, (B) the maximum Revolving Loan that could be borrowed without rendering Buyer insolvent, and (C) fifteen percent (15%) of such Purchase Price. Each Originator is hereby authorized by Buyer to endorse on the schedule attached to its Revolving Note an appropriate notation evidencing the date and amount of each advance thereunder, as well as the date of each payment with respect thereto, PROVIDED THAT the failure to make such notation shall not affect any obligation of Buyer thereunder.

The Purchase Price for each Receivable coming into existence after the Initial Cutoff Date shall be due and owing in full by Buyer to the applicable Originator or its designee on the date each such Receivable came into existence (except that Buyer may, with respect to any such Purchase Price, offset against such Purchase Price any amounts owed by such Originator to Buyer hereunder and which have become due but remain unpaid) and shall be paid to such Originator in the manner provided in the following paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).

(b) With respect to any Receivables coming into existence after the Initial Cutoff Date, on each Settlement Date, Buyer shall pay the applicable Originator the Purchase Price therefor in accordance with SECTION 1.3(D) and in the following manner:

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FIRST, by delivery to the applicable Originator or its designee of immediately available funds, to the extent of funds available to Buyer from cash on hand;

SECOND, by delivery to the applicable Originator or its designee of the proceeds of a Revolving Loan, PROVIDED THAT the making of any such Revolving Loan shall be subject to the provisions set forth in SECTION  $1.3\,(A)\,(II)$ ; and

THIRD, solely in the case of Receivables originated by EIS, unless the Termination Date has occurred in accordance with this Agreement, by accepting a contribution to its capital in an amount equal to the remaining unpaid balance of such Purchase Price.

Subject to the limitations set forth in SECTION 1.3(A)(II), each Originator irrevocably agrees to advance each Revolving Loan requested by Buyer on or prior to the Termination Date. The Revolving Loans owing to each Originator shall be evidenced by, and shall be payable in accordance with the terms and provisions of its Revolving Note and shall be payable solely from funds which Buyer is not required under the Credit and Security Agreement to set aside for the benefit of, or otherwise pay over to, the Lenders.

- (c) From and after the Termination Date, (i) no Originator shall be obligated to (but may, at its option) sell Receivables to Buyer, or (ii) EIS shall not be obligated to (but may, at its option) contribute Receivables to Buyer's capital pursuant to clause THIRD of SECTION 1.3(B).
- (d) Although the Purchase Price for each Receivable coming into existence after the Initial Cutoff Date shall be due and payable in full by Buyer to the applicable Originator on the date such Receivable came into existence, settlement of the Purchase Price between Buyer and such Originator shall be effected on a monthly basis on Settlement Dates with respect to all Receivables originated by such Originator during the same Calculation Period and based on the information contained in the Purchase Report delivered by such Originator for the Calculation Period then most recently ended. Although settlement shall be effected on Settlement Dates, increases or decreases in the amount owing under the Revolving Note made pursuant to SECTION 1.3 and any contribution of capital by EIS to Buyer made pursuant to SECTION 1.3(B) shall be deemed to have occurred and shall be effective as of the last Business Day of the Calculation Period to which such settlement relates.
  - Section 1.4 PURCHASE PRICE CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS. If on any day:
- (a) the Outstanding Balance of a Receivable purchased from any Originator is:
  - (i) reduced as a result of any defective or rejected or returned goods or services, any discount or any adjustment or otherwise by such Originator (other than as a result of such Receivable becoming a Defaulted Receivable or to reflect cash Collections on account of such Receivable),

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(ii) reduced or canceled as a result of a setoff in respect of any claim by any Person (whether such claim arises out of the same or a related transaction or an unrelated transaction), or

(b) any of the representations and warranties set forth in SECTIONS 2.1(H), (I), (J), (L), (R), (S), (T), (U), the second sentence of SECTION 2.1(Q) hereof and the last clause (relating to bulk sales laws) of SECTION 2.1(C) are not true when made or deemed made with respect to any Receivable.

then, in such event, Buyer shall be entitled to a credit (each, a "PURCHASE PRICE CREDIT") against the Purchase Price otherwise payable to the applicable Originator hereunder equal to (x) in the case of a partial reduction, the amount of such reduction, and (y) in the case of a total reduction or cancellation, the lesser of the total Purchase Price paid for and the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable (calculated before giving effect to the applicable reduction or cancellation). If such Purchase Price Credit exceeds the Original Balance of the Receivables originated by the applicable Originator on any day, such Originator shall pay the remaining amount of such Purchase Price Credit in cash immediately, PROVIDED THAT if the Termination Date has not occurred, such Originator shall be allowed to deduct the remaining amount of such Purchase Price Credit from any indebtedness owed to it under its Revolving Note.

Section 1.5 PAYMENTS AND COMPUTATIONS, ETC. All amounts to be paid or deposited by Buyer hereunder shall be paid or deposited in accordance with the terms hereof on the day when due in immediately available funds to the account of the applicable Originator designated from time to time by such Originator or as otherwise directed by such Originator. In the event that any payment owed by any Person hereunder becomes due on a day that is not a Business Day, then such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day. If any Person fails to pay any amount hereunder when due, such Person agrees to pay, on demand, the Default Fee in respect thereof until paid in full; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that such Default Fee shall not at any time exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law. All computations of interest payable hereunder shall be made on the basis of a year of 360 days for the actual number of days (including the first but excluding the last day) elapsed.

#### Section 1.6 LICENSE OF SOFTWARE.

To the extent that any software used by any Originator (a) to account for the Receivables originated by it is non-transferable, such Originator hereby grants to each of Buyer, the Agent and the Servicer an irrevocable, non-exclusive license to use, without royalty or payment of any kind, all such software used by such Originator to account for such Receivables, to the extent necessary to administer such Receivables, whether such software is owned by such Originator or is owned by others and used by such Originator under license agreements with respect thereto, PROVIDED THAT should the consent of any licensor of such software be required for the grant of the license described herein to be effective: (x) the license granted herein shall not apply to such software unless and until such consent is obtained, and (y) such Originator hereby agrees that, upon the request of Buyer (or Buyer's assignee) made at any time during the continuation of a Termination Event or an Amortization Event, such Originator will use its reasonable efforts (i) to obtain the consent of such third-party licensor, and (ii) in advance of obtaining such consent, in connection with each Review pursuant to SECTION 4.1(D),

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to make personnel who are covered by such Originator's license of such software and knowledgeable about its use, available to Buyer (or Buyer's assignee) to test data or generate such reports relating the Receivables that may be reasonably requested. The license granted hereby shall be irrevocable until the later to occur of (i) indefeasible payment in full of the Obligations (as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement), and (ii) the date each of this Agreement, the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms.

- (b) Each Originator (i) shall take such action requested by Buyer and/or the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), from time to time hereafter, that may be necessary or appropriate to ensure that Buyer and its assigns under the Credit and Security Agreement have an enforceable ownership or security interest in the Records relating to the Receivables purchased from such Originator hereunder, and (ii) shall use its reasonable efforts to ensure that Buyer, the Agent and the Servicer each has an enforceable right (whether by license or sublicense or otherwise) in accordance with SECTION 1.6(A) to use all of the computer software used to account for such Receivables and/or to recreate such Records.
- Section 1.7 CHARACTERIZATION. If, notwithstanding the intention of the parties expressed in SECTION 1.2(c), any sale or contribution by an Originator to Buyer of Receivables hereunder shall be characterized as a secured loan and not a sale or such sale shall for any reason be ineffective or unenforceable, then this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a security agreement under the UCC and other applicable law. For this purpose and without being in derogation of the parties' intention that the sale of Receivables by each Originator hereunder shall constitute a true sale thereof, such Originator hereby grants to Buyer a duly perfected security interest in all of such Originator's right, title and interest in, to and under all Receivables of such Originator which are now existing or hereafter arising, all Collections and

Related Security with respect thereto, each Lock-Box and Collection Account, all other rights and payments relating to such Receivables and all proceeds of the foregoing to secure the prompt and complete payment of a loan deemed to have been made in an amount equal to the Purchase Price of the Receivables purchased from such Originator together with all other obligations of such Originator hereunder, which security interest shall be prior to all other Adverse Claims thereto. Buyer and its assigns shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies which they may have under this Agreement, all other rights and remedies provided to a secured creditor under the UCC and other applicable law, which rights and remedies shall be cumulative.

# ARTICLE II REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- Section 2.1 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF ORIGINATORS. Each Originator hereby represents and warrants to Buyer on the date hereof, on the date of the Purchase from such Originator hereunder and on each date that any Receivable is originated by such Originator on or after the date of such Purchase, that:
- (a) EXISTENCE AND POWER. Such Originator is a corporation or limited liability company, as applicable, duly organized under the laws of the jurisdiction set forth after its name in the preamble to this Agreement (the "APPLICABLE JURISDICTION"), and no other jurisdiction, and as to which such Applicable Jurisdiction must maintain a public record showing the corporation

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or limited liability company, as applicable, to have been organized. Such Originator is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its Applicable Jurisdiction and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign entity, and has and holds all power and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted except where the failure to so qualify or so hold could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (b) POWER AND AUTHORITY; DUE AUTHORIZATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY. The execution and delivery by such Originator of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party, and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and such Originator's use of the proceeds of the Purchase made from it hereunder, are within its organizational powers and authority and have been duly authorized by all necessary organizational action on its part. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which such Originator is a party has been duly executed and delivered by such Originator.
- Originator of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party, and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder do not contravene or violate (i) its Organizational Documents, (ii) any law, rule or regulation applicable to it, (iii) any restrictions under any agreement, contract or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, or (iv) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or its property, and do not result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of such Originator or its Subsidiaries (except as created hereunder) except, in any case, where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and no transaction contemplated hereby requires compliance with any bulk sales act or similar law.
- (d) GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATION. Other than the filing of the financing statements required hereunder, no authorization or approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority or regulatory body is required for the due execution and delivery by such Originator of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder.
- (e) ACTIONS, SUITS. There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending, or to the best of such Originator's knowledge, threatened, against or affecting such Originator, or any of its properties, in or before any court, arbitrator or other body, that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Such Originator is not in default with respect to any order of any court, arbitrator or governmental body.
- (f) BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which such Originator is a party constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of such Originator enforceable against such Originator in accordance with their respective terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).

- (g) ACCURACY OF INFORMATION. All information heretofore furnished by such Originator or any of its Affiliates to Buyer (or its assigns) for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement, any of the other Transaction Documents or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby is, and all such information hereafter furnished by such Originator or any of its Affiliates to Buyer (or its assigns) will be, true and accurate in every material respect on the date such information is stated or certified and does not and will not contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, taken as a whole, not misleading; provided that, with respect to any projected financial information, such Originator represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.
- (h) USE OF PROCEEDS. No portion of any Purchase Price payment hereunder will be used by any Originator (i) for a purpose that violates, or would be inconsistent with, any law, rule or regulation applicable to such Originator or (ii) to acquire any margin stock in violation of Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
- (i) GOOD TITLE. Immediately prior to the Purchase from such Originator hereunder and upon the creation of each Receivable originated by such Originator after the Initial Cut-Off Date, such Originator (i) is the legal and beneficial owner of such Receivables and (ii) is the legal and beneficial owner of the Related Security with respect thereto or possesses a valid and perfected security interest therein, in each case, free and clear of any Adverse Claim, except Permitted Encumbrances. There have been duly filed all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect such Originator's ownership interest in each such Receivable, its Collections and the Related Security.
- PERFECTION. This Agreement, together with the filing of (j) the financing statements contemplated hereby, is effective to transfer to Buyer (and Buyer shall acquire from such Originator) (i) legal and equitable title to, with the right to sell and encumber each Receivable originated by such Originator, whether now existing and hereafter arising, together with the Collections with respect thereto, and (ii) all of such Originator's right, title and interest in the Related Security associated with each such Receivable, in each case, free and clear of any Adverse Claim, except as created by the Transactions Documents. There have been duly filed all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect Buyer's ownership interest in such Receivables, the Related Security and the Collections. Originator's jurisdiction of organization is a jurisdiction whose law generally requires information concerning the existence of a nonpossessory security interest to be made generally available in a filing, record or registration system as a condition or result of such a security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor which respect to collateral.
- (k) PLACES OF BUSINESS AND LOCATIONS OF RECORDS. The principal places of business and chief executive office and jurisdiction of organization of such Originator and the offices where it keeps all of its Records are located at the address(es) listed on EXHIBIT II or such other locations of which Buyer has been notified in accordance with SECTION 4.2(A) in jurisdictions where all action required by SECTION 4.2(A) has been taken and completed. Such

Originator's Federal Employer Identification Number and organizational identification number are correctly set forth on EXHIBIT II.

- (1) COLLECTIONS. The conditions and requirements set forth in SECTION 4.1(J) have at all times been satisfied and duly performed. The names and addresses of all Collection Banks, together with the account numbers of the Collection Accounts of such Originator at each Collection Bank and the post office box number of each Lock-Box, are listed on EXHIBIT III. Such Originator has not granted any Person, other than Buyer (and its assigns) dominion and control of any Lock-Box or Collection Account, or the right to take dominion and control of any such Lock-Box or Collection Account at a future time or upon the occurrence of a future event.
- (m) MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. Since March 31, 2004, and except as disclosed in the reports made by the Parent to the Securities and Exchange Commission prior to the date of this Agreement, no event has occurred that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (n) NAMES. The name in which such Originator has executed this Agreement is identical to the name of such Originator as indicated on the public record of its jurisdiction of organization which shows such Originator to have been organized. In the past five (5) years, such Originator has not used any corporate or limited liability company names, trade names or assumed names other than the name in which it has executed this Agreement except as disclosed

- (o) OWNERSHIP OF BUYER. Parent owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of EIS. EIS owns directly 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of Buyer. Such equity interests are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and there are no options, warrants or other rights to acquire securities of Buyer.
- (p) NOT A HOLDING COMPANY OR AN INVESTMENT COMPANY. Such Originator is not a "HOLDING COMPANY" or a "SUBSIDIARY HOLDING COMPANY" of a "HOLDING COMPANY" within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, or any successor statute. Such Originator is not an "INVESTMENT COMPANY" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or any successor statute.
- (q) COMPLIANCE WITH LAW. Such Originator has complied in all respects with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees or awards to which it may be subject, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Receivable, together with the Contract related thereto, does not contravene any laws, rules or regulations applicable thereto (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, laws, rules and regulations relating to truth in lending, fair credit billing, fair credit reporting, equal credit opportunity, fair debt collection practices and privacy), and no part of such Contract is in violation of any such law, rule or regulation, except where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (r) COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Such Originator has complied in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Receivable originated by it and the related Contract, and has not made any material change to

such Credit and Collection Policy, except such material change as to which Buyer (or its assigns) has been notified in accordance with SECTION 4.1(A) (VII).

- (s) PAYMENTS TO SUCH ORIGINATOR. With respect to each Receivable originated by such Originator and sold to Buyer hereunder, the Purchase Price received by such Originator constitutes reasonably equivalent value in consideration therefor. No transfer hereunder by such Originator of any Receivable originated by such Originator is or may be voidable under any section of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 (11 U.S.C. ss.ss. 101 ET SEQ.), as amended.
- (t) ENFORCEABILITY OF CONTRACTS. Each Contract with respect to each Receivable is effective to create, and has created, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor to pay the Outstanding Balance of the Receivable created thereunder and any accrued interest thereon, enforceable against the Obligor in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (u) ELIGIBLE RECEIVABLES. Each Receivable reflected in any Purchase Report as an Eligible Receivable was an Eligible Receivable on the date of its acquisition by Buyer hereunder.
- (v) ACCOUNTING. The manner in which such Originator accounts for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in its financial statements does not jeopardize the characterization of the transactions contemplated herein as being true sales.

# ARTICLE III CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE

- Section 3.1 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO PURCHASE. The Purchases under this Agreement are subject to the conditions precedent that (a) Buyer shall have been capitalized with the Initial Contributed Receivables, (b) Buyer shall have received on or before the date of such purchase those documents listed on SCHEDULE A and (c) all of the conditions to the initial loan under the Credit and Security Agreement shall have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms thereof.
- Section 3.2 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS. Buyer's obligation to pay for Receivables coming into existence after the Initial Cutoff Date shall be subject to the further conditions precedent that: (a) the Facility Termination Date shall not have occurred under the Credit and Security Agreement; (b) Buyer (or its assigns) shall have received such other approvals, opinions or documents as it may reasonably request and (c) on the date such Receivable came into existence, the following statements shall be true (and acceptance of the proceeds of any payment for such Receivable shall be deemed a representation and warranty by such Originator that such statements are then true):

(i) the representations and warranties set forth in ARTICLE II are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date such Receivable came into existence as though made on and as of such date; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the preceding

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standard shall not apply to those representations and warranties which themselves contain materiality standards; and

(ii) no event has occurred and is continuing that will constitute a Termination Event or an Unmatured Termination Event.

Notwithstanding the foregoing conditions precedent, upon payment of the Purchase Price for any Receivable (whether by payment of cash, through an increase in the amounts outstanding under the Revolving Note, by offset of amounts owed to Buyer and/or by offset of capital contributions), title to such Receivable and the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto shall vest in Buyer, whether or not the conditions precedent to Buyer's obligation to pay for such Receivable were in fact satisfied. The failure of such Originator to satisfy any of the foregoing conditions precedent, however, shall give rise to a right of Buyer to rescind the related purchase and direct such Originator to pay to Buyer an amount equal to the Purchase Price payment that shall have been made with respect to any Receivables related thereto.

# ARTICLE IV

#### COVENANTS

- Section 4.1 AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS OF ORIGINATORS. Until the date on which this Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms, each Originator hereby covenants as set forth below:
- (a) FINANCIAL REPORTING. Such Originator will maintain, for itself and each of its Subsidiaries, a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP, and furnish to Buyer (or its assigns):
- ANNUAL REPORTING. As soon as practicable and in (i) any event within ninety-five (95) days after the end of each Fiscal Year, either (i) a copy of a report on Form 10-K, or any successor form, and any amendments thereto, filed by the Parent with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the immediately preceding Fiscal Year or (ii) an audited consolidated balance sheet of the Parent and its Subsidiaries as of the close of such Fiscal Year and audited Consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the Fiscal Year then ended, including the notes thereto, all in reasonable detail setting forth in comparative form the corresponding figures for the preceding Fiscal Year and prepared by the Parent and certified by a nationally recognized independent certified public accounting firm acceptable to the Agent in accordance with GAAP and, if applicable, containing disclosure of the effect on the financial position or results of operation of any change in the application of accounting principles and practices during the year, and accompanied by a report thereon by such certified public accountants that is not qualified with respect to scope limitations imposed by the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or with respect to accounting principles followed by the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries not in accordance with GAAP.
- (ii) QUARTERLY REPORTING. As soon as practicable and in any event, within fifty (50) days after the end of each of the first three (3) fiscal quarters of each Fiscal Year, either (i) a copy of a report on Form 10-Q, or any successor form, and any amendments

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thereto, filed by the Parent with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the immediately preceding fiscal quarter or (ii) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Parent and its Subsidiaries as of the close of such fiscal quarter and unaudited consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal quarter then ended and that portion of the Fiscal Year then ended, including any notes thereto, all in reasonable detail setting forth in comparative form the corresponding figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the preceding Fiscal Year and prepared by the Parent in accordance with GAAP and, if applicable, containing disclosure of the effect on the financial position or results of operations of any change in the application of accounting principles and practices during the period, and certified by a Responsible Officer of the Parent to present fairly in all material respects the financial condition of the Parent and its Subsidiaries as of their respective dates and the results of operations of the Parent and its Subsidiaries for the respective periods then ended, subject to normal year-end adjustments and to the absence of footnotes required by GAAP

(iii) COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE. Together with the financial statements required hereunder, a compliance certificate in substantially the form of EXHIBIT IV signed by Parent's Authorized Officer and dated the date of such annual financial statement or such quarterly financial

statement, as the case may be.

- (iv) SHAREHOLDERS STATEMENTS AND REPORTS. Promptly upon the furnishing thereof to the shareholders of the Parent, copies of all financial statements, reports and proxy statements so furnished.
- (v) S.E.C. FILINGS. Promptly after the filing thereof, a copy of (i) each report or other filing made by the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries with the Securities and Exchange Commission and required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be delivered to the shareholders of the Parent or any Subsidiary thereof, (ii) each report made by the Parent or any Subsidiary thereof to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K and (iii) each final registration statement of the Parent or any Subsidiary thereof filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, except in connection with pension plans and other employee benefit plans.
- (vi) COPIES OF NOTICES. Promptly upon its receipt of any notice, request for consent, financial statements, certification, report or other communication under or in connection with any Transaction Document from any Person other than Buyer, the Agent or Blue Ridge, copies of the same.
- (vii) CHANGE IN CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. At least thirty (30) days prior to the effectiveness of any material change in or material amendment to the Credit and Collection Policy, a copy of the Credit and Collection Policy then in effect and a notice (A) indicating such proposed change or amendment ,and (B) if such proposed change or amendment would be reasonably likely to adversely affect the collectibility of the Receivables or decrease the credit quality of any newly created Receivables, requesting Buyer's (and the Agent's, as Buyer's assignee) consent thereto.

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- (viii) OTHER INFORMATION. Promptly, from time to time, such other information, documents, records or reports relating to the Receivables originated by such Originator or the condition or operations, financial or otherwise, of such Originator as Buyer (or its assigns) may from time to time reasonably request in order to protect the interests of Buyer (and its assigns) under or as contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) NOTICES. Such Originator will notify Buyer (or its assigns) in writing of any of the following promptly upon learning of the occurrence thereof by any Responsible Officer, describing the same and, if applicable, the steps being taken with respect thereto:
- (i) TERMINATION EVENTS OR UNMATURED TERMINATION EVENTS. The occurrence of each Termination Event and each Unmatured Termination Event, by a statement of an Authorized Officer of such Originator.
- (ii) JUDGMENT AND PROCEEDINGS. (1) The entry of any judgment or decree against any Originator or any of its Subsidiaries if the aggregate amount of all judgments and decrees then outstanding against the Originators and their Subsidiaries exceeds \$10,000,000 after deducting (a) the amount with respect to which the applicable Originator or Subsidiary is insured and with respect to which the insurer has assumed responsibility in writing, and (b) the amount for which the applicable Originator or Subsidiary is otherwise indemnified if the terms of such indemnification are satisfactory to Buyer (or its assigns), and (2) the institution of any litigation, arbitration proceeding or governmental proceeding against any Originator which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (iii) MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. The occurrence of any event or condition that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (iv) DEFAULTS UNDER PARENT CREDIT AGREEMENT. The occurrence of any Default or Event of Default under (and as such term is defined in) the Parent Credit Agreement.
- (v) ERISA EVENTS. The occurrence of any ERISA Event that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (vi) DOWNGRADE OF PARENT. Any downgrade in the rating of any Indebtedness of Parent by S&P or by Moody's, setting forth the Indebtedness affected and the nature of such change (but excluding any private indicative ratings that the Parent may request from time to time from Moody's or S&P).
- (c) COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND PRESERVATION OF EXISTENCE. Such Originator will (i) comply in all respects with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees or awards to which it may be subject, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) will preserve and maintain its legal existence, rights, franchises and privileges in the jurisdiction of its organization, and qualify and remain qualified in good standing as a foreign entity in each jurisdiction where its business is conducted, except where the

failure to so qualify or remain in good standing could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; provided, however, that nothing in the foregoing shall prevent such Originator from discontinuing any line of business if (x) no Termination Event or Unmatured Termination Event exists or would result

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therefrom, and (y) with respect to the discontinuance of a material line of business, the board of directors (or comparable governing body) of such Originator determines in good faith that such discontinuance is in the best interest of the Parent and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

AUDITS. Such Originator will furnish to Buyer (or its assigns) from time to time such information with respect to it and the Receivables sold by it as Buyer (or its assigns) may reasonably request. Such Originator will, from time to time during regular business hours as requested by Buyer (or its assigns), upon reasonable notice and at the sole cost of such Originator, permit Buyer (or its assigns) or their respective agents or representatives, (i) to examine and make copies of and abstracts from all Records in the possession or under the control of such Originator relating to the Receivables and the Related Security, including, without limitation, the related Contracts, and (ii) to visit the offices and properties of such Originator for the purpose of examining such materials described in clause (i) above, and to discuss matters relating to such Originator's financial condition or the Receivables and the Related Security or such Originator's performance under any of the Transaction Documents or such Originator's performance under the Contracts and, in each case, with any of the officers or employees of such Originator having knowledge of such matters (each of the foregoing examinations and visits, a "REVIEW"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that, so long as no Amortization Event (under and as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement) has occurred and is continuing: (A) the Originators, collectively, shall only be responsible for the reasonable costs and expenses of one (1) Review in any one calendar year, and (B) the Agent (as Buyer's assignee) will not request more than four (4) Reviews in any one calendar year. To the extent that Buyer (or its assigns), in the course of any Review, obtains any Proprietary Information pertaining to any Originator or any of its Affiliates, Buyer (or its assign) shall handle such information in accordance with the requirements of SECTION 7.4 hereof.

# (e) KEEPING AND MARKING OF RECORDS AND BOOKS.

- (i) Such Originator will maintain and implement administrative and operating procedures (including, without limitation, an ability to recreate records evidencing Receivables in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain all documents, books, records and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all Receivables (including, without limitation, records adequate to permit the immediate identification of each new Receivable and all Collections of and adjustments to each existing Receivable). Such Originator will give Buyer (or its assigns) notice of any material change in the administrative and operating procedures referred to in the previous sentence.
- (ii) Such Originator will (A) on or prior to the date hereof, mark its books and records including aged trial balance with respect to the Receivables with a legend, acceptable to Buyer (or its assigns), describing Buyer's ownership interests in the Receivables and further describing the security interest in the Receivable of the Agent (on behalf of the Lenders) under the Credit and Security Agreement and (B) upon the request of Buyer (or its assigns) made at any time when a Termination Event has occurred and is continuing: (x) mark each Contract with a legend describing Buyer's ownership interests in the Receivables originated by such Originator and further

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describing the security interests in the Receivable of the Agent (on behalf of the Lenders) and (y) deliver to Buyer (or its assigns) all Contracts (including, without limitation, all multiple originals of any such Contract) relating to such Receivables.

- (f) COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACTS AND CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Such Originator will timely and fully (i) perform and comply in all material respects with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Contracts related to the Receivables originated by it, and (ii) comply in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy in regard to each such Receivable and the related Contract.
  - (g) [Intentionally Omitted]
- (h) OWNERSHIP. Such Originator will take all necessary action to establish and maintain, irrevocably in Buyer, (A) legal and equitable title to the Receivables originated by such Originator and the Collections and (B) all of such Originator's right, title and interest in the Related Security associated with the Receivables originated by such Originator, in each case,

free and clear of any Adverse Claims other than Permitted Encumbrances (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, the filing of all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect Buyer's interest in such Receivables, Related Security and Collections and such other action to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the interest of Buyer as Buyer (or its assigns) may reasonably request).

- LENDERS' RELIANCE. Such Originator acknowledges that the (i) Agent and the Lenders are entering into the transactions contemplated by the Credit and Security Agreement in reliance upon Buyer's identity as a legal entity that is separate from such Originator and any Affiliates thereof. Therefore, from and after the date of execution and delivery of this Agreement, such Originator will take all reasonable steps including, without limitation, all steps that Buyer or any assignee of Buyer may from time to time reasonably request to maintain Buyer's identity as a separate legal entity and to make it manifest to third parties that Buyer is an entity with assets and liabilities distinct from those of such Originator and any Affiliates thereof and not just a division of such Originator or any such Affiliate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to the other covenants set forth herein, such Originator (i) will not hold itself out to third parties as liable for the debts of Buyer nor purport to own any of the Receivables and other assets acquired by Buyer, (ii) will take all other actions necessary on its part to ensure that Buyer is at all times in compliance with the "separateness covenants" set forth in SECTION 7.1(I) of the Credit and Security Agreement and (iii) will cause all tax liabilities arising in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or otherwise to be allocated between such Originator and Buyer on an arm's-length basis and in a manner consistent with the procedures set forth in U.S. Treasury Regulations ss.ss.1.1502-33(d) and 1.1552-1.
- (j) COLLECTIONS. Such Originator will cause (1) all proceeds from all Lock-Boxes to be directly deposited by a Collection Bank into a Collection Account and (2) each Lock-Box and Collection Account to be subject at all times to a Collection Account Agreement that is in full force and effect. In the event any payments relating to Receivables are remitted directly to such Originator or any Affiliate of such Originator, such Originator will remit (or will cause all such payments to be remitted) directly to a Collection Bank and deposited into a

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Collection Account within two (2) Business Days following receipt thereof and, at all times prior to such remittance, such Originator will itself hold or, if applicable, will cause such payments to be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of Buyer and its assigns. Such Originator will transfer exclusive ownership, dominion and control of each Lock-Box and Collection Account to Buyer and, will not grant the right to take dominion and control of any Lock-Box or Collection Account at a future time or upon the occurrence of a future event to any Person, except to Buyer (or its assigns) as contemplated by this Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement.

- (k) TAXES. Unless otherwise filed by the Parent, (i) such Originator will file all tax returns and reports required by law to be filed by it and promptly pay all taxes and governmental charges at any time owing, except (x) such taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which Performance Guarantor has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (y) to the extent the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) such Originator will pay when due any taxes payable in connection with the Receivables originated by it, exclusive of taxes on or measured by income or gross receipts of Buyer and its assigns.
- Section 4.2 NEGATIVE COVENANTS OF ORIGINATORS. Until the date on which this Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms, each Originator hereby covenants that:
- (a) NAME CHANGE, OFFICES AND RECORDS. Such Originator will not change its (i) state of organization, (ii) name, (iii) identity or structure (within the meaning of Article 9 of any applicable enactment of the UCC) or relocate its chief executive office at any time while the location of its chief executive office is relevant to perfection of Buyer's interest in the Receivables or the associated Related Security and Collections or any office where Records are kept unless it shall have: (i) given Buyer (and the Agent, as its assignee) at least ten (10) Business Days' prior written notice thereof and (ii) delivered to the Agent (as Buyer's assignee) all financing statements, instruments and other documents requested by the Agent in connection with such change or relocation.
- (b) CHANGE IN PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO OBLIGORS. Such Originator will not add or terminate any bank as a Collection Bank, or make any change in the instructions to Obligors regarding payments to be made to any Lock-Box or Collection Account, unless Buyer (or its assigns) shall have received, at least ten (10) days before the proposed effective date therefor, (i) written notice of such addition, termination or change and (ii) with respect to the addition of a Collection Bank or a Collection Account or Lock-Box, an executed Collection Account Agreement with respect to the new Collection Account

or Lock-Box; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that such Originator may make changes in instructions to Obligors regarding payments if such new instructions require such Obligor to make payments to another existing Collection Account.

(c) MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACTS AND CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Such Originator will not make any material change to the Credit and Collection Policy that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the collectibility of the Receivables originated by it or decrease the credit quality of any of its newly created Receivables. Except as otherwise permitted in its capacity as Servicer pursuant to the Credit and Security Agreement, such Originator will not extend, amend or otherwise modify the terms of any Receivable other than in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy.

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- (d) SALES, LIENS. Such Originator will not sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, or create or suffer to exist any Adverse Claim (other than Permitted Encumbrances) upon (including, without limitation, the filing of any financing statement) or with respect to, any Receivable, Related Security or Collections, or upon or with respect to any Contract under which any Receivable arises, or any Lock-Box or Collection Account, or assign any right to receive income with respect thereto (other than, in each case, the creation of the interests therein in favor of Buyer provided for herein and any other Permitted Encumbrances), and such Originator will defend the right, title and interest of Buyer in, to and under any of the foregoing property, against all claims of third parties claiming through or under such Originator (other than Permitted Encumbrances).
  - (e) [Intentionally Omitted]
- (f) ACCOUNTING FOR PURCHASE. Such Originator will not, and will not permit any Affiliate to, financially account (whether in financial statements or otherwise) for the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner other than the sale or other outright conveyance by such Originator to Buyer of the Receivables originated by such Originator and the associated Related Security or in any other respect account for or treat the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner other than as a sale of such Receivables and Related Security by such Originator to Buyer except to the extent that such transactions are not recognized on account of consolidated financial reporting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

# ARTICLE V TERMINATION EVENTS

- Section 5.1 TERMINATION EVENTS. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a Termination Event:
- (a) Such Originator shall fail to make any payment or deposit required hereunder when due and, for any such payment or deposit which is not in respect of principal, such failure shall continue unremedied for five (5) Business Days after the earlier of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to such Originator by Buyer.
- (b) Such Originator shall fail to perform or observe (i) any covenant contained in Section 4.1(b) (i), 4,1(c) (ii) or 4.2 of this Agreement when due, (ii) any other covenant or agreement contained in Section 4.1(a) or 4.1(b) of this Agreement and such failure shall continue unremedied for fifteen (15) days after the earliest of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to such Originator by Buyer, or (iii) any other covenant or agreement not mentioned in this Section 5.1 under any Transaction Documents and such failure shall continue unremedied for thirty (30) days after the earlier of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to such Originator by Buyer.
- (c) Any representation, warranty, certification or statement made by such Originator in this Agreement, any other Transaction Document or in any other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect

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when made or deemed made; PROVIDED THAT the materiality threshold in the preceding clause shall not be applicable with respect to any representation or warranty which itself contains a materiality threshold and PROVIDED FURTHER, that any misrepresentation or certification for which Buyer has actually received a Purchase Price Credit shall not constitute a Termination Event bereunder.

(d) Failure of any Originator to pay any Indebtedness when due in excess of \$20,000,000 or the default by any Originator in the performance of any term, provision or condition contained in any agreement under which any such Indebtedness was created or is governed, the effect of which is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness to cause, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity; or any such

Indebtedness of any Originator shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the date of maturity thereof.

- (e) (i) Parent or any of its Material Subsidiaries shall generally not pay its debts as such debts become due or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (ii) any proceeding shall be instituted by or against Parent or any of its Material Subsidiaries seeking to adjudicate it bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking liquidation, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, protection, relief or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, or seeking the entry of an order for relief or the appointment of a receiver, trustee or other similar official for it or any substantial part of its property or (iii) Parent or any of its Material Subsidiaries shall take any corporate or limited liability company action to authorize any of the actions set forth in the foregoing clauses (i) or (ii) of this subsection (e).
  - (f) A Change of Control shall occur.
- (g) One or more final judgments for the payment of money in an amount in excess of \$10,000,000 individually or in the aggregate, shall be entered against any Originator on claims not covered by insurance or as to which the insurance carrier has denied its responsibility, and such judgment shall continue unsatisfied and in effect for thirty (30) consecutive days without a stay of execution.
- (h) An ERISA Event shall occur with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan when: (i) there shall be an Unfunded-Pension Liability among the Pension Plans; or (ii) any Originator or any ERISA Affiliate shall fail to pay when due, after the expiration of any applicable grace period, any installment payment with respect to its withdrawal liability under Section 4201 of ERISA under a Multiemployer Plan, and there shall result from any such event, Unfunded-Pension Liability, or (iii) a liability of the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to the PBGC or a Plan, in each case (under clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above)) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.2 REMEDIES. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of a Termination Event, Buyer may take any of the following actions upon notice to the Originators: (i) declare the Termination Date to have occurred, whereupon the Termination Date shall forthwith occur, without demand, protest or further notice of any kind, all of which are hereby

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expressly waived by each Originator; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that upon the occurrence of a Termination Event described in SECTION 5.1(E) (II), or of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to such Originator under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, the Termination Date shall automatically occur, without demand, protest or any notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by each Originator and (ii) to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, declare that the Default Fee shall accrue with respect to any amounts then due and owing by such Originator to Buyer. The aforementioned rights and remedies shall be without limitation and shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies of Buyer and its assigns otherwise available under any other provision of this Agreement, by operation of law, at equity or otherwise, all of which are hereby expressly preserved, including, without limitation, all rights and remedies provided under the UCC, all of which rights shall be cumulative.

# ARTICLE VI INDEMNIFICATION

- Section 6.1 INDEMNITIES BY ORIGINATORS. Without limiting any other rights that Buyer may have hereunder or under applicable law, each Originator hereby agrees to indemnify (and pay upon demand to) Buyer and its assigns, officers, directors, agents and employees (each an "INDEMNIFIED PARTY") from and against any and all damages, losses, claims, taxes, liabilities, costs, expenses and for all other amounts payable, including reasonable and actual attorneys' fees (which attorneys may be employees of Buyer or any such assign) and disbursements (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to as "INDEMNIFIED AMOUNTS") awarded against or incurred by any of them arising out of or as a result of this Agreement or the acquisition, either directly or indirectly, by Buyer of an interest in the Receivables originated by such Originator, EXCLUDING, HOWEVER:
  - (a) Indemnified Amounts to the extent a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction holds that such Indemnified Amounts resulted from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Indemnified Party seeking indemnification provided that such Originator shall not be obligated to indemnify any Indemnified Party under this Section 6.1 in connection with any claim under any cause of action by or against such Indemnified Person with respect to which such Originator is an adverse party and such Originator is the prevailing party with respect to such claim under such cause of action;

- (b) Indemnified Amounts to the extent the same includes losses in respect of Receivables originated by such Originator that are uncollectible on account of the insolvency, bankruptcy or lack of creditworthiness of the related Obligor; or
- (c) taxes imposed by the jurisdiction in which such Indemnified Party's principal executive office is located, on or measured by the overall net income of such Indemnified Party;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing contained in this sentence shall limit the liability of such Originator or limit the recourse of Buyer to such Originator for amounts otherwise specifically provided to be paid by such Originator under the terms of this Agreement. Without limiting the

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generality of the foregoing indemnification, but subject in each case to clauses (a), (b) and (c) above, each Originator shall indemnify Buyer for Indemnified Amounts relating to or resulting from:

- (i) any representation or warranty made by such Originator (or any officers of such Originator) under or in connection with any Purchase Report, this Agreement, any other Transaction Document or any other information or report delivered by such Originator pursuant hereto or thereto for which Buyer has not received a Purchase Price Credit that shall have been false or incorrect when made or deemed made;
- (ii) the failure by such Originator, to comply with any applicable law, rule or regulation with respect to any Receivable or Contract related thereto, or the nonconformity of any Receivable or Contract included therein with any such applicable law, rule or regulation or any failure of such Originator to keep or perform any of its obligations, express or implied, with respect to any Contract;
- (iii) any failure of such Originator to perform its duties, covenants or other obligations in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document;
- (iv) any products liability, personal injury or damage, suit or other similar claim arising out of or in connection with merchandise, insurance or services that are the subject of any Contract or any Receivable;
- (v) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than discharge in bankruptcy of the Obligor) of the Obligor to the payment of any Receivable (including, without limitation, a defense based on such Receivable or the related Contract not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from the sale of the merchandise or service related to such Receivable or the furnishing or failure to furnish such merchandise or services; (vi) the commingling of Collections of Receivables at any time with other funds;
- (vii) any investigation, litigation or proceeding related to or arising from this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the transactions contemplated hereby, such Originator's use of the proceeds of the Purchase from it hereunder, the ownership of the Receivables originated by such Originator or any other investigation, litigation or proceeding relating to such Originator in which any Indemnified Party becomes involved as a result of any of the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (viii) any inability to litigate any claim against any Obligor in respect of any Receivable as a result of such Obligor being immune from civil and commercial law and suit on the grounds of sovereignty or otherwise from any legal action, suit or proceeding;
- $\qquad \qquad \text{(ix)} \qquad \text{any Termination Event described in SECTION} \\ 5.1(E) \text{(II);}$

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- (x) any failure to vest and maintain vested in Buyer, or to transfer to Buyer, legal and equitable title to, and ownership of, the Receivables originated by such Originator and the associated Collections, and all of such Originator's right, title and interest in the Related Security associated with such Receivables, in each case, free and clear of any Adverse Claim;
- (xi) the failure to have filed, or any delay in filing, financing statements or other similar instruments or documents under the UCC of any applicable jurisdiction or other applicable laws with respect to any Receivable originated by such Originator, the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto, and the proceeds

of any thereof, whether at the time of the Purchase from such Originator hereunder or at any subsequent time;

- (xii) any action or omission by such Originator which reduces or impairs the rights of Buyer with respect to any Receivable or the value of any such Receivable (for any reason other than the application of Collections thereto or charge-off of any Receivable as uncollectible);
- (xiii) any attempt by any Person to void the Purchase from such Originator hereunder under statutory provisions or common law or equitable action; and
- (xiv) the failure of any Receivable reflected as an Eligible Receivable on any Purchase Report prepared by such Originator to be an Eligible Receivable at the time acquired by Buyer.
- Section 6.2 OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES. Each Originator shall pay to Buyer on demand all reasonable costs and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby and the other documents to be delivered hereunder. Each Originator shall pay to Buyer on demand any and all costs and expenses of Buyer, if any, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement and the other documents delivered hereunder and in connection with any restructuring or workout of this Agreement or such documents, or the administration of this Agreement following a Termination Event.

# ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 7.1 WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS.

(a) No failure or delay on the part of Buyer (or its assigns) in exercising any power, right or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such power, right or remedy preclude any other further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power, right or remedy. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and nonexclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law. Any waiver of this Agreement shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

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- (b) No provision of this Agreement may be amended, supplemented, modified or waived except in writing signed by each Originator and Buyer and, to the extent required under the Credit and Security Agreement, the Agent and the Liquidity Banks or the Lenders. Any material amendment, supplement, modification of waiver will required satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition.
- Section 7.2 NOTICES. All communications and notices provided for hereunder shall be in writing (including bank wire, telecopy or electronic facsimile transmission or similar writing) and shall be given to the other parties hereto at their respective addresses or telecopy numbers set forth on the signature pages hereof or at such other address or telecopy number as such Person may hereafter specify for the purpose of notice to each of the other parties hereto. Each such notice or other communication shall be effective (a) if given by telecopy, upon the receipt thereof, (b) if given by mail, five (5) Business Days after the time such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid or (c) if given by any other means, when received at the address specified in this SECTION 7.2.

# Section 7.3 PROTECTION OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS OF BUYER.

- (a) Each Originator agrees that from time to time, at its expense, it will promptly execute and deliver all instruments and documents, and take all actions, that may be necessary or desirable, or that Buyer (or its assigns) may request, to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the interest of Buyer hereunder and the Receivable, or to enable Buyer (or its assigns) to exercise and enforce their rights and remedies hereunder. At any time when a Termination Event has occurred and is continuing, Buyer (or its assigns) may, at such Originator's sole cost and expense, direct such Originator to notify the Obligors of Receivables of the ownership interests of Buyer under this Agreement and may also direct that payments of all amounts due or that become due under any or all Receivables be made directly to Buyer or its designee.
- (b) If any Originator fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder, Buyer (or its assigns) may (but shall not be required to) perform, or cause performance of, such obligations, and Buyer's (or such assigns') reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by such Originator as provided in SECTION 6.2. Each Originator irrevocably authorizes Buyer (and its assigns) at any time and from time to time when a Termination Event has occurred and is continuing in the sole discretion of Buyer (or its assigns), and appoints Buyer (and its assigns) as its

attorney(ies)-in-fact, to act on behalf of such Originator (i) to execute on behalf of such Originator as debtor and to file financing statements necessary or desirable in Buyer's (or its assigns') reasonable judgment to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interest of Buyer in the Receivables originated by such Originator and the associated Related Security and Collections and (ii) to file a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Agreement or any financing statement with respect to the Receivables as a financing statement in such offices as Buyer (or its assigns) in their reasonable judgment deem necessary or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of Buyer's interests in such Receivables. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable. If any Originator fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder: (A) such Originator hereby authorizes Buyer (or its assigns) to file financing statements and other filing or recording documents with respect to the Receivables and Related Security (including any amendments thereto, or continuation or termination statements thereof), without the signature or

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other authorization of such Originator, in such form and in such offices as Buyer (or any of its assigns) reasonably determines appropriate to perfect or maintain the perfection of the ownership or security interests of Buyer (or its assigns) hereunder, (B) such Originator acknowledges and agrees that it is not authorized to, and will not, file financing statements or other filing or recording documents with respect to the Receivables or Related Security (including any amendments thereto, or continuation or termination statements thereof), without the express prior written approval by the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), consenting to the form and substance of such filing or recording document, and (C) such Originator approves, authorizes and ratifies any filings or recordings made by or on behalf of the Agent (as Buyer's assign) in connection with the perfection of the ownership or security interests in favor of Buyer or the Agent (as Buyer's assign).

# Section 7.4 CONFIDENTIALITY; TAX TREATMENT.

- (a) Each Originator and Buyer shall maintain and shall cause each of its employees, officers and advisers to maintain the confidentiality of the Fee Letters and the other confidential or proprietary information with respect to the Agent and Blue Ridge and their respective businesses obtained by it or them in connection with the structuring, negotiating and execution of the transactions contemplated herein, except that such Originator and its officers, employees, auditors, accountants, attorneys, consultants, and other advisers may disclose such information to such Originator's external accountants, attorneys and other advisors and as required by any applicable law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law).
- (b) Each Originator hereby consents to the disclosure of any nonpublic information with respect to it (i) to Buyer, the Agent, the Liquidity Banks or Blue Ridge by each other, (ii) to any prospective or actual assignee or participant of any of the Persons described in clause (i), and (iii) to any rating agency, Commercial Paper dealer or provider of a surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to Blue Ridge or any entity organized for the purpose of purchasing, or making loans secured by, financial assets for which Wachovia acts as the administrative agent and to any officers, directors, employees, outside accountants and attorneys of any of the foregoing, PROVIDED each such Person described in the foregoing clauses (ii) and (iii) is informed of the confidential nature of such information. In addition, the Lenders and the Agent may disclose any such nonpublic information pursuant to any applicable law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law).
- (c) Notwithstanding any other express or implied agreement to the contrary, the parties hereto agree that they have sought their own tax advice in structuring the transactions evidenced by the Transaction Documents, and they shall have no claim against Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the Agent or any Lender in the event their intended tax treatment is disallowed.
- (d) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Originators, Buyer hereby agrees to keep all Proprietary Information confidential and not to disclose or reveal any Proprietary Information to any Person other than its (or its Affiliates) directors, officers,

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employees, agents or representatives who reasonably require such information in connection with their activities concerning this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby and to actual or potential Participants or Purchasing Liquidity Banks (as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement), and then only upon a confidential basis in any such case; provided, however, that the Buyer may disclose Proprietary Information: (i) to the Agent or any Liquidity Bank, (ii) to the extent reasonably required in connection with any litigation to which the Buyer, the Agent, any Liquidity Bank or their respective Affiliates

may be a party, (iii) to the extent reasonably required in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder, (iv) as required by law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law); (v) to its attorneys, accountants or other consultants (but only on a confidential basis), (vi) to bank regulatory authorities or other governmental authorities and (vii) by Blue Ridge to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer, or provider of a surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to Blue Ridge which has agreed in writing to be bound by the provisions of this Section 7.4.

# Section 7.5 BANKRUPTCY PETITION.

- (a) Each Originator and Buyer each hereby covenants and agrees that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding senior indebtedness of Blue Ridge, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Blue Ridge any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.
- (b) Each Originator covenants and agrees that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding obligations of Buyer under the Credit and Security Agreement, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Buyer any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.
- Section 7.6 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Except with respect to any claim arising out of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of any Originator, Buyer, Blue Ridge, the Agent or any Lender, no claim may be made by any such Person (or its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents) against any such other Person (or its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents) for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages in respect of any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith; and each of the parties hereto, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents, successors and assigns, hereby waives, releases, and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected to exist in its favor.
- Section 7.7 CHOICE OF LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS (AND NOT THE LAW OF CONFLICTS) OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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- CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED Section 7.8 BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH ORIGINATOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR NEW YORK STATE COURT SITTING IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY SUCH ORIGINATOR PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT AND EACH ORIGINATOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF BUYER (OR ITS ASSIGNS) TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ANY ORIGINATOR IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BY ANY ORIGINATOR AGAINST BUYER (OR ITS ASSIGNS) OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY ANY ORIGINATOR PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN A COURT IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
- Section 7.9 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT, ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY ANY ORIGINATOR PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED HEREUNDER OR THEREUNDER.

# Section 7.10 INTEGRATION; BINDING EFFECT; SURVIVAL OF TERMS.

- (a) This Agreement and each other Transaction Document contain the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof superseding all prior oral or written understandings.
- (b) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Originators, Buyer and their respective successors and permitted assigns (including any trustee in bankruptcy). No Originator may assign any of its rights and obligations hereunder or any interest herein without the prior

written consent of Buyer. Buyer may assign at any time its rights and obligations hereunder and interests herein to any other Person without the consent of any Originator. Without limiting the foregoing, each Originator acknowledges that Buyer, pursuant to the Credit and Security Agreement, may assign to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lender, its rights, remedies, powers and privileges hereunder and that the Agent may further assign such rights, remedies, powers and privileges to the extent permitted in the Credit and Security Agreement. Each Originator agrees that the Agent, as the assignee of Buyer, shall,

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subject to the terms of the Credit and Security Agreement, have the right to enforce this Agreement and to exercise directly all of Buyer's rights and remedies under this Agreement (including, without limitation, the right to give or withhold any consents or approvals of Buyer to be given or withheld hereunder) and each Originator agrees to cooperate fully with the Agent in the exercise of such rights and remedies. This Agreement shall create and constitute the continuing obligations of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with its terms; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the rights and remedies with respect to (i) any breach of any representation and warranty made by any Originator pursuant to ARTICLE II; (ii) the indemnification and payment provisions of ARTICLE VI; and (iii) SECTION 7.5 shall be continuing and shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Section 7.11 COUNTERPARTS; SEVERABILITY; SECTION REFERENCES. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Any provisions of this Agreement which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Unless otherwise expressly indicated, all references herein to "Article," "Section," "Schedule" or "Exhibit" shall mean articles and sections of, and schedules and exhibits to, this Agreement.

Section 7.12 TERMINATION. This Agreement shall terminate on the Final Payout Date; provided that the provisions of Sections 1.7, 6.1, 6.2, 7.4 and 7.5 of this Agreement shall survive such termination.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the date hereof.

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EXHIBIT I

DEFINITIONS

This is Exhibit I to the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement (as hereinafter defined). As used in the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement and the Exhibits and Schedules thereto, capitalized terms have the meanings set forth in this Exhibit I (such meanings to be equally applicable to the singular and plural forms thereof). IF A CAPITALIZED TERM IS USED IN THE FIRST STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT, OR ANY EXHIBIT OR SCHEDULE THERETO, AND IS NOT OTHERWISE DEFINED THEREIN OR IN THIS EXHIBIT I, SUCH TERM SHALL HAVE THE MEANING ASSIGNED THERETO IN EXHIBIT I TO THE SECOND STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT OR THE CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (HEREINAFTER DEFINED), AS APPLICABLE.

"AGENT" means Wachovia Bank, National Association, in its capacity as agent under the Credit and Security Agreement.

"AGREEMENT" is defined in the preamble hereto.

"BLUE RIDGE" means Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its successors.

"BUYER" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"CALCULATION PERIOD" means each calendar month or portion thereof which elapses during the term of this Agreement. The first Calculation Period shall commence on the date of the Purchases hereunder and the final Calculation Period shall terminate on the Termination Date.

"CHANGE OF CONTROL" means (a) the acquisition after the date of this Agreement by any Person, or two or more Persons acting in concert, of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of 25% or more of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of Parent, (b) Parent ceases to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of any Originator, or (c) Parent ceases to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of Buyer.

"CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY" means the applicable Originator's credit and collection policies and practices relating to Contracts and Receivables existing on the date hereof and summarized in EXHIBIT V, as modified from time to time in accordance with the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement.

"CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT" means that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004, by and among Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, as Borrower, Buyer, as Servicer, Blue Ridge, and Wachovia Bank, National Association, individually and as Agent, as the same may be amended, restated and/or otherwise from time to time.

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"DEFAULT FEE" means a PER ANNUM rate of interest equal to the sum of (i) the Alternate Base Rate, PLUS (ii) 2% per annum.

"DISCOUNT FACTOR" means a percentage calculated to provide Buyer with a reasonable return on its investment in the Receivables originated by each Originator after taking account of (i) the time value of money based upon the anticipated dates of collection of such Receivables and the cost to Buyer of financing its investment in such Receivables during such period and (ii) the risk of nonpayment by the Obligors. Each Originator and Buyer may agree from time to time to change the Discount Factor based on changes in one or more of the items affecting the calculation thereof, PROVIDED THAT any change to the Discount Factor shall take effect as of the commencement of a Calculation Period, shall apply only prospectively and shall not affect the Purchase Price payment made prior to the Calculation Period during which such Originator and Buyer agree to make such change. As of the date hereof, the Discount Factor in respect of Eligible Receivables is 4.098% and the Discount Factor in respect of all other Receivables is 4.098%.

"EIS" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"EQUITY INTERESTS" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents, including membership interests (however designated, whether voting or non-voting), of capital of such Person, including, if such Person is a partnership, partnership interests (whether general or limited) and any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, such partnership, whether outstanding on the date hereof or issued after the date of this Agreement.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and any rule or regulation issued thereunder.

"ERISA AFFILIATE" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with any Originator within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Tax Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Tax Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Tax Code).

"ERISA EVENT" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) a withdrawal by any Originator or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a substantial employer (as defined in Section 4001 (a) (2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations which is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by any Originator or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA, or the commencement of proceedings by the PBGC to terminate a Pension

Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (e) an event or condition which might reasonably be expected to constitute grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (f) the imposition of any liability under Tide IV of ERISA, other than PBGC premiums

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due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon any Originator or any ERISA Affiliate.

"EXECUTIVE OFFICER" means any of the chief executive officer, president, executive vice president or senior vice president of the Parent.

"FINAL PAYOUT DATE" has the meaning given such term in the Credit and Security Agreement.

"FISCAL YEAR" means the fiscal year of the Parent and its Subsidiaries ending on or about December  $31. \,$ 

"INDEMNIFIED PARTY" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 6.1.

"INITIAL CONTRIBUTED RECEIVABLES" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1.

"INITIAL CUTOFF DATE" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 1.1.

"LIEN" means an Adverse Claim, or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever.

"MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT" means a material adverse effect on (i) the financial condition or operations of the Parent and its Subsidiaries, considered as a whole, (ii) the ability of any Originator to perform its obligations under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party, (iii) the legality, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (iv) any Originator's, Buyer's, any Agent's or any Lender's interest in the Receivables generally or in any substantial portion of the Receivables, the Related Security or Collections with respect thereto, or (v) the collectibility of the Receivables generally or of any substantial portion of the Receivables.

"MOODY'S" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"MULTIEMPLOYER PLAN" means a "multiemployer plan", within the meaning of Section 4001 (a) (3) of ERISA, to which any Originator or any ERISA Affiliate makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions or, during the preceding three calendar years, has made, or been obligated to make, contributions.

"ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS" means, for any Person, the documents for its formation and organization, which, for example, (a) for a corporation are its corporate charter and bylaws, (b) for a partnership are its certificate of partnership (if applicable) and partnership agreement, (c) for a limited liability company are its certificate of formation or organization and its operating agreement, regulations or the like and (d) for a trust is the trust agreement, declaration of trust, indenture or bylaws under which it is created.

"ORIGINAL BALANCE" means, with respect to each Receivable coming into existence after the Initial Cutoff Date, the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable on the date it was created.

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"ORIGINATOR" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"PARENT" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

"PENSION PLAN" means a pension plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA which any Originator sponsors or maintains, or to which it makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions, or in the case of a multiple employer plan (as described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA) has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years.

"PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES" shall mean the following: (a) Liens for taxes or assessments or other governmental charges not yet due and payable; and (b) Liens created by the Transaction Documents.

"PLAN" means an employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) which any Originator or any of its ERISA Affiliates sponsors or maintains or to which any Originator or any of its ERISA Affiliates makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions and includes any Pension Plan, other than a

Plan maintained outside the United States primarily for the benefit of Persons who are not U.S. residents.

"PROPRIETARY INFORMATION" means all information about the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries which has been furnished to the Agent or any Lender by or on behalf of the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries before or after the date hereof or which is obtained by Buyer (or its assigns) in the course of any Review made pursuant to SECTION 4.1(D) of this Agreement: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the term "PROPRIETARY INFORMATION" does not include information which (x) is or becomes publicly available (other than as a result of a breach of Section 7.4 of this Agreement), (y) is possessed by or available to the Buyer (or its assigns) on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure to the Buyer (or its assigns) by Parent or a Subsidiary thereof or (z) becomes available to the Buyer (or its assigns) on a non-confidential basis from a Person which, to the knowledge of the Buyer (or its assigns) is not bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries and is not otherwise prohibited from transmitting such information to the Buyer (or its assigns). In the event the Buyer (or its assigns) is required to disclose any Proprietary Information by virtue of clause (ii) (but only if and to the extent such disclosure has not been sought by the Buyer (or its assigns), and if neither the Parent nor any Originator is a party to such litigation), (iv) or (v) above, to the extent Buyer (or its assigns) determines in good faith that it is permissible by law to so to do, it shall promptly notify the Originator of same so as to allow the Parent or its Subsidiaries to seek a protective order or to take other appropriate action; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, neither Buyer (and its assigns) shall be required to delay compliance with any directive to disclose any such information so as to allow the Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries to effect any such action.

"PURCHASE" means the purchase by Buyer from an Originator pursuant to SECTION 1.2(A) of this Agreement of the Receivables originated by such Originator and the Related Security and Collections related thereto, together with all related rights in connection therewith.

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"PURCHASE PRICE" means, with respect to the Purchase from each Originator, the aggregate price to be paid by Buyer to such Originator for such Purchase in accordance with SECTION 1.3 of this Agreement for the Receivables originated by such Originator and the associated Collections and Related Security being sold to Buyer, which price shall equal on any date (i) the product of (x) the Outstanding Balance of such Receivables on such date, MULTIPLIED BY (y) one minus the Discount Factor in effect on such date, minus (ii) any Purchase Price Credits to be credited against the Purchase Price otherwise payable in accordance with SECTION 1.4 of this Agreement.

"PURCHASE PRICE CREDIT" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 1.4 of this Agreement.

"PURCHASE REPORT" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 1.2(B) of this Agreement.

"RECEIVABLE" means all indebtedness and other obligations owed to an Originator (at the times it arises, and before giving effect to any transfer or conveyance under this Agreement) or to Buyer (after giving effect to the transfers under this Agreement) (including, without limitation, any indebtedness, obligation or interest constituting an account, chattel paper, instrument or general intangible) arising in connection with the sale of goods or the rendering of services by such Originator and further includes, without limitation, the obligation to pay any Finance Charges with respect thereto. Indebtedness and other rights and obligations arising from any one transaction, including, without limitation, indebtedness and other rights and obligations represented by an individual invoice, shall constitute a Receivable separate from a Receivable consisting of the indebtedness and other rights and obligations arising from any other transaction; PROVIDED, FURTHER, that any indebtedness, rights or obligations referred to in the immediately preceding sentence shall be a Receivable regardless or whether the account debtor or such Originator treats such indebtedness, rights or obligations as a separate payment obligation.

"RELATED SECURITY" means, with respect to any Receivable:

- (i) all other security interests or liens and property subject thereto from time to time, if any, purporting to secure payment of such Receivable, whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise, together with all financing statements and security agreements describing any collateral securing such Receivable,
- (ii) all guaranties, letters of credit, insurance and other agreements or arrangements of whatever character from time to time supporting or securing payment of such Receivable whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise,
- $\mbox{(iii)}\mbox{ }$  all service contracts and other contracts and agreements associated with such Receivable,

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- (v) all of the applicable Originator's right, title and interest in each Lock-Box and each Collection Account, and
  - (vi) all proceeds of any of the foregoing.

"REPORTABLE EVENT" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations thereunder, other than any such event for which the 30-day notice requirement under ERISA has been waived in regulations issued by the PRGC.

"RESPONSIBLE OFFICER" means any Executive Officer as well as any other officer of the Parent who is primarily responsible for the administration of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

"REVIEW" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 4.1(D) of this Agreement.

"REVOLVING LOAN" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 1.3(A) of this Agreement.

"REVOLVING NOTE" means a promissory note in substantially the form of EXHIBIT VI hereto as more fully described in SECTION 1.3 of this Agreement, as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

"S&P" means Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc.

"TAX CODE" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"TERMINATION DATE" means the earliest to occur of (i) the Facility Termination Date (as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement), (ii) the Business Day immediately prior to the occurrence of a Termination Event set forth in SECTION 5.1(E) (II), (iii) the Business Day specified in a written notice from Buyer to the Originators given following the occurrence and during the continuation of any other Termination Event, and (iv) the date which is 10 Business Days after Buyer's receipt of written notice from any Originator that it wishes to terminate the facility evidenced by this Agreement.

"TERMINATION EVENT" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 5.1 of this Agreement.

"TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS" means, collectively, this Agreement, each Collection Account Agreement, the Revolving Notes, and all other instruments, documents and agreements executed and delivered in connection herewith.

"UNMATURED TERMINATION EVENT" means an event which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a Termination Event.

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ALL ACCOUNTING TERMS NOT SPECIFICALLY DEFINED HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAAP. ALL TERMS USED IN ARTICLE 9 OF THE UCC IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND NOT SPECIFICALLY DEFINED HEREIN, ARE USED HEREIN AS DEFINED IN SUCH ARTICLE 9.

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	-	Services LLC	Marketing Solutions LLC	Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc.	Compliance Data Center, Inc.
Principal Places of Business and Chief Executive Offices	1550 Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	1550 Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	1550 Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	1550 Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	1550 Peachtree St., N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309
Locations of Records	St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	1550 Peachtree St. N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309	N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309
 State of Organization	Georgia		Georgia		
Federal Employee Identification Number	58-0401110	58-2631096	58-2533301		
Organizational Identification Number	J306699	0125237	0337947	0129346	0032444

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Legal, Trade and Assumed Names	LEGAL NAME:	LEGAL NAME:	LEGAL NAME:	LEGAL NAME:	LEGAL NAME:
	Equifax Inc. TRADE AND OTHER	Equifax Information Services LLC	Equifax Direct Marketing Solutions LLC	Equifax Information Services of	Compliance Data Center, Inc.
	PRIOR NAMES:	TRADE AND OTHER	TRADE AND OTHER	Puerto Rico Inc.	TRADE NAMES AND OTHER PRIOR:
	Equifax	PRIOR NAMES:	PRIOR NAMES:	TRADE AND OTHER PRIOR NAMES:	
	Marketing Services	Equifax Credit Information	Equifax Direct,	None	Equifax Acquisition, Inc.
	Equifax Information	Services, Inc.	Equifax	Notice	
	Service Center	Equifax Credit Information	Consumer Information		
		Services, LLC	Services, Inc.		
		Equifax Information	Equifax Direct Marketing		
		Services LLC	Solutions, Inc.		
		Equifax Information	Equifax Direct Marketing		
		Service Center	Solutions LLC		
			Equifax Marketing Services		

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# EXHIBIT III

# LOCK-BOXES; COLLECTION ACCOUNTS; COLLECTION BANKS

Sellers do not have any Collection Accounts. All Collection Accounts have been transferred to Buyer. Buyer's Collection Accounts are set forth below:

- NAME OF ACCOUNT	NAME OF COLLECTION ACCOUNT BANK	LOCK-BOX NUMBER	RELATED COLLECTION ACCOUNT
- Equifax Receivables Finance LLC - Co. 04	Wachovia Bank, National Association	105835	2000015153186
- Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 04 EFT	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000153353466
- Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 04 VISA		N/A	2000186448173
- Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 30	Wachovia Bank, National Association	945510	2000123146917
	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000134515634
- Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 89	Bank of America	403495	12335101519
- Equifax Receivables Finance LLC	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000016951442
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FO	RM OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICAT	R.				
This Compliance Certificate is furnished pursuant to that certain Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004, among Equifax Inc., Equifax Information Services LLC and Equifax Marketing Solutions LLC, Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc., Compliance Data Center, Inc. and Equifax Capital Markets, Inc. (the "AGREEMENT"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein are used with the meanings attributed thereto in the Agreement.						
THE UNDERSIGNED HER ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT AND	EBY CERTIFIES IN HIS OR HER OTHER ORIGINATORS THAT:	REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY				
1. I am the du	ly elected o	f Equifax Inc. ("PARENT").				
2. I have reviewed the terms of the Agreement and I have made, or have caused to be made under my supervision, a detailed review of the transactions and conditions of Parent and its Subsidiaries during the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements.						
3. The examinations described in paragraph 2 did not disclose, and I have no knowledge of, the existence of any condition or event which constitutes a Termination Event or an Unmatured Termination Event, as each such term is defined under the Agreement, during or at the end of the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements or as of the date of this Certificate[, except as set forth below].						
[4. Described below are the exceptions, if any, to paragraph 3 by listing, in detail, the nature of the condition or event, the period during which it has existed and the action which the applicable Originator has taken, is taking, or proposes to take with respect to each such condition or event:						
The foregoing certifications, together with the computations set forth in Schedule I hereto and the financial statements delivered with this Certificate in support hereof, are made and delivered by the undersigned in his or her representative capacity on behalf of the Parent and the other Originators, this day of, 200						
	EQUI	FAX INC.				
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#### EXHIBIT V

# CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY

[attach copy of each]

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#### EXHIBIT VI

# FORM OF REVOLVING NOTE

#### REVOLVING NOTE

September 7, 2004

- NOTE. FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., a Georgia corporation ("PAYOR"), hereby unconditionally promises to pay to the order of [ORIGINATOR NAME], a(n) \*\*\*[corporation] [limited liability company] \*\*\* ("ORIGINATOR"), in lawful money of the United States of America and in immediately available funds, on or before the date following the Termination Date which is one year and one day after the date on which (i) the Outstanding Balance of all Receivables sold by Originator under the "Sale Agreement" referred to below has been reduced to zero and (ii) Originator has paid to Buyer all indemnities, adjustments and other amounts which may be owed thereunder in connection with the Purchase thereunder (the "COLLECTION DATE"), the aggregate unpaid principal sum outstanding of all "Revolving Loans" made from time to time by Originator to Payor pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of that certain Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 among Originator and certain of its affiliates, as sellers, and Payor, as buyer (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "SALE Agreement"). Reference to SECTION 1.3 of the Sale Agreement is hereby made for a statement of the terms and conditions under which the loans evidenced hereby have been and will be made. All terms which are capitalized and used herein and which are not otherwise specifically defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Sale Agreement.
- INTEREST. Payor further promises to pay interest on the 2. outstanding unpaid principal amount hereof from the date hereof until payment in full hereof at a rate equal to the 1-month LIBOR rate published in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL on the first Business Day of each month (or portion thereof) during the term of this Revolving Note, computed for actual days elapsed on the basis of a year consisting of 360 days and changing on the first business day of each month hereafter ("LIBOR"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if Payor shall default in the payment of any principal hereof, Payor promises to pay, on demand, interest at the rate equal to LIBOR plus 2.00% PER ANNUM on any such unpaid amounts, from the date such payment is due to the date of actual payment. Interest shall be payable on the first Business Day of each month in arrears; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that Payor may elect on the date any interest payment is due hereunder to defer such payment and upon such election the amount of interest due but unpaid on such date shall constitute principal under this Revolving Note. The outstanding principal of any loan made under this Revolving Note shall be due and payable on the Collection Date and may be repaid or prepaid at any time without premium or penalty.
- 3. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS. Originator is authorized and directed by Payor to enter on the grid attached hereto, or, at its option, in its books and records, the date and amount of each loan made by it which is evidenced by this Revolving Note and the amount of each payment of principal made by Payor, and absent manifest error, such entries shall constitute prima facie evidence of the accuracy of the information so entered; PROVIDED THAT neither the

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failure of Originator to make any such entry or any error therein shall expand, limit or affect the obligations of Payor hereunder.

4. AMENDMENTS. This Revolving Note shall not be amended or modified except in accordance with SECTION 7.1 of the Sale Agreement. The terms of this Revolving Note may not be amended or otherwise modified without the prior

written consent of the Agent for the benefit of the Lenders.

- 5. GOVERNING LAW. THIS REVOLVING NOTE HAS BEEN MADE AND DELIVERED AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AND SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND THE RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE PARTIES HERETO DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND DECISIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. WHEREVER POSSIBLE EACH PROVISION OF THIS REVOLVING NOTE SHALL BE INTERPRETED IN SUCH MANNER AS TO BE EFFECTIVE AND VALID UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, BUT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS REVOLVING NOTE SHALL BE PROHIBITED BY OR INVALID UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, SUCH PROVISION SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH PROHIBITION OR INVALIDITY, WITHOUT INVALIDATING THE REMAINDER OF SUCH PROVISION OR THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THIS REVOLVING NOTE.
- 6. WAIVERS. All parties hereto, whether as makers, endorsers, or otherwise, severally waive presentment for payment, demand, protest and notice of dishonor.

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# SCHEDULE TO SUBORDINATED NOTE SUBORDINATED LOANS AND PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL

DATE	AMOUNT OF SUBORDINATED LOAN	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	UNPAID PRINCIPAL BALANCE	NOTATION MADE BY (INITIALS)
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EXHIBIT VII

[FORM OF] PURCHASE REPORT

For the Calculation Period beginning [date] and ending [date]

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Aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Receivables sold during the period:	\$		А
LESS: Aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Receivables sold during such period which were not Eligible Receivables on the date when sold:	(\$	)	(B)
EQUALS: Aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Eligible Receivables sold during the period (A - B):		\$	=C
LESS: Purchase Price discount during the Period:	(\$	)	(D)
EQUALS: Gross Purchase Price Payable during the period (C - D)		\$	=E
LESS: Total Purchase Price Credits arising during the Period:	(\$	)	(F)
EQUALS: Net Purchase Price payable during the Period (E - F):		\$	=G
Cash Purchase Price Paid to Originator during the Period:	\$		н
Revolving Loans made during the Period:	\$	<del></del>	I
LESS: Repayments of Revolving Loans received during the Period:	(\$	)	(J)
EQUALS: Purchase Price paid in Cash or Revolving Loans during the period $(H + I - J)$ :		\$	=K
Aggregate Outstanding Balance of Receivables contributed during the Period:	\$		L

# SCHEDULE A

# DOCUMENTS TO BE DELIVERED TO BUYER ON OR PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE

- Executed copies of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement (the "RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT"), duly executed by the parties thereto.
- Copy of the Credit and Collection Policy to attach to the Receivables Sale Agreement as an Exhibit.
- 3. A certificate of each Originator's [Assistant] Secretary certifying:
  - (a) A copy of the Resolutions of the Board of Directors or Managers of such Originator, authorizing Originator's execution, delivery and performance of the Receivables Sale Agreement and the other documents to be delivered by it thereunder;
  - (b) A copy of the Organizational Documents of such Originator (also certified, to the extent that such documents are filed with any governmental authority, by the Secretary of State of the jurisdiction of organization of such Originator on or within a recent date prior to closing);
  - (c) Good Standing Certificates for such Originator issued by the Secretaries of State of its state of organization and each jurisdiction where it has material operations; and
  - (d) The names and signatures of the officers authorized on its behalf to execute the Receivables Sale Agreement and any other documents to be delivered by it thereunder.
- 4. Pre-filing state and federal tax lien, judgment lien and UCC lien

searches against each Originator from the following jurisdictions:

- a. Georgia Secretary of State; and
- b. Fulton County, Georgia
- 5. Time stamped receipt copies of proper financing statements, duly filed under the UCC on or before the date of the initial Purchase (as defined in the Receivables Sale Agreement) in all jurisdictions as may be necessary or, in the opinion of Buyer (or its assigns), desirable, under the UCC of all appropriate jurisdictions or any comparable law in order to perfect the ownership interests contemplated by the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- 6. Time stamped receipt copies of proper UCC termination statements, if any, necessary to release all security interests and other rights of any Person in the Receivables, Contracts or Related Security previously granted by each Originator.

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- Executed Collection Account Agreements for each Lock-Box and Collection Account.
- 8. Favorable opinions of special legal counsel and General Counsel (as to items (a), (b), and (c) below) for each Originator reasonably acceptable to Buyer (and the Agent, as Buyer's assignee) as to the following:
- (a) Such Originator is a  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization.
- (b) Such Originator has all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction where failure to be so qualified would have a material adverse effect on such Originator's business.
- (c) The execution and delivery by such Originator of the Receivables Sale Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party and its performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary organizational action and proceedings on the part of such Originator and will not:

  - (ii) contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or of its Organizational Documents or of any agreement, judgment, injunction, order, decree or other instrument binding upon such Originator; or
  - (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of such Originator or any of its Subsidiaries (except as contemplated by the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement).
- (d) The Receivables Sale Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party has been duly executed and delivered by such Originator and constitutes the legally valid, and binding obligation of such Originator enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and subject also to the availability of equitable remedies if equitable remedies are sought.
- (e) In the event that the Receivables Sale Agreement is held to create a transfer for security purposes rather than a true sale or other outright assignment, the provisions of the Receivables Sale Agreement are effective to create valid security interests in favor of Buyer in all of such Originator's right, title and interest in and to the Receivables and Related Security described therein which constitute "accounts," "chattel paper" or "general intangibles" (each as defined in the UCC) (collectively, the "OPINION COLLATERAL"), as security for the payment of a loan deemed to have been made by Buyer to such Originator in an amount equal to the Purchase Price (as defined therein) of the Receivables (as defined therein) acquired from such Originator, together with all other obligations of such Originator thereunder.

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(f) Each of the UCC-1 Financing Statements naming such Originator as debtor, Buyer, as secured party, and Agent, as assignee of secured party to be filed in the [describe filing offices], is in appropriate form for filing therein. Upon filing of such UCC-1 Financing Statements in such filing offices and payment of the required filing fees, the security interest in favor of Buyer in the Opinion Collateral will be perfected and assigned of record to the Agent.

- (g) Based solely on our review of the [describe UCC Search Reports], and assuming (i) the filing of the Financing Statements and payment of the required filing fees in accordance with paragraph (f) and (ii) the absence of any intervening filings between the date and time of the Search Reports and the date and time of the filing of the Financing Statements, the security interest of Buyer in the Opinion Collateral is prior to any security interest granted in the Opinion Collateral by such Originator, the priority of which is determined solely by the filing of a financing statement in the [describe filing offices].
- (h) To the best of the opinion giver's knowledge, there is no action, suit or other proceeding against such Originator or any Affiliate of such Originator, which would materially adversely affect the business or financial condition of such Originator and its Affiliates taken as a whole or which would materially adversely affect the ability of such Originator to perform its obligations under the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- (i) Such Originator is not an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- 9. A "TRUE SALE" opinion and "SUBSTANTIVE CONSOLIDATION" opinion of counsel for Originator with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- 10. A Certificate of each Originator's [chief financial officer] certifying that, as of the closing date, no Termination Event or Unmatured Termination Event exists and is continuing.
- 11. Executed copies of (i) all consents from and authorizations by any Persons and (ii) all waivers and amendments to existing credit facilities, that are necessary in connection with the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- 12. Executed Revolving Note by Buyer in favor of each Originator.

EXHIBIT 10.3

RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

BETWEEN

EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., AS SELLER,

AND

# EQUIFAX RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC, ${\sf AS \ BUYER}$

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# RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT

THIS RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT, dated as of September 7, 2004 (as the same may from time to time hereafter be amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified, this "AGREEMENT" or the "SECOND STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT"), is by and among EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., a Georgia corporation ("SELLER" or "ECM"), and Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("BUYER"). UNLESS DEFINED ELSEWHERE HEREIN, CAPITALIZED TERMS USED IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS ASSIGNED TO SUCH TERMS IN EXHIBIT I HERETO (OR, IF NOT DEFINED IN EXHIBIT I HERETO, THE MEANING ASSIGNED TO SUCH TERM IN EXHIBIT I TO THE CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT).

# PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

Pursuant to a Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004, by and among Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation ("PARENT"), Equifax Information Services LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("EIS"), Equifax Direct Marketing Solutions, a Georgia limited liability company, Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc., a Georgia corporation, and Compliance Data Center, Inc., a Georgia corporation (each of the foregoing, an "ORIGINATOR" and collectively, the "ORIGINATORS"), and Equifax Capital Management, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("BUYER") (as the same may from time to time hereafter be  $% \left( 1\right) =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1\right] \left[ 1\right] =\left[ 1$ amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified, the "FIRST STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT"), Seller has acquired from the Originators, and from time to time hereafter will acquire from the Originators, Receivables, together with the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto. Seller wishes to sell and assign to Buyer, and Buyer wishes to purchase from Seller, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Receivables, together with the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto.

Seller and Buyer intend the transactions contemplated hereby to be true sales to Buyer by Seller of the Receivables, providing Buyer with the full benefits of ownership of such Receivables, and neither Seller nor Buyer intends these transactions to be, or for any purpose to be characterized as, loans from Buyer to Seller.

Buyer may finance a portion of the Purchase Price of the Receivables by pledging the Receivables and borrowing under the Credit and Security Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1.1 INITIAL CONTRIBUTION OF RECEIVABLES. On the date hereof, Seller does hereby contribute, assign, transfer, set-over and otherwise convey to Buyer, and Buyer does hereby accept from Seller as a contribution to Buyer's capital, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Initial Contributed Receivables, together with all Related Security relating thereto and all Collections thereof.

# Section 1.2 PURCHASE OF RECEIVABLES.

- Effective on the date hereof, in consideration for the Purchase Price paid to Seller and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, Seller does hereby sell, assign, transfer, set-over and otherwise convey to Buyer, without recourse (except to the extent expressly provided herein), and Buyer does hereby purchase from Seller, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to all Receivables in which Seller has any rights as of the date hereof (other than the Initial Contributed Receivables) and all Receivables in which Seller hereafter acquires any rights through and including the Termination Date, together, in each case, with all Related Security relating thereto and all Collections thereof. In accordance with the preceding sentence, on the date hereof Buyer shall acquire all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to all Receivables (other than the Initial Contributed Receivables) in which Seller has any rights as of the date hereof and all Receivables in which Seller thereafter acquires any rights through and including the Termination Date, together with all Related Security relating thereto and all Collections thereof. Buyer shall be obligated to pay the Purchase Price for the Receivables purchased hereunder in accordance with SECTION 1.3.
- (b) On the 20th day of each month hereafter (or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day thereafter, Seller shall (or shall require the Servicer to) deliver to Buyer a report in substantially the form of Exhibit VII hereto (each such report being herein called a "PURCHASE REPORT") with respect to the Receivables sold by Seller to Buyer during the Settlement Period then most recently ended. In addition to, and not in limitation of, the foregoing, in connection with the payment of the Purchase Price for any Receivables purchased hereunder, Buyer may request that Seller deliver, and Seller shall deliver, such approvals, opinions, information or documents as Buyer may reasonably request.
- (c) It is the intention of the parties hereto that each Purchase of Receivables from Seller made hereunder shall constitute a sale, which sale is absolute and irrevocable and provides Buyer with the full benefits of ownership of the Receivables. Except for the Purchase Price Credits owed to Buyer pursuant to SECTION 1.4, the sale of Receivables hereunder by Seller is made without recourse to Seller; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that (i) Seller shall be liable to Buyer for all representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities made by Seller pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents to which Seller is a party, and (ii) such sale does not constitute and is not intended to result in an assumption by Buyer or any assignee thereof of any obligation of Seller or any other Person arising in connection with the Receivables, the related Contracts and/or other Related Security or any other obligations of Seller. In view of the intention of the parties hereto that each Purchase of Receivables made hereunder shall constitute a sale of such Receivables rather than loans secured thereby, Seller agrees that it will, on or prior to the date

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hereof and in accordance with SECTION 4.1(E)(II), mark its books and records including aged trial balance with respect to the Receivables with a legend acceptable to Buyer and to the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), evidencing that Buyer has purchased such Receivables as provided in this Agreement and to note in its financial statements that its Receivables have been sold to Buyer. Upon the request of Buyer or the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), Seller will execute and file such financing or continuation statements, or amendments thereto or assignments thereof, and such other instruments or notices, as may be necessary or appropriate to perfect and maintain the perfection of Buyer's ownership interest in the Receivables and the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto, or as Buyer or the Agent (as Buyer's assignee) may reasonably request.

# Section 1.3 PAYMENT FOR THE PURCHASES.

- (a) The Purchase Price for the Purchase from Seller of Receivables as of the date hereof (other than the Initial Contributed Receivables) shall be payable in full by Buyer to Seller on the date hereof, and shall be paid to Seller in the following manner:
  - (i) by delivery of immediately available funds, and
  - (ii) the balance, by delivery of the proceeds of a subordinated revolving loan from Seller to Buyer (a "SUBORDINATED LOAN") in an amount not to exceed the least of (A) the remaining unpaid portion of such Purchase Price, (B) the maximum Subordinated Loan that could be borrowed without rendering Buyer's Net Worth less than the Required Capital Amount, and (C) fifteen percent (15%) of such Purchase Price.

Seller is hereby authorized by Buyer to endorse on the schedule attached to its Subordinated Note an appropriate notation evidencing the date and amount of each advance thereunder, as well as the date of each payment with respect thereto, PROVIDED THAT the failure to make such notation shall not affect any obligation of Buyer thereunder.

The Purchase Price for each Receivable acquired by Seller after the date hereof shall be due and owing in full by Buyer to Seller or its designee on the date each such Receivable is acquired by Seller (except that Buyer may, with respect to any such Purchase Price, offset against such Purchase Price any amounts owed by Seller to Buyer hereunder and which have become due but remain unpaid) and shall be paid to Seller in the manner provided in the following paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).

(b) With respect to any Receivables acquired by Seller after the date hereof, on each Settlement Date, Buyer shall pay Seller the Purchase Price therefor in accordance with SECTION  $1.3\,(\mathrm{D})$  and in the following manner:

FIRST, by delivery to Seller or its designee of immediately available funds, to the extent of funds available to Buyer from cash on hand or from borrowings under the Credit and Security Agreement;

SECOND, by delivery to Seller or its designee of the proceeds of a Subordinated Loan, PROVIDED THAT the making of any such Subordinated Loan shall be subject to the provisions set forth in SECTION  $1.3\,(\text{A})\,(\text{II})$ ; and

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THIRD, unless the Termination Date has occurred in accordance with this Agreement, by accepting a contribution to its capital in an amount equal to the remaining unpaid balance of such Purchase Price.

Subject to the limitations set forth in SECTION 1.3(A)(II), Seller irrevocably agrees to advance each Subordinated Loan requested by Buyer on or prior to the Termination Date. The Subordinated Loans owing to Seller shall be evidenced by, and shall be payable in accordance with the terms and provisions of its Subordinated Note and shall be payable solely from funds which Buyer is not required under the Credit and Security Agreement to set aside for the benefit of, or otherwise pay over to, the Lenders.

- (c) From and after the Termination Date, Seller shall not be obligated to (but may, at its option) sell or contribute Receivables to Buyer.
- (d) Although the Purchase Price for each Receivable acquired by Seller after the date hereof shall be due and payable in full by Buyer to Seller on the date such Receivable was acquired by Seller, settlement of the Purchase Price between Buyer and Seller shall be effected on a monthly basis on Settlement Dates with respect to all Receivables acquired by Seller during the same Calculation Period and based on the information contained in the Purchase Report delivered by Seller for the Calculation Period then most recently ended. Although settlement shall be effected on Settlement Dates, increases or decreases in the amount owing under the Subordinated Note made pursuant to SECTION 1.3 and any contribution of capital to Buyer made pursuant to SECTION 1.3(B) shall be deemed to have occurred and shall be effective as of the last Business Day of the Calculation Period to which such settlement relates.
  - Section 1.4 PURCHASE PRICE CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS. If on any day:
- (a) the Outstanding Balance of a Receivable purchased from Seller is:
  - (i) reduced as a result of any defective or rejected or returned goods or services, any discount or any adjustment or otherwise by Seller (other than as a result of such Receivable becoming a Defaulted Receivable or to reflect cash Collections on account of such Receivable),
  - $\hbox{(ii)} \qquad \hbox{reduced or canceled as a result of a setoff in} \\ \hbox{respect of any claim by any Person (whether such claim arises out of the} \\ \hbox{same or a related transaction or an unrelated transaction), or} \\$
- (b) any of the representations and warranties set forth in SECTIONS 2.1(H), (I), (J), (L), (R), (S), (T), (U), the second sentence of SECTION 2.1(Q) hereof and the last clause (relating to bulk sales laws) of SECTION 2.1(C) are not true when made or deemed made with respect to any Receivable,

then, in such event, Buyer shall be entitled to a credit (each, a "PURCHASE PRICE CREDIT") against the Purchase Price otherwise payable to Seller hereunder equal to (x) in the case of a partial reduction, the amount of such reduction, and (y) in the case of a total reduction or cancellation, the lesser of the total Purchase Price paid for and the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable

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Price Credit exceeds the Original Balance of the Receivables sold by Seller on any day, Seller shall pay the remaining amount of such Purchase Price Credit in cash immediately, PROVIDED that if the Termination Date has not occurred, Seller shall be allowed to deduct the remaining amount of such Purchase Price Credit from any indebtedness owed to it under its Subordinated Note.

Section 1.5 PAYMENTS AND COMPUTATIONS, ETC. All amounts to be paid or deposited by Buyer hereunder shall be paid or deposited in accordance with the terms hereof on the day when due in immediately available funds to the account of Seller designated from time to time by Seller or as otherwise directed by Seller. In the event that any payment owed by any Person hereunder becomes due on a day that is not a Business Day, then such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day. If any Person fails to pay any amount hereunder when due, such Person agrees to pay, on demand, the Default Fee in respect thereof until paid in full; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that such Default Fee shall not at any time exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable law. All computations of interest payable hereunder shall be made on the basis of a year of 360 days for the actual number of days (including the first but excluding the last day) elapsed.

#### Section 1.6 LICENSE OF SOFTWARE.

- To the extent that any software used by Seller to account for the Receivables is non-transferable, Seller hereby grants to each of Buyer, the Agent and the Servicer an irrevocable, non-exclusive license to use, without royalty or payment of any kind, all such software used by Seller to account for such Receivables, to the extent necessary to administer such Receivables, whether such software is owned by Seller or is owned by others and used by Seller under license agreements with respect thereto, PROVIDED THAT should the consent of any licensor of such software be required for the grant of the license described herein to be effective: (x) the license granted herein shall not apply to such software unless and until such consent is obtained, and (y) Seller hereby agrees that, upon the request of Buyer (or Buyer's assignee) made at any time during the continuation of a Termination Event or an Amortization Event, Seller will use its reasonable efforts (i) to obtain the consent of such third-party licensor, and (ii) in advance of obtaining such consent, in connection with each Review pursuant to SECTION 4.1(D), to make personnel who are covered by Seller's license of such software and knowledgeable about its use, available to Buyer (or Buyer's assignee) to test data or generate such reports relating the Receivables that may be reasonably requested. The license granted hereby shall be irrevocable until the later to occur of (i) indefeasible payment in full of the Obligations (as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement), and (ii) the date each of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement, this Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms.
- (b) Seller (i) shall take such action requested by Buyer and/or the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), from time to time hereafter, that may be necessary or appropriate to ensure that Buyer and its assigns under the Credit and Security Agreement have an enforceable ownership or security interest in the Records relating to the Receivables, and (ii) shall use its reasonable efforts to ensure that Buyer, the Agent and the Servicer each has an enforceable right (whether by license or sublicense or otherwise) in accordance with SECTION 1.6(A) to use all of the computer software used to account for such Receivables and/or to recreate such Records.

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CHARACTERIZATION. If, notwithstanding the intention of the parties expressed in SECTION 1.2(c), any sale or contribution by Seller to Buyer of Receivables hereunder shall be characterized as a secured loan and not a sale or such sale shall for any reason be ineffective or unenforceable, then this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a security agreement under the UCC and other applicable law. For this purpose and without being in derogation of the parties' intention that the sale of Receivables by Seller hereunder shall constitute a true sale thereof, Seller hereby grants to Buyer a duly perfected security interest in all of Seller's right, title and interest in, to and under all Receivables of Seller which are now existing or hereafter arising, all Collections and Related Security with respect thereto, each Lock-Box and Collection Account, all other rights and payments relating to such Receivables and all proceeds of the foregoing to secure the prompt and complete payment of a loan deemed to have been made in an amount equal to the Purchase Price of the Receivables purchased from Seller together with all other obligations of Seller hereunder, which security interest shall be prior to all other Adverse Claims thereto. Buyer and its assigns shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies which they may have under this Agreement, all other rights and remedies provided to a secured creditor under the UCC and other applicable law, which rights and remedies shall be cumulative.

- Section 2.1 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLER. Seller hereby represents and warrants to Buyer on the date hereof, on the date of each Purchase from Seller hereunder and on each date that any Receivable is acquired by Seller on or after the date of such Purchase, that:
- (a) EXISTENCE AND POWER. Seller is a limited liability company, duly organized under the laws of the jurisdiction set forth after its name in the preamble to this Agreement (the "APPLICABLE JURISDICTION"), and no other jurisdiction, and as to which such Applicable Jurisdiction must maintain a public record showing the limited liability company to have been organized. Seller is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its Applicable Jurisdiction and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign entity, and has and holds all power and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted except where the failure to so qualify or so hold could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) POWER AND AUTHORITY; DUE AUTHORIZATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY. The execution and delivery by Seller of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party, and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, and Seller's use of the proceeds of the Purchases made from it hereunder, are within its organizational powers and authority and have been duly authorized by all necessary organizational action on its part. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which Seller is a party has been duly executed and delivered by Seller.
- (c) NO CONFLICT. The execution and delivery by Seller of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party, and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder do not contravene or violate (i) its Organizational Documents, (ii) any law, rule or regulation applicable to it, (iii) any restrictions under any agreement, contract or

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instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, or (iv) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or its property, and do not result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of Seller or its Subsidiaries (except as created hereunder) except, in any case, where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and no transaction contemplated hereby requires compliance with any bulk sales act or similar law.

- (d) GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORIZATION. Other than the filing of the financing statements required hereunder, no authorization or approval or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority or regulatory body is required for the due execution and delivery by Seller of this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party and the performance of its obligations hereunder and thereunder.
- (e) ACTIONS, SUITS. There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending, or to the best of Seller's knowledge, threatened, against or affecting Seller, or any of its properties, in or before any court, arbitrator or other body, that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Seller is not in default with respect to any order of any court, arbitrator or governmental body.
- (f) BINDING EFFECT. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which Seller is a party constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of Seller enforceable against Seller in accordance with their respective terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law)
- (g) ACCURACY OF INFORMATION. All information heretofore furnished by Seller or any of its Affiliates to Buyer (or its assigns) for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement, any of the other Transaction Documents or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby is, and all such information hereafter furnished by Seller or any of its Affiliates to Buyer (or its assigns) will be, true and accurate in every material respect on the date such information is stated or certified and does not and will not contain any material misstatement of fact or omit to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein, taken as a whole, not misleading; provided that, with respect to any projected financial information, Seller represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.
- (h) USE OF PROCEEDS. No portion of any Purchase Price payment hereunder will be used by Seller (i) for a purpose that violates, or would be inconsistent with, any law, rule or regulation applicable to Seller or (ii) to acquire any margin stock in violation of Regulation T, U or X of the

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

(i) GOOD TITLE. Immediately prior to the applicable Purchase from Seller hereunder and upon the creation of each Receivable acquired by Seller after the date hereof, Seller (i) is the legal and beneficial owner of such Receivables and (ii) is the legal and beneficial owner of the Related Security with respect thereto or possesses a valid and perfected security interest therein, in each case, free and clear of any Adverse Claim, except

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Permitted Encumbrances. There have been duly filed all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect Seller's ownership interest in each such Receivable, its Collections and the Related Security.

- PERFECTION. This Agreement, together with the filing of the financing statements contemplated hereby, is effective to transfer to Buyer (and Buyer shall acquire from Seller) (i) legal and equitable title to, with the right to sell and encumber each Receivable, whether now existing and hereafter arising, together with the Collections with respect thereto, and (ii) all of Seller's right, title and interest in the Related Security associated with each such Receivable, in each case, free and clear of any Adverse Claim, except as created by the Transactions Documents. There have been duly filed all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect Buyer's ownership interest in such Receivables, the Related Security and the Collections. Originator's jurisdiction of organization is a jurisdiction whose law generally requires information concerning the existence of a nonpossessory security interest to be made generally available in a filing, record or registration system as a condition or result of such a security interest's obtaining priority over the rights of a lien creditor which respect to collateral.
- (k) PLACES OF BUSINESS AND LOCATIONS OF RECORDS. The principal places of business and chief executive office and jurisdiction of organization of Seller and the offices where it keeps all of its Records are located at the address(es) listed on EXHIBIT II or such other locations of which Buyer has been notified in accordance with SECTION 4.2(A) in jurisdictions where all action required by SECTION 4.2(A) has been taken and completed. Seller's Federal Employer Identification Number and organizational identification number are correctly set forth on EXHIBIT II.
- (1) COLLECTIONS. The conditions and requirements set forth in SECTION 4.1(J) have at all times been satisfied and duly performed. The names and addresses of all Collection Banks, together with the account numbers of the Collection Accounts of Seller at each Collection Bank and the post office box number of each Lock-Box, are listed on EXHIBIT III. Seller has not granted any Person, other than Buyer (and its assigns) dominion and control of any Lock-Box or Collection Account, or the right to take dominion and control of any such Lock-Box or Collection Account at a future time or upon the occurrence of a future event.
- (m) MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. Since March 31, 2004, and except as disclosed in the reports made by the Parent to the Securities and Exchange Commission prior to the date of this Agreement, no event has occurred that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (n) NAMES. The name in which Seller has executed this Agreement is identical to the name of Seller as indicated on the public record of its jurisdiction of organization which shows Seller to have been organized. In the past five (5) years, Seller has not used any limited liability company names, trade names or assumed names other than the name in which it has executed this Agreement except as disclosed on Exhibit II attached hereto.

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- (o) OWNERSHIP OF BUYER. Parent owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of EIS. EIS owns directly 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of Buyer. Such equity interests are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, and there are no options, warrants or other rights to acquire securities of Buyer.
- (p) NOT A HOLDING COMPANY OR AN INVESTMENT COMPANY. Seller is not a "HOLDING COMPANY" or a "SUBSIDIARY HOLDING COMPANY" of a "HOLDING COMPANY" within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, or any successor statute. Seller is not an "INVESTMENT COMPANY" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or any successor statute.
- (q) COMPLIANCE WITH LAW. Seller has complied in all respects with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees or awards to which it may be subject, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Receivable, together with the Contract related thereto, does not

contravene any laws, rules or regulations applicable thereto (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, laws, rules and regulations relating to truth in lending, fair credit billing, fair credit reporting, equal credit opportunity, fair debt collection practices and privacy), and no part of such Contract is in violation of any such law, rule or regulation, except where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (r) COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Seller has complied in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy with regard to each Receivable and the related Contract, and has not made any material change to such Credit and Collection Policy, except such material change as to which Buyer (or its assigns) has been notified in accordance with SECTION 4.1(A) (VII).
- (s) PAYMENTS TO SELLER. With respect to each Receivable sold to Buyer hereunder, the Purchase Price received by Seller constitutes reasonably equivalent value in consideration therefor. No transfer hereunder by Seller of any Receivable is or may be voidable under any section of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 (11 U.S.C. ss.ss. 101 ET SEQ.), as amended.
- (t) ENFORCEABILITY OF CONTRACTS. Each Contract with respect to each Receivable is effective to create, and has created, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor to pay the Outstanding Balance of the Receivable created thereunder and any accrued interest thereon, enforceable against the Obligor in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (u) ELIGIBLE RECEIVABLES. Each Receivable reflected in any Purchase Report as an Eligible Receivable was an Eligible Receivable on the date of sale or contribution to Buyer hereunder.
- (v) ACCOUNTING. The manner in which Seller accounts for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in its financial statements does not jeopardize the characterization of the transactions contemplated herein as being true sales.

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# ARTICLE III CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE

- Section 3.1 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO PURCHASE. The Purchases under this Agreement are subject to the conditions precedent that (a) Buyer shall have been capitalized with the Initial Contributed Receivables, (b) Buyer shall have received on or before the date of such purchase those documents listed on SCHEDULE A and (c) all of the conditions to the initial loan under the Credit and Security Agreement shall have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms thereof.
- Section 3.2 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS. Buyer's obligation to pay for Receivables acquired by Seller after the date hereof shall be subject to the further conditions precedent that: (a) the Facility Termination Date shall not have occurred under the Credit and Security Agreement; (b) Buyer (or its assigns) shall have received such other approvals, opinions or documents as it may reasonably request and (c) on the date such Receivable is acquired by Seller under the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement, the following statements shall be true (and acceptance of the proceeds of any payment for such Receivable shall be deemed a representation and warranty by Seller that such statements are then true):
  - (i) the representations and warranties set forth in ARTICLE II are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date such Receivable was acquired by Seller as though made on and as of such date; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the preceding standard shall not apply to those representations and warranties which themselves contain materiality standards; and
  - (ii) no event has occurred and is continuing that will constitute a Termination Event or an Unmatured Termination Event.

Notwithstanding the foregoing conditions precedent, upon payment of the Purchase Price for any Receivable (whether by payment of cash, through an increase in the amounts outstanding under the Subordinated Note, by offset of amounts owed to Buyer and/or by offset of capital contributions), title to such Receivable and the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto shall vest in Buyer, whether or not the conditions precedent to Buyer's obligation to pay for such Receivable were in fact satisfied. The failure of Seller to satisfy any of the foregoing conditions precedent, however, shall give rise to a right of Buyer to rescind the related purchase and direct Seller to pay to Buyer an amount equal to the Purchase Price payment that shall have been made with respect to any Receivables related thereto.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### COVENANTS

- Section 4.1 AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS OF SELLER. Until the date on which this Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms, Seller hereby covenants as set forth below:
- (a) FINANCIAL REPORTING. Seller will maintain, for itself and each of its Subsidiaries, a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with GAAP, and furnish to Buyer (or its assigns):

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- (i) ANNUAL REPORTING. As soon as practicable and in any event within ninety-five (95) days after the end of each Fiscal Year, the financial statements and report required to be delivered under Section 4.1(a) (i) of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement.
- (ii) QUARTERLY REPORTING. As soon as practicable and in any event, within fifty (50) days after the end of each of the first three (3) fiscal quarters of each Fiscal Year, the report or financial statements required to be delivered under Section 4.1(a)(ii) of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement.
- (iii) COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE. Together with the financial statements required hereunder, a compliance certificate in substantially the form of EXHIBIT IV signed by an Authorized Officer of ECM and dated the date of such annual financial statement or such quarterly financial statement, as the case may be.
- (iv) SHAREHOLDERS STATEMENTS AND REPORTS. Promptly upon receipt thereof, copies of all financial statements, reports and proxy statements furnished to ECM under Section 4.1(a)(iv) of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement.
- (v) S.E.C. FILINGS. Promptly after the filing thereof, a copy of each report or filing furnished to ECM under Section 4.1(a) (v) of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement.
- (vi) COPIES OF NOTICES. Promptly upon its receipt of any notice, request for consent, financial statements, certification, report or other communication under Section 4.1(a) (vi) of the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement or in connection with any Transaction Document from any Person other than Buyer, the Agent or Blue Ridge, copies of the same.
- (vii) CHANGE IN CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. At least thirty (30) days prior to the effectiveness of any material change in or material amendment to the Credit and Collection Policy, a copy of the Credit and Collection Policy then in effect and a notice (A) indicating such proposed change or amendment ,and (B) if such proposed change or amendment would be reasonably likely to adversely affect the collectibility of the Receivables or decrease the credit quality of any newly created Receivables, requesting Buyer's (and the Agent's, as Buyer's assignee) consent thereto.
- (viii) OTHER INFORMATION. Promptly, from time to time, such other information, documents, records or reports relating to the Receivables or the condition or operations, financial or otherwise, of Seller as Buyer (or its assigns) may from time to time reasonably request in order to protect the interests of Buyer (and its assigns) under or as contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) NOTICES. Seller will notify Buyer (or its assigns) in writing of any of the following promptly upon learning of the occurrence thereof by any Responsible Officer, describing the same and, if applicable, the steps being taken with respect thereto:
- (i) TERMINATION EVENTS OR UNMATURED TERMINATION EVENTS. The occurrence of each Termination Event and each Unmatured Termination Event, by a statement of an Authorized Officer of Seller.

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(ii) JUDGMENT AND PROCEEDINGS. (1) The entry of any judgment or decree against Seller or any of its Subsidiaries if the aggregate amount of all judgments and decrees then outstanding against the Originators and their Subsidiaries exceeds \$10,000,000 after deducting (a) the amount with respect to which Seller or Subsidiary is insured and with respect to which the insurer has assumed responsibility in writing, and (b) the amount for which Seller or Subsidiary is otherwise indemnified if the terms of such indemnification are satisfactory to Buyer (or its assigns), and (2) the institution of any litigation, arbitration proceeding or governmental proceeding against Seller which, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(iii) MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT. The occurrence of any event or condition that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

- (iv) DEFAULTS UNDER PARENT CREDIT AGREEMENT. The occurrence of any Default or Event of Default under (and as such term is defined in) the Parent Credit Agreement.
- (v) ERISA EVENTS. The occurrence of any ERISA Event that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (vi) DOWNGRADE OF PARENT. Any downgrade in the rating of any Indebtedness of Parent by S&P or by Moody's, setting forth the Indebtedness affected and the nature of such change (but excluding any private indicative ratings that the Parent may request from time to time from Moody's or S&P).
- COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND PRESERVATION OF EXISTENCE. (c) Seller will (i) comply in all respects with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, decrees or awards to which it may be subject, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) will preserve and maintain its legal existence, rights, franchises and privileges in the jurisdiction of its organization, and qualify and remain qualified in good standing as a foreign entity in each jurisdiction where its business is conducted, except where the failure to so qualify or remain in good standing could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; provided, however, that nothing in the foregoing shall prevent Seller from discontinuing any line of business if (x) no Termination Event or Unmatured Termination Event exists or would result therefrom, and (y) with respect to the discontinuance of a material line of business, the board of directors (or comparable governing body) of Seller determines in good faith that such discontinuance is in the best interest of the Parent and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.
- (d) AUDITS. Seller will furnish to Buyer (or its assigns) from time to time such information with respect to it and the Receivables sold by it as Buyer (or its assigns) may reasonably request. Seller will, from time to time during regular business hours as requested by Buyer (or its assigns), upon reasonable notice and at the sole cost of Seller, permit Buyer (or its assigns) or their respective agents or representatives, (i) to examine and make copies of and abstracts from all Records in the possession or under the control of Seller relating to the Receivables and the Related Security, including, without limitation, the related Contracts, and (ii) to visit the offices and properties of Seller for the purpose of examining such materials

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described in clause (i) above, and to discuss matters relating to Seller's financial condition or the Receivables and the Related Security or Seller's performance under any of the Transaction Documents or Seller's performance under the Contracts and, in each case, with any of the officers or employees of Seller having knowledge of such matters (each of the foregoing examinations and visits, a "REVIEW"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that, so long as no Amortization Event (under and as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement) has occurred and is continuing: (A) Seller and the Originators, collectively, shall only be responsible for the reasonable costs and expenses of one (1) Review in any one calendar year, and (B) the Agent (as Buyer's assignee) will not request more than four (4) Reviews in any one calendar year. To the extent that Buyer (or its assigns), in the course of any Review, obtains any Proprietary Information pertaining to Seller or any of its Affiliates, Buyer (or its assign) shall handle such information in accordance with the requirements of SECTION 7.4 hereof.

### (e) KEEPING AND MARKING OF RECORDS AND BOOKS.

- (i) Seller will maintain and implement administrative and operating procedures (including, without limitation, an ability to recreate records evidencing Receivables in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain all documents, books, records and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all Receivables (including, without limitation, records adequate to permit the immediate identification of each new Receivable and all Collections of and adjustments to each existing Receivable). Seller will give Buyer (or its assigns) notice of any material change in the administrative and operating procedures referred to in the previous sentence.
- (ii) Seller will (A) on or prior to the date hereof, mark its books and records including aged trial balance with respect to the Receivables with a legend, acceptable to Buyer (or its assigns), describing Buyer's ownership interests in the Receivables and further describing the security interest in the Receivable of the Agent (on behalf of the Lenders) under the Credit and Security Agreement and (B) upon the request of Buyer (or its assigns) made at any time when a Termination Event has occurred and is continuing: (x) mark each Contract

with a legend describing Buyer's ownership interests in the Receivables and further describing the security interests in the Receivable of the Agent (on behalf of the Lenders) and (y) deliver to Buyer (or its assigns) all Contracts (including, without limitation, all multiple originals of any such Contract) relating to such Receivables.

- (f) COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACTS AND CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Seller will timely and fully (i) perform and comply in all material respects with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Contracts related to the Receivables, and (ii) comply in all material respects with the Credit and Collection Policy in regard to each such Receivable and the related Contract.
  - (g) [Intentionally Omitted]
- (h) OWNERSHIP. Seller will take all necessary action to establish and maintain, irrevocably in Buyer, (A) legal and equitable title to the Receivables and the Collections and (B)

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all of Seller's right, title and interest in the Related Security associated with the Receivables, in each case, free and clear of any Adverse Claims other than Permitted Encumbrances (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, the filing of all financing statements or other similar instruments or documents necessary under the UCC (or any comparable law) of all appropriate jurisdictions to perfect Buyer's interest in such Receivables, Related Security and Collections and such other action to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the interest of Buyer as Buyer (or its assigns) may reasonably request).

- LENDERS' RELIANCE. Seller acknowledges that the Agent and the Lenders are entering into the transactions contemplated by the Credit and Security Agreement in reliance upon Buyer's identity as a legal entity that is separate from Seller and any Affiliates thereof. Therefore, from and after the date of execution and delivery of this Agreement, Seller will take all reasonable steps including, without limitation, all steps that Buyer or any assignee of Buyer may from time to time reasonably request to maintain Buyer's identity as a separate legal entity and to make it manifest to third parties that Buyer is an entity with assets and liabilities distinct from those of Seller and any Affiliates thereof and not just a division of Seller or any such Affiliate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to the other covenants set forth herein, Seller (i) will not hold itself out to third parties as liable for the debts of Buyer nor purport to own any of the Receivables and other assets acquired by Buyer, (ii) will take all other actions necessary on its part to ensure that Buyer is at all times in compliance with the "separateness covenants" set forth in SECTION 7.1(I) of the Credit and Security Agreement and (iii) will cause all tax liabilities arising in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or otherwise to be allocated between Seller and Buyer on an arm's-length basis and in a manner consistent with the procedures set forth in U.S. Treasury Regulations ss.ss.1.1502-33(d) and 1.1552-1.
- (j) COLLECTIONS. Seller will cause (1) all proceeds from all Lock-Boxes to be directly deposited by a Collection Bank into a Collection Account and (2) each Lock-Box and Collection Account to be subject at all times to a Collection Account Agreement that is in full force and effect. In the event any payments relating to Receivables are remitted directly to Seller or any Affiliate of Seller, Seller will remit (or will cause all such payments to be remitted) directly to a Collection Bank and deposited into a Collection Account within two (2) Business Days following receipt thereof and, at all times prior to such remittance, Seller will itself hold or, if applicable, will cause such payments to be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of Buyer and its assigns. Seller will transfer exclusive ownership, dominion and control of each Lock-Box and Collection Account to Buyer and, will not grant the right to take dominion and control of any Lock-Box or Collection Account at a future time or upon the occurrence of a future event to any Person, except to Buyer (or its assigns) as contemplated by this Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement.
- (k) TAXES. Unless otherwise filed by the Parent, (i) Seller will file all tax returns and reports required by law to be filed by it and promptly pay all taxes and governmental charges at any time owing, except (x) such taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which Performance Guarantor has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (y) to the extent the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) Seller will pay when due any taxes payable in connection

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with the Receivables, exclusive of taxes on or measured by income or gross receipts of Buyer and its assigns.

Section 4.2 NEGATIVE COVENANTS OF SELLER. Until the date on which this Agreement terminates in accordance with its terms, Seller hereby covenants that:

- (a) NAME CHANGE, OFFICES AND RECORDS. Seller will not change its (i) state of organization, (ii) name, (iii) identity or structure (within the meaning of Article 9 of any applicable enactment of the UCC) or relocate its chief executive office at any time while the location of its chief executive office is relevant to perfection of Buyer's interest in the Receivables or the associated Related Security and Collections or any office where Records are kept unless it shall have: (i) given Buyer (and the Agent, as its assignee) at least ten (10) Business Days' prior written notice thereof and (ii) delivered to the Agent (as Buyer's assignee) all financing statements, instruments and other documents requested by the Agent in connection with such change or relocation.
- (b) CHANGE IN PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS TO OBLIGORS. Seller will not add or terminate any bank as a Collection Bank, or make any change in the instructions to Obligors regarding payments to be made to any Lock-Box or Collection Account, unless Buyer (or its assigns) shall have received, at least ten (10) days before the proposed effective date therefor, (i) written notice of such addition, termination or change and (ii) with respect to the addition of a Collection Bank or a Collection Account or Lock-Box, an executed Collection Account Agreement with respect to the new Collection Account or Lock-Box; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that Seller may make changes in instructions to Obligors regarding payments if such new instructions require such Obligor to make payments to another existing Collection Account.
- (c) MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACTS AND CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY. Seller will not make or authorize any Originator to make any material change to the Credit and Collection Policy that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the collectibility of the Receivables or decrease the credit quality of any of newly created Receivables. Except as otherwise permitted in its capacity as Servicer pursuant to the Credit and Security Agreement, Seller will not extend, amend or otherwise modify or authorize any Originator to extend, amend or otherwise modify the terms of any Receivable other than in accordance with the Credit and Collection Policy.
- (d) SALES, LIENS. Seller will not sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, or create or suffer to exist any Adverse Claim (other than Permitted Encumbrances) upon (including, without limitation, the filing of any financing statement) or with respect to, any Receivable, Related Security or Collections, or upon or with respect to any Contract under which any Receivable arises, or any Lock-Box or Collection Account, or assign any right to receive income with respect thereto (other than, in each case, the creation of the interests therein in favor of Buyer provided for herein and any other Permitted Encumbrances), and Seller will defend the right, title and interest of Buyer in, to and under any of the foregoing property, against all claims of third parties claiming through or under Seller (other than Permitted Encumbrances).
  - (e) [Intentionally Omitted]

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(f) ACCOUNTING FOR PURCHASE. Seller will not, and will not permit any Affiliate to, financially account (whether in financial statements or otherwise) for the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner other than the sale or other outright conveyance by Seller to Buyer of the Receivables and the associated Related Security or in any other respect account for or treat the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner other than as a sale of such Receivables and Related Security by Seller to Buyer except to the extent that such transactions are not recognized on account of consolidated financial reporting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

# ARTICLE V TERMINATION EVENTS

- Section 5.1 TERMINATION EVENTS. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a Termination Event:
- (a) Seller shall fail to make any payment or deposit required hereunder when due and, for any such payment or deposit which is not in respect of principal, such failure shall continue unremedied for five (5) Business Days after the earlier of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to Seller by Buyer.
- (b) Seller shall fail to perform or observe (i) any covenant contained in Section 4.1(b) (i), 4,1(c) (ii) or 4.2 of this Agreement when due, (ii) any other covenant or agreement contained in Section 4.1(a) or 4.1(b) of this Agreement and such failure shall continue unremedied for fifteen (15) days after the earliest of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to Seller by Buyer, or (iii) any other covenant or agreement not mentioned in this Section 5.1 under any Transaction Documents and such failure shall continue unremedied for thirty (30) days after the earlier of a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such default or written notice thereof has been given to Seller by Buyer.
  - (c) Any representation, warranty, certification or statement

made by Seller in this Agreement, any other Transaction Document or in any other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made; PROVIDED THAT the materiality threshold in the preceding clause shall not be applicable with respect to any representation or warranty which itself contains a materiality threshold and PROVIDED FURTHER, that any misrepresentation or certification for which Buyer has actually received a Purchase Price Credit shall not constitute a Termination Event hereunder.

(d) Failure of Seller to pay any Indebtedness when due in excess of \$20,000,000 or the default by Seller in the performance of any term, provision or condition contained in any agreement under which any such Indebtedness was created or is governed, the effect of which is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness to cause, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity; or any such Indebtedness shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the date of maturity thereof.

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- (e) (i) Seller shall generally not pay its debts as such debts become due or shall admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally or shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (ii) any proceeding shall be instituted by or against Seller seeking to adjudicate it bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking liquidation, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, protection, relief or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, or seeking the entry of an order for relief or the appointment of a receiver, trustee or other similar official for it or any substantial part of its property or (iii) Seller shall take any corporate or limited liability company action to authorize any of the actions set forth in the foregoing clauses (i) or (ii) of this subsection (e).
  - (f) A Change of Control shall occur.
- (g) One or more final judgments for the payment of money in an amount in excess of \$10,000,000 individually or in the aggregate, shall be entered against Seller on claims not covered by insurance or as to which the insurance carrier has denied its responsibility, and such judgment shall continue unsatisfied and in effect for thirty (30) consecutive days without a stay of execution.
- (h) A Termination Event shall occur under the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement.
- REMEDIES. Upon the occurrence and during the Section 5.2 continuation of a Termination Event, Buyer may take any of the following actions upon notice to the Seller: (i) declare the Termination Date to have occurred, whereupon the Termination Date shall forthwith occur, without demand, protest or further notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by Seller; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that upon the occurrence of a Termination Event described in SECTION 5.1(E)(II), or of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to Seller under the Federal Bankruptcy Code, the Termination Date shall automatically occur, without demand, protest or any notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by Seller and (ii) to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, declare that the Default Fee shall accrue with respect to any amounts then due and owing by Seller to Buyer. The aforementioned rights and remedies shall be without limitation and shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies of Buyer and its assigns otherwise available under any other provision of this Agreement, by operation of law, at equity or otherwise, all of which are hereby expressly preserved, including, without limitation, all rights and remedies provided under the UCC, all of which rights shall be cumulative.

# ARTICLE VI

Section 6.1 INDEMNITIES BY SELLER. Without limiting any other rights that Buyer may have hereunder or under applicable law, Seller hereby agrees to indemnify (and pay upon demand to) Buyer and its assigns, officers, directors, agents and employees (each an "INDEMNIFIED PARTY") from and against any and all damages, losses, claims, taxes, liabilities, costs, expenses and for all other amounts payable, including reasonable and actual attorneys' fees (which attorneys may be employees of Buyer or any such assign) and disbursements (all

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of the foregoing being collectively referred to as "INDEMNIFIED AMOUNTS") awarded against or incurred by any of them arising out of or as a result of this Agreement or the acquisition, either directly or indirectly, by Buyer of an interest in the Receivables, EXCLUDING, HOWEVER:

(a) Indemnified Amounts to the extent a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction holds that such Indemnified Amounts resulted from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the

Indemnified Party seeking indemnification provided that Seller shall not be obligated to indemnify any Indemnified Party under this Section 6.1 in connection with any claim under any cause of action by or against such Indemnified Person with respect to which Seller is an adverse party and Seller is the prevailing party with respect to such claim under such cause of action;

- (b) Indemnified Amounts to the extent the same includes losses in respect of Receivables that are uncollectible on account of the insolvency, bankruptcy or lack of creditworthiness of the related Obligor; or
- (c) taxes imposed by the jurisdiction in which such Indemnified Party's principal executive office is located, on or measured by the overall net income of such Indemnified Party;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that nothing contained in this sentence shall limit the liability of Seller or limit the recourse of Buyer to Seller for amounts otherwise specifically provided to be paid by Seller under the terms of this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing indemnification, but subject in each case to clauses (a), (b) and (c) above, Seller shall indemnify Buyer for Indemnified Amounts relating to or resulting from:

- (i) any representation or warranty made by Seller (or any officers of Seller) under or in connection with any Purchase Report, this Agreement, any other Transaction Document or any other information or report delivered by Seller pursuant hereto or thereto for which Buyer has not received a Purchase Price Credit that shall have been false or incorrect when made or deemed made;
- (ii) the failure by Seller, to comply with any applicable law, rule or regulation with respect to any Receivable or Contract related thereto, or the nonconformity of any Receivable or Contract included therein with any such applicable law, rule or regulation or any failure of Seller to keep or perform any of its obligations, express or implied, with respect to any Contract;
- (iii) any failure of Seller to perform its duties, covenants or other obligations in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document;
- (iv) any products liability, personal injury or damage, suit or other similar claim arising out of or in connection with merchandise, insurance or services that are the subject of any Contract or any Receivable;

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- (v) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than discharge in bankruptcy of the Obligor) of the Obligor to the payment of any Receivable (including, without limitation, a defense based on such Receivable or the related Contract not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from the sale of the merchandise or service related to such Receivable or the furnishing or failure to furnish such merchandise or services;
- $\mbox{(vi)}$  the commingling of Collections of Receivables at any time with other funds;
- (vii) any investigation, litigation or proceeding related to or arising from this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, the transactions contemplated hereby, Seller's use of the proceeds of the Purchase from it hereunder, the ownership of the Receivables or any other investigation, litigation or proceeding relating to Seller in which any Indemnified Party becomes involved as a result of any of the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (viii) any inability to litigate any claim against any Obligor in respect of any Receivable as a result of such Obligor being immune from civil and commercial law and suit on the grounds of sovereignty or otherwise from any legal action, suit or proceeding;
- (ix) any Termination Event described in SECTION  $5.1(E)\,(II)$  of this Agreement or the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement;
- (x) any failure to vest and maintain vested in Buyer, or to transfer to Buyer, legal and equitable title to, and ownership of, the Receivables and the associated Collections, and all of Seller's right, title and interest in the Related Security associated with such Receivables, in each case, free and clear of any Adverse Claim;
  - (xi) the failure to have filed, or any delay in

filing, financing statements or other similar instruments or documents under the UCC of any applicable jurisdiction or other applicable laws with respect to any Receivable, the Related Security and Collections with respect thereto, and the proceeds of any thereof, whether at the time of the Purchase from Seller hereunder or at any subsequent time;

- (xii) any action or omission by Seller which reduces or impairs the rights of Buyer with respect to any Receivable or the value of any such Receivable (for any reason other than the application of Collections thereto or charge-off of any Receivable as uncollectible);
- (xiii) any attempt by any Person to void the Purchase from Seller hereunder under statutory provisions or common law or equitable action; and
- $\,$  (xiv)  $\,$  the failure of any Receivable reflected as an Eligible Receivable on any Purchase Report prepared by Seller to be an Eligible Receivable at the time acquired by Buyer.

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Section 6.2 OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES. Seller shall pay to Buyer on demand all reasonable costs and out-of-pocket expenses in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby and the other documents to be delivered hereunder. Seller shall pay to Buyer on demand any and all costs and expenses of Buyer, if any, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement and the other documents delivered hereunder and in connection with any restructuring or workout of this Agreement or such documents, or the administration of this Agreement following a Termination Event.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 7.1 WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS.

- (a) No failure or delay on the part of Buyer (or its assigns) in exercising any power, right or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such power, right or remedy preclude any other further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power, right or remedy. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and nonexclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law. Any waiver of this Agreement shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.
- (b) No provision of this Agreement may be amended, supplemented, modified or waived except in writing signed by Seller and Buyer and, to the extent required under the Credit and Security Agreement, the Agent and the Liquidity Banks or the Lenders. Any material amendment, supplement, modification of waiver will required satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition.
- Section 7.2 NOTICES. All communications and notices provided for hereunder shall be in writing (including bank wire, telecopy or electronic facsimile transmission or similar writing) and shall be given to the other parties hereto at their respective addresses or telecopy numbers set forth on the signature pages hereof or at such other address or telecopy number as such Person may hereafter specify for the purpose of notice to each of the other parties hereto. Each such notice or other communication shall be effective (a) if given by telecopy, upon the receipt thereof, (b) if given by mail, five (5) Business Days after the time such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid or (c) if given by any other means, when received at the address specified in this SECTION 7.2.

## Section 7.3 PROTECTION OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS OF BUYER.

(a) Seller agrees that from time to time, at its expense, it will promptly execute and deliver all instruments and documents, and take all actions, that may be necessary or desirable, or that Buyer (or its assigns) may request, to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the interest of Buyer hereunder and the Receivable, or to enable Buyer (or its assigns) to exercise and enforce their rights and remedies hereunder. At any time when a Termination Event has occurred and is continuing, Buyer (or its assigns) may, at Seller's sole cost and expense, direct Seller to notify the Obligors of Receivables of the ownership interests of Buyer under this

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Agreement and may also direct that payments of all amounts due or that become due under any or all Receivables be made directly to Buyer or its designee.

(b) If Seller fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder, Buyer (or its assigns) may (but shall not be required to) perform, or

cause performance of, such obligations, and Buyer's (or such assigns') reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by Seller as provided in SECTION 6.2. Seller irrevocably authorizes Buyer (and its assigns) at any time and from time to time when a Termination Event has occurred and is continuing in the sole discretion of Buyer (or its assigns), and appoints Buyer (and its assigns) as its attorney(ies)-in-fact, to act on behalf of Seller (i) to execute on behalf of Seller as debtor and to file financing statements necessary or desirable in Buyer's (or its assigns') reasonable judgment to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interest of Buyer in the Receivables and the associated Related Security and Collections and (ii) to file a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Agreement or any financing statement with respect to the Receivables as a financing statement in such offices as Buyer (or its assigns) in their reasonable judgment deem necessary or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of Buyer's interests in such Receivables. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable. If Seller fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder: (A) Seller hereby authorizes Buyer (or its assigns) to file financing statements and other filing or recording documents with respect to the Receivables and Related Security (including any amendments thereto, or continuation or termination statements thereof), without the signature or other authorization of Seller, in such form and in such offices as Buyer (or any of its assigns) reasonably determines appropriate to perfect or maintain the perfection of the ownership or security interests of Buyer (or its assigns) hereunder, (B) Seller acknowledges and agrees that it is not authorized to, and will not, file financing statements or other filing or recording documents with respect to the Receivables or Related Security (including any amendments thereto, or continuation or termination statements thereof), without the express prior written approval by the Agent (as Buyer's assignee), consenting to the form and substance of such filing or recording document, and (C) Seller approves, authorizes and ratifies any filings or recordings made by or on behalf of the Agent (as Buyer's assign) in connection with the perfection of the ownership or security interests in favor of Buyer or the Agent (as Buyer's assign).

#### Section 7.4 CONFIDENTIALITY; TAX TREATMENT.

- (a) Seller and Buyer shall maintain and shall cause each of its employees, officers and advisers to maintain the confidentiality of the Fee Letters and the other confidential or proprietary information with respect to the Agent and Blue Ridge and their respective businesses obtained by it or them in connection with the structuring, negotiating and execution of the transactions contemplated herein, except that Seller and its officers, employees, auditors, accountants, attorneys, consultants, and other advisers may disclose such information to Seller's external accountants, attorneys and other advisors and as required by any applicable law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law).
- (b) Seller hereby consents to the disclosure of any nonpublic information with respect to it (i) to Buyer, the Agent, the Liquidity Banks or Blue Ridge by each other, (ii) to any prospective or actual assignee or participant of any of the Persons described in clause (i), and

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- (iii) to any rating agency, Commercial Paper dealer or provider of a surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to Blue Ridge or any entity organized for the purpose of purchasing, or making loans secured by, financial assets for which Wachovia acts as the administrative agent and to any officers, directors, employees, outside accountants and attorneys of any of the foregoing, PROVIDED each such Person described in the foregoing clauses (ii) and (iii) is informed of the confidential nature of such information. In addition, the Lenders and the Agent may disclose any such nonpublic information pursuant to any applicable law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law).
- (c) Notwithstanding any other express or implied agreement to the contrary, the parties hereto agree that they have sought their own tax advice in structuring the transactions evidenced by the Transaction Documents, and they shall have no claim against Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the Agent or any Lender in the event their intended tax treatment is disallowed.
- (d) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Seller, Buyer hereby agrees to keep all Proprietary Information confidential and not to disclose or reveal any Proprietary Information to any Person other than its (or its Affiliates) directors, officers, employees, agents or representatives who reasonably require such information in connection with their activities concerning this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby and to actual or potential Participants or Purchasing Liquidity Banks (as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement), and then only upon a confidential basis in any such case; provided, however, that the Buyer may disclose Proprietary Information: (i) to the Agent or any Liquidity Bank, (ii) to the extent reasonably required in connection with any litigation to which the Buyer, the

Agent, any Liquidity Bank or their respective Affiliates may be a party, (iii) to the extent reasonably required in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder, (iv) as required by law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law); (v) to its attorneys, accountants or other consultants (but only on a confidential basis), (vi) to bank regulatory authorities or other governmental authorities and (vii) by Blue Ridge to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer, or provider of a surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to Blue Ridge which has agreed in writing to be bound by the provisions of this Section 7.4.

### Section 7.5 BANKRUPTCY PETITION.

- (a) Seller and Buyer each hereby covenants and agrees that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding senior indebtedness of Blue Ridge, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Blue Ridge any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.
- (b) Seller covenants and agrees that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding obligations of the Borrower under the Credit and Security Agreement, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Buyer any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.

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- Section 7.6 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. Except with respect to any claim arising out of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of Seller, Buyer, Blue Ridge, the Agent or any Lender, no claim may be made by any such Person (or its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents) against any such other Person (or its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents) for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages in respect of any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith; and each of the parties hereto, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents, successors and assigns, hereby waives, releases, and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected to exist in its favor.
- Section 7.7 CHOICE OF LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS (AND NOT THE LAW OF CONFLICTS) OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED Section 7.8 BY APPLICABLE LAW, SELLER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR NEW YORK STATE COURT SITTING IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY SELLER PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT AND SELLER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT. ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF BUYER (OR ITS ASSIGNS) TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SELLER IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BY SELLER AGAINST BUYER (OR ITS ASSIGNS) OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY SELLER PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN A COURT IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK.
- Section 7.9 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS AGREEMENT, ANY DOCUMENT EXECUTED BY SELLER PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED HEREUNDER OR THEREUNDER.

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## Section 7.10 INTEGRATION; BINDING EFFECT; SURVIVAL OF TERMS.

(a) This Agreement and each other Transaction Document contain the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof superseding all prior oral or written understandings.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Seller, Buyer and their respective successors and permitted assigns (including any trustee in bankruptcy). Seller may not assign any of its rights and obligations hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of Buyer and the Agent. Buyer may assign at any time its rights and obligations hereunder and interests herein to any other Person without the consent of Seller. Without limiting the foregoing, Seller acknowledges that Buyer, pursuant to the Credit and Security Agreement, may assign to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, its rights, remedies, powers and privileges hereunder and that the Agent may further assign such rights, remedies, powers and privileges to the extent permitted in the Credit and Security Agreement. Seller agrees that the Agent, as the assignee of Buyer, shall, subject to the terms of the Credit and Security Agreement, have the right to enforce this Agreement and to exercise directly all of Buyer's rights and remedies under this Agreement (including, without limitation, the right to give or withhold any consents or approvals of Buyer to be given or withheld hereunder) and Seller agrees to cooperate fully with the Agent in the exercise of such rights and remedies. This Agreement shall create and constitute the continuing obligations of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with its terms; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the rights and remedies with respect to (i) any breach of any representation and warranty made by Seller pursuant to ARTICLE II; (ii) the indemnification and payment provisions of ARTICLE VI; and (iii) SECTION 7.5 shall be continuing and shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

Section 7.11 COUNTERPARTS; SEVERABILITY; SECTION REFERENCES. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Any provisions of this Agreement which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Unless otherwise expressly indicated, all references herein to "Article," "Section," "Schedule" or "Exhibit" shall mean articles and sections of, and schedules and exhibits to, this Agreement.

Section 7.12 TERMINATION. This Agreement shall terminate on the Final Payout Date; provided that the provisions of Sections 1.7, 6.1, 6.2, 7.4 and 7.5 of this Agreement shall survive such termination.

[Signature Page Follows]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the date hereof.

EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By:		
Name:		
Title:		
	ADDRESS:	1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Attention: Treasurer Fax: 404-885-8121
EQUIFAX	X RECEIVAB	LES FINANCE LLC
ву:		
Name:		
Title.		

ADDRESS: 1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309

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Attention: Treasurer Fax: 404-885-8121

#### EXHIBIT I

#### DEFINITIONS

This is Exhibit I to the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement (as hereinafter defined). As used in the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement and the Exhibits and Schedules thereto, capitalized terms have the meanings set forth in this Exhibit I (such meanings to be equally applicable to the singular and plural forms thereof). IF A CAPITALIZED TERM IS USED IN THE SECOND STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT, OR ANY EXHIBIT OR SCHEDULE THERETO, AND IS NOT OTHERWISE DEFINED THEREIN OR IN THIS EXHIBIT I, SUCH TERM SHALL HAVE THE MEANING ASSIGNED THERETO IN EXHIBIT I TO THE FIRST STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT OR THE CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (HEREINAFTER DEFINED), AS APPLICABLE.

"AGENT" means Wachovia Bank, National Association, in its capacity as agent under the Credit and Security Agreement.

"AGREEMENT" is defined in the preamble hereto.

"BLUE RIDGE" means Blue Ridge Asset Funding Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its successors.

"BUYER" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"CALCULATION PERIOD" means each calendar month or portion thereof which elapses during the term of this Agreement. The first Calculation Period shall commence on the date of the Purchases hereunder and the final Calculation Period shall terminate on the Termination Date.

"CHANGE OF CONTROL" means (a) the acquisition after the date of this Agreement by any Person, or two or more Persons acting in concert, of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) of 25% or more of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of Parent, (b) Parent ceases to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of any other Originator or Seller, or (c) Parent ceases to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the outstanding voting Equity Interests of Buyer.

"CREDIT AND COLLECTION POLICY" means the applicable Originator's credit and collection policies and practices relating to Contracts and Receivables existing on the date hereof and summarized in EXHIBIT V, as modified from time to time in accordance with this Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement.

"CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT" means that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004, by and among Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, as Borrower, ECM, as Servicer, Blue Ridge, and Wachovia Bank, National Association, individually and as Agent, as the same may be amended, restated and/or otherwise from time to time.

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"DEFAULT FEE" means a PER ANNUM rate of interest equal to the sum of (i) the Alternate Base Rate, PLUS (ii) 2% per annum.

"DISCOUNT FACTOR" means a percentage calculated to provide Buyer with a reasonable return on its investment in the Receivables after taking account of (i) the time value of money based upon the anticipated dates of collection of such Receivables and the cost to Buyer of financing its investment in such Receivables during such period and (ii) the risk of nonpayment by the Obligors. Seller and Buyer may agree from time to time to change the Discount Factor based on changes in one or more of the items affecting the calculation thereof, PROVIDED THAT any change to the Discount Factor shall take effect as of the commencement of a Calculation Period, shall apply only prospectively and shall not affect the Purchase Price payment made prior to the Calculation Period during which Seller and Buyer agree to make such change. As of the date hereof, the Discount Factor in respect of Eligible Receivables is 4.098% and the Discount Factor in respect of all other Receivables is 4.098%.

"ECM" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"EIS" has the meaning set forth in the preliminary statements to this  $\mbox{\sc Agreement.}$ 

"EQUITY INTERESTS" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents, including membership interests (however designated, whether voting or non-voting), of capital of such Person, including, if such Person is a partnership, partnership interests (whether general or limited) and any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, such partnership, whether outstanding on the date hereof or issued after the date of this Agreement.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and any rule or regulation issued thereunder.

"ERISA AFFILIATE" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with Seller within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Tax Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Tax Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Tax Code).

"ERISA EVENT" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) a withdrawal by Seller or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a substantial employer (as defined in Section 4001 (a) (2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations which is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by Seller or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA, or the commencement of proceedings by the PBGC to terminate a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (e) an event or condition which might reasonably be expected to constitute grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (f)

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the imposition of any liability under Tide IV of ERISA, other than PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon Seller or any ERISA Affiliate.

"EXECUTIVE OFFICER" means any of the chief executive officer, president, executive vice president or senior vice president of the Parent or ECM.

"FINAL PAYOUT DATE" has the meaning given such term in the Credit and Security Agreement.

"FIRST STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT" has the meaning set forth in the preliminary statements to this Agreement.

"FISCAL YEAR" means the fiscal year of the Parent and its Subsidiaries ending on or about December 31.

"INDEMNIFIED PARTY" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 6.1.

"INITIAL CONTRIBUTED RECEIVABLES" has the meaning set forth in the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement.

"LIEN" means an Adverse Claim, or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever.

"MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT" means a material adverse effect on (i) the financial condition or operations of the Parent and its Subsidiaries, considered as a whole, (ii) the ability of Seller to perform its obligations under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document to which it is a party, (iii) the legality, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (iv) Seller's, Buyer's, any Agent's or any Lender's interest in the Receivables generally or in any substantial portion of the Receivables, the Related Security or Collections with respect thereto, or (v) the collectibility of the Receivables generally or of any substantial portion of the Receivables.

"MOODY'S" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

"MULTIEMPLOYER PLAN" means a "multiemployer plan", within the meaning of Section 4001 (a) (3) of ERISA, to which Seller or any ERISA Affiliate makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions or, during the preceding three calendar years, has made, or been obligated to make, contributions.

"NET WORTH" means as of the last Business Day of each Calculation Period preceding any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of the Receivables at such time, OVER (b) the sum of (i) the Aggregate Principal outstanding at such time, PLUS (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Subordinated Loans (including any Subordinated Loan proposed to be made on the date of determination).

"ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS" means, for any Person, the documents for its formation and organization, which, for example, (a) for a corporation are its corporate charter and bylaws, (b) for a partnership are its certificate of partnership (if applicable) and partnership

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agreement, (c) for a limited liability company are its certificate of formation or organization and its operating agreement, regulations or the like and (d) for a trust is the trust agreement, declaration of trust, indenture or bylaws under which it is created.

"ORIGINAL BALANCE" means, with respect to each Receivable acquired by Seller after the date hereof, the Outstanding Balance of such Receivable on the date it was acquired by Seller.

"ORIGINATOR" has the meaning set forth in the preliminary statements to this Agreement.

"PARENT" has the meaning set forth in the preliminary statements to this Agreement.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

"PENSION PLAN" means a pension plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) subject to Title IV of ERISA which Seller sponsors or maintains, or to which it makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions, or in the case of a multiple employer plan (as described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA) has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years.

"PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES" shall mean the following: (a) Liens for taxes or assessments or other governmental charges not yet due and payable; and (b) Liens created by the Transaction Documents.

"PLAN" means an employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) which Seller or any of its ERISA Affiliates sponsors or maintains or to which Seller or any of its ERISA Affiliates makes, is making, or is obligated to make contributions and includes any Pension Plan, other than a Plan maintained outside the United States primarily for the benefit of Persons who are not U.S. residents.

"PROPRIETARY INFORMATION" means all information about the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries which has been furnished to the Agent or any Lender by or on behalf of the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries before or after the date hereof or which is obtained by Buyer (or its assigns) in the course of any Review made pursuant to SECTION 4.1(D) of this Agreement: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the term "PROPRIETARY INFORMATION" does not include information which (x) is or becomes publicly available (other than as a result of a breach of Section 7.4 of this Agreement), (y) is possessed by or available to the Buyer (or its assigns) on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure to the Buyer (or its assigns) by Parent or a Subsidiary thereof or (z) becomes available to the Buyer (or its assigns) on a non-confidential basis from a Person which, to the knowledge of the Buyer (or its assigns) is not bound by a confidentiality agreement with the Parent or any of its Subsidiaries and is not otherwise prohibited from transmitting such information to the Buyer (or its assigns). In the event the Buyer (or its assigns) is required to disclose any Proprietary Information by virtue of clause (ii) (but only if and to the extent such disclosure has not been sought by the Buyer (or its assigns), and if neither the Parent nor Seller is a party to such litigation), (iv) or (v) above, to the extent Buyer (or its assigns) determines in

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good faith that it is permissible by law to so to do, it shall promptly notify the Originator of same so as to allow the Parent or its Subsidiaries to seek a protective order or to take other appropriate action; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, neither Buyer (and its assigns) shall be required to delay compliance with any directive to disclose any such information so as to allow the Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries to effect any such action.

"PURCHASE" means the purchase by Buyer from Seller pursuant to SECTION 1.2(A) of this Agreement of the Receivables and the Related Security and Collections related thereto, together with all related rights in connection therewith.

"PURCHASE PRICE" means, with respect to the Purchase from Seller, the aggregate price to be paid by Buyer to Seller for such Purchase in accordance with SECTION 1.3 of this Agreement for the Receivables and the associated Collections and Related Security being sold to Buyer, which price shall equal on any date (i) the product of (x) the Outstanding Balance of such Receivables on such date, MULTIPLIED BY (y) one minus the Discount Factor in effect on such date, minus (ii) any Purchase Price Credits to be credited against the Purchase Price otherwise payable in accordance with SECTION 1.4 of this Agreement.

"PURCHASE PRICE CREDIT" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 1.4 of this Agreement.

"PURCHASE REPORT" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 1.2(B) of this Agreement.

"RECEIVABLE" means each "Receivable" under and as defined in the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement in which Buyer now has or hereafter acquires any rights including, without limitation, the obligation to pay any Finance Charges with respect thereto. Indebtedness and other rights and obligations arising from any one transaction, including, without limitation, indebtedness and other rights and obligations represented by an individual invoice, shall constitute a

Receivable separate from a Receivable consisting of the indebtedness and other rights and obligations arising from any other transaction; PROVIDED, FURTHER, that any indebtedness, rights or obligations referred to in the immediately preceding sentence shall be a Receivable regardless or whether the account debtor or Seller treats such indebtedness, rights or obligations as a separate payment obligation.

"RELATED SECURITY" means, with respect to any Receivable:

- (i) all other security interests or liens and property subject thereto from time to time, if any, purporting to secure payment of such Receivable, whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise, together with all financing statements and security agreements describing any collateral securing such Receivable,
- (ii) all guaranties, letters of credit, insurance and other agreements or arrangements of whatever character from time to time supporting or securing payment of such Receivable whether pursuant to the Contract related to such Receivable or otherwise,

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- (iii) all service contracts and other contracts and agreements associated with such Receivable,  $\$ 
  - (iv) all Records related to such Receivable,
- (v) all of Seller's right, title and interest in each Lock-Box and each Collection Account,  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =0$
- (vi) all of Seller's right and remedies under the First Step Receivable Sale Agreement, and
  - (vii) all proceeds of any of the foregoing.

"REPORTABLE EVENT" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations thereunder, other than any such event for which the 30-day notice requirement under ERISA has been waived in regulations issued by the PBGC.

"REQUIRED CAPITAL AMOUNT" means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to the greater of (a) 3% of the Borrowing Limit under the Credit and Security Agreement, and (b) the product of (i) 1.5 times the product of the Default Ratio times the Default Horizon Ratio, each as determined from the most recent Monthly Report received from the Servicer under the Credit and Security Agreement, and (ii) the Outstanding Balance of all Receivables as of such date, as determined from the most recent Monthly Report received from the Servicer under the Credit and Security Agreement.

"RESPONSIBLE OFFICER" means any Executive Officer as well as any other officer of the Parent or ECM who is primarily responsible for the administration of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

"REVIEW" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 4.1(D) of this Agreement.

"SECOND STEP RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT" is defined in the preamble hereto.

"SELLER" is defined in the preamble hereto.

"S&P" means Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw Hill Companies, Inc.

"SUBORDINATED LOAN" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 1.3(A) of this Agreement.

"SUBORDINATED NOTE" means a promissory note in substantially the form of EXHIBIT VI hereto as more fully described in SECTION 1.3 of this Agreement, as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"TAX CODE" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended from time to time.

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"TERMINATION DATE" means the earliest to occur of (i) the Facility Termination Date (as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement), (ii) the Business Day immediately prior to the occurrence of a Termination Event set forth in SECTION 5.1(E) (II), (iii) the Business Day specified in a written notice from Buyer to Seller given following the occurrence and during the continuation of any other Termination Event, and (iv) the date which is 10 Business Days after Buyer's receipt of written notice from Seller that it wishes to terminate the facility evidenced by this Agreement.

"TERMINATION EVENT" has the meaning set forth in SECTION 5.1 of this Agreement.

"TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS" means, collectively, the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement, this Agreement, each Collection Account Agreement, the Subordinated Note (and the other "Subordinated Notes" under and as defined in the First Step Receivables Sale Agreement), and all other instruments, documents and agreements executed and delivered in connection herewith.

"UNMATURED TERMINATION EVENT" means an event which, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a Termination Event.

ALL ACCOUNTING TERMS NOT SPECIFICALLY DEFINED HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAAP. ALL TERMS USED IN ARTICLE 9 OF THE UCC IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AND NOT SPECIFICALLY DEFINED HEREIN, ARE USED HEREIN AS DEFINED IN SUCH ARTICLE 9

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#### EXHIBIT II

PLACES OF BUSINESS; LOCATIONS OF RECORDS; STATE OF ORGANIZATION;
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER;
ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER; OTHER NAMES

Seller: Equifax Capital Management, Inc. <TABLE> <CAPTION> - ------Principal Places of Business 1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. and Chief Executive Office Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Locations of Records 1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 \_ ------State of Organization Georgia Federal Employer Identification Number 32-0121873 Organizational Identification Number 0442626 Legal, Trade and Assumed Name LEGAL NAME: Equifax Capital Management, Inc. TRADE AND OTHER PRIOR NAMES: None. \_\_\_\_\_ </TABLE>

> 33 EXHIBIT III

LOCK-BOXES; COLLECTION ACCOUNTS; COLLECTION BANKS

Seller does not have any Collection Accounts. All Collection Accounts have been transferred to Buyer. Buyer's Collection Accounts are set forth below:

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NAME OF ACCOUNT

Finance LLC - Co. 04			2000015153186
Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 04 EFT	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000153353466
	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000186448173
	Wachovia Bank, National Association	945510	
	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000134515634
Equifax Receivables Finance LLC- Co. 89	Bank of America	403495	
	Wachovia Bank, National Association	N/A	2000016951442

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	EXHIBIT IV					
FC	DRM OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICAT	E				
This Compliance Certificate is furnished pursuant to that certain Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004, between Equifax						
This Compliance Certificate is furnished pursuant to that certain Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004, between Equifax Capital Markets, Inc. and Equifax Receivables Finance, LLC (the "AGREEMENT"). Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein are used with the meanings attributed thereto in the Agreement.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFIES IN HIS OR HER REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY ON BEHALF OF ECM THAT:

- 1. I am the duly elected \_\_\_\_\_ of Equifax Capital Markets, Inc. ("ECM").
  - 2. I have reviewed the terms of the Agreement.
- 3. After due inquiry, I have no knowledge of the existence of any condition or event which constitutes a Termination Event or an Unmatured Termination Event as of the date of this Certificate[, except as set forth below].
  - [4. Described below are the exceptions, if any, to paragraph 3 by listing, in detail, the nature of the Termination Event or Unmatured Termination Event, the period during which it has existed and the action which ECM (or the applicable Originator) has taken, is taking, or proposes to take with respect to each such condition or event: \_\_\_\_\_\_].

The foregoing certifications are made and delivered by the undersigned in his or her representative capacity on behalf of ECM, this  $\_\_$  day of  $\_\_$ ,  $200\_$ .

EQUIFAX	CAPITAL	MARKETS,	INC.
Ву:			
Title:_			
Name:			

[attach copy]

36 EXHIBIT VI

### FORM OF SUBORDINATED NOTE

#### SUBORDINATED NOTE

September 7, 2004

- NOTE. FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, EQUIFAX RECEIVABLES FINANCE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("SPE"), hereby unconditionally promises to pay to the order of EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC., a Georgia corporation ("ECM"), in lawful money of the United States of America and in immediately available funds, on or before the date following the Termination Date which is one year and one day after the date on which (i) the Outstanding Balance of all Receivables sold by ECM under the "Sale Agreement" referred to below has been reduced to zero and (ii) ECM has paid to SPE all indemnities, adjustments and other amounts which may be owed thereunder in connection with the Purchase thereunder (the "COLLECTION DATE"), the aggregate unpaid principal sum outstanding of all "Subordinated Loans" made from time to time by ECM to SPE pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of that certain Receivables Sale Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 between ECM, as seller, and SPE, as buyer (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "SALE AGREEMENT"). Reference to SECTION 1.3 of the Sale Agreement is hereby made for a statement of the terms and conditions under which the loans evidenced hereby have been and will be made. All terms which are capitalized and used herein and which are not otherwise specifically defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Sale Agreement.
- INTEREST. SPE further promises to pay interest on the outstanding unpaid principal amount hereof from the date hereof until payment in full hereof at a rate equal to the 1-month LIBOR rate published in THE WALL STREET JOURNAL on the first Business Day of each month (or portion thereof) during the term of this Subordinated Note, computed for actual days elapsed on the basis of a year consisting of 360 days and changing on the first business day of each month hereafter ("LIBOR"); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that if SPE shall default in the payment of any principal hereof, SPE promises to pay, on demand, interest at the rate equal to LIBOR plus 2.00% PER ANNUM on any such unpaid amounts, from the date such payment is due to the date of actual payment. Interest shall be payable on the first Business Day of each month in arrears; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that SPE may elect on the date any interest payment is due hereunder to defer such payment and upon such election the amount of interest due but unpaid on such date shall constitute principal under this Subordinated Note. The outstanding principal of any loan made under this Subordinated Note shall be due and payable on the Collection Date and may be repaid or prepaid at any time without premium or penalty.
- 3. PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS. ECM is authorized and directed by SPE to enter on the grid attached hereto, or, at its option, in its books and records, the date and amount of each loan made by it which is evidenced by this Subordinated Note and the amount of each payment of principal made by SPE, and absent manifest error, such entries shall constitute prima facie evidence of the accuracy of the information so entered; PROVIDED THAT neither the failure of ECM

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to make any such entry or any error therein shall expand, limit or affect the obligations of SPE hereunder.

SUBORDINATION. ECM shall have the right to receive, and SPE shall make, any and all payments and prepayments relating to the loans made under this Subordinated Note PROVIDED THAT, after giving effect to any such payment or prepayment, the aggregate Outstanding Balance of Receivables (as each such term is defined in the Credit and Security Agreement hereinafter referred to) owned by SPE at such time exceeds the sum of (a) the Obligations (as defined in the Credit and Security Agreement) outstanding at such time under the Credit and Security Agreement, plus (b) the aggregate outstanding principal balance of all loans made under this Subordinated Note. ECM hereby agrees that at any time during which the conditions set forth in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence shall not be satisfied, ECM shall be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment of any indebtedness or obligation of SPE owing to the Agent or any Lender under that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of September 7, 2004 by and among SPE, as Borrower, ECM as initial Servicer, various "Lenders" from time to time party thereto and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as the "AGENT" (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT"). The subordination provisions contained herein are for the direct benefit of, and may

be enforced by, the Agent and the Lenders and/or any of their respective assignees (collectively, the "SENIOR CLAIMANTS") under the Credit and Security Agreement. Until the date on which the "Aggregate Principal" outstanding under the Credit and Security Agreement has been repaid in full and all other obligations of SPE and/or the Servicer thereunder and under the "Fee Letter" referenced therein (all such obligations, collectively, the "SENIOR CLAIM") have been indefeasibly paid and satisfied in full, ECM shall not institute against SPE any proceeding of the type described in SECTION 5.1(E) (II) of the Sale Agreement unless and until the Collection Date has occurred. Should any payment, distribution or security or proceeds thereof be received by ECM in violation of this Section 4, ECM agrees that such payment shall be segregated, received and held in trust for the benefit of, and deemed to be the property of, and shall be immediately paid over and delivered to the Agent for the benefit of the Senior Claimants.

BANKRUPTCY; INSOLVENCY. Upon the occurrence of any proceeding of the type described in SECTION 5.1(E)(II) of the Sale Agreement involving SPE as debtor, then and in any such event the Senior Claimants shall receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due on or in respect of the Aggregate Principal and the Senior Claim (including "Interest" as defined and as accruing under the Credit and Security Agreement after the commencement of any such proceeding, whether or not any or all of such Interest is an allowable claim in any such proceeding) before ECM is entitled to receive payment on account of this Subordinated Note, and to that end, any payment or distribution of assets of SPE of any kind or character, whether in cash, securities or other property, in any applicable insolvency proceeding, which would otherwise be payable to or deliverable upon or with respect to any or all indebtedness under this Subordinated Note, is hereby assigned to and shall be paid or delivered by the Person making such payment or delivery (whether a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver, custodian or liquidating trustee or otherwise) directly to the Agent for application to, or as collateral for the payment of, the Senior Claim until such Senior Claim shall have been paid in full and satisfied.

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- 6. AMENDMENTS. This Subordinated Note shall not be amended or modified except in accordance with SECTION 7.1 of the Sale Agreement. The terms of this Subordinated Note may not be amended or otherwise modified without the prior written consent of the Agent for the benefit of the Lenders.
- 7. GOVERNING LAW. THIS SUBORDINATED NOTE HAS BEEN MADE AND DELIVERED AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AND SHALL BE INTERPRETED AND THE RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE PARTIES HERETO DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS AND DECISIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. WHEREVER POSSIBLE EACH PROVISION OF THIS SUBORDINATED NOTE SHALL BE INTERPRETED IN SUCH MANNER AS TO BE EFFECTIVE AND VALID UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, BUT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBORDINATED NOTE SHALL BE PROHIBITED BY OR INVALID UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, SUCH PROVISION SHALL BE INFFECTIVE TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH PROHIBITION OR INVALIDITY, WITHOUT INVALIDATING THE REMAINDER OF SUCH PROVISION OR THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBORDINATED NOTE.
- 8. WAIVERS. All parties hereto, whether as makers, endorsers, or otherwise, severally waive presentment for payment, demand, protest and notice of dishonor. ECM additionally expressly waives all notice of the acceptance by any Senior Claimant of the subordination and other provisions of this Subordinated Note and expressly waives reliance by any Senior Claimant upon the subordination and other provisions herein provided.
- 9. ASSIGNMENT. This Subordinated Note may not be assigned, pledged or otherwise transferred to any party (other than its delivery to ECM) without the prior written consent of the Agent, and any such attempted transfer shall be void.

EQUIFAX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By:

Title:

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SCHEDULE

TO
SUBORDINATED NOTE
SUBORDINATED LOANS AND PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL

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DATE	LOAN		BALANCE	(INITIALS)
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	EXHIBIT VII			
	[FORM OF] PURCHASE REPORT			
For the	Calculation Period beginning [date] and	d ending [d	date]	
TO: BUYER AND TH	E AGENT (AS BUYER'S ASSIGNEE)			
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	of Subordinated Loans received during			(J)

the Period:

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Aggregate Outstanding Balance of Receivables		
contributed during the Period:	\$	L

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#### SCHEDULE A

# DOCUMENTS TO BE DELIVERED TO BUYER ON OR PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE

- Executed copies of the Second Step Receivables Sale Agreement (the "RECEIVABLES SALE AGREEMENT"), duly executed by the parties thereto.
- 2. A certificate of Seller's [Assistant] Secretary certifying:

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- (a) A copy of the Resolutions of the Board of Directors or Managers of Seller, authorizing Seller's execution, delivery and performance of the Receivables Sale Agreement and the other documents to be delivered by it thereunder;
- (b) A copy of the Organizational Documents of Seller (also certified, to the extent that such documents are filed with any governmental authority, by the Secretary of State of the jurisdiction of organization of Seller on or within a recent date prior to closing);
- (c) Good Standing Certificates for Seller issued by the Secretaries of State of its state of organization and each jurisdiction where it has material operations; and
- (d) The names and signatures of the officers authorized on its behalf to execute the Receivables Sale Agreement and any other documents to be delivered by it thereunder.
- 3. Pre-filing state and federal tax lien, judgment lien and UCC lien searches against Seller from the following jurisdictions:
  - a. Georgia Secretary of State; and
  - Fulton County, Georgia
- 4. Time stamped receipt copies of proper financing statements, duly filed under the UCC on or before the date of the initial Purchase (as defined in the Receivables Sale Agreement) in all jurisdictions as may be necessary or, in the opinion of Buyer (or its assigns), desirable, under the UCC of all appropriate jurisdictions or any comparable law in order to perfect the ownership interests contemplated by the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- 5. Time stamped receipt copies of proper UCC termination statements, if any, necessary to release all security interests and other rights of any Person in the Receivables, Contracts or Related Security previously granted by Seller.
- 6. Executed Collection Account Agreements for each Lock-Box and Collection Account.

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- 7. Favorable opinions of special legal counsel and General Counsel (as to items (a), (b), and (c) below) for Seller licensed to give opinions under New York law reasonably acceptable to Buyer (and the Agent, as Buyer's assignee) as to the following:
- (a) Seller is a  $\_$  duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization.
- (b) Seller has all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction where failure to be so qualified would have a material adverse effect on Seller's business.
- (c) The execution and delivery by Seller of the Receivables Sale Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party and its performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary organizational action and proceedings on the part of Seller and will not:
  - (i) require any action by or in respect of, or filing with, any governmental body, agency or official (other than the filing of UCC  $\,$

- (ii) contravene, or constitute a default under, any provision of applicable law or regulation or of its Organizational Documents or of any agreement, judgment, injunction, order, decree or other instrument binding upon Seller; or
- (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of Seller or any of its Subsidiaries (except as contemplated by the Receivables Sale Agreement and the Credit and Security Agreement).
- (d) The Receivables Sale Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party has been duly executed and delivered by Seller and constitutes the legally valid, and binding obligation of Seller enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and subject also to the availability of equitable remedies if equitable remedies are sought.
- (e) In the event that the Receivables Sale Agreement is held to create a transfer for security purposes rather than a true sale or other outright assignment, the provisions of the Receivables Sale Agreement are effective to create valid security interests in favor of Buyer in all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Receivables and Related Security described therein which constitute "accounts," "chattel paper" or "general intangibles" (each as defined in the UCC) (collectively, the "OPINION COLLATERAL"), as security for the payment of a loan deemed to have been made by Buyer to Seller in an amount equal to the Purchase Price (as defined therein) of the Receivables (as defined therein) acquired from Seller, together with all other obligations of Seller thereunder.
- (f) Each of the UCC-1 Financing Statements naming Seller as debtor, Buyer, as assigning secured party, and Agent, as total assignee of secured party to be filed in the [describe filing offices], is in appropriate form for filing therein. Upon filing of such UCC-1 Financing

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Statements in such filing offices and payment of the required filing fees, the security interest in favor of Buyer in the Opinion Collateral will be perfected and assigned of record to the Agent.

- (g) Based solely on our review of the [describe UCC Search Reports], and assuming (i) the filing of the Financing Statements and payment of the required filing fees in accordance with paragraph (f) and (ii) the absence of any intervening filings between the date and time of the Search Reports and the date and time of the filing of the Financing Statements, the security interest of Buyer in the Opinion Collateral is prior to any security interest granted in the Opinion Collateral by Seller, the priority of which is determined solely by the filing of a financing statement in the [describe filing offices].
- (h) To the best of the opinion giver's knowledge, there is no action, suit or other proceeding against Seller or any Affiliate of Seller, which would materially adversely affect the business or financial condition of Seller and its Affiliates taken as a whole or which would materially adversely affect the ability of Seller to perform its obligations under the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- (i) Seller is not an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- 8. A "TRUE SALE" opinion and "SUBSTANTIVE CONSOLIDATION" opinion of counsel for Seller with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- 9. A Certificate of Seller's [chief financial officer] certifying that, as of the closing date, no Termination Event or Unmatured Termination Event exists and is continuing.
- 10. Executed copies of (i) all consents from and authorizations by any Persons and (ii) all waivers and amendments to existing credit facilities, that are necessary in connection with the Receivables Sale Agreement.
- 11. Executed Subordinated Note by Buyer in favor of Seller.

#### PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING

THIS PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING (this "UNDERTAKING"), dated as of September 7, 2004, is executed by Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR") in favor of Equifax Receivables Finance LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (together with its successors and assigns, "RECIPIENT").

#### RECITALS

- 1. Equifax Inc. (the "PARENT"), Equifax Information Services LLC, Equifax Direct Marketing Solutions LLC Equifax Information Services of Puerto Rico Inc., Compliance Data Center, Inc. (collectively, the "ORIGINATORS"), and Equifax Capital Management, Inc. ("ECM") have entered in to a Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2004 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, the "FIRST STEP SALE AGREEMENT"), pursuant to which Originators, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, are selling their respective right, title and interest in their accounts receivable to ECM.
- 2. ECM and Recipient have entered into a Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2004 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, the "SECOND STEP SALE AGREEMENT"; the First Step Sale Agreement and the Second Step Sale Agreement being herein collectively called the "SALE AGREEMENTS"), pursuant to which ECM, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, is selling and/or contributing its right, title and interest in such accounts receivable to Recipient.
- 3. Performance Guarantor, directly or indirectly, owns one hundred percent (100%) of the capital stock or other equity interest of each of the other Originators, ECM and Recipient, and accordingly, Performance Guarantor, is expected to receive substantial direct and indirect benefits from their sale or contribution of receivables to ECM and Recipient pursuant to the Sale Agreements (which benefits are hereby acknowledged).
- 4. As an inducement for ECM to acquire Originators' accounts receivable pursuant to the First Step Sale Agreement and for Recipient to acquire such accounts receivable pursuant to the Second Step Sales Agreement, Performance Guarantor has agreed to guaranty the due and punctual performance by the other Originators and ECM of their respective obligations under the Sale Agreements.
- 5. Performance Guarantor wishes to guaranty the due and punctual performance by the other Originators of their obligations to ECM under or in respect of the First Step Sale Agreement and the due and punctual performance by ECM of its obligations to Recipient under or in respect of the Second Step Sale Agreement.

## AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, Performance Guarantor hereby agrees as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Sale Agreement or the Credit and Security Agreement (as hereinafter defined). In addition:

"GUARANTEED OBLIGATIONS" means, collectively: all covenants, agreements, terms, conditions and indemnities to be performed and observed by any Originator (other than the Parent in its capacity as an Originator) or ECM under and pursuant to any of the Sale Agreements and each other document executed and delivered by any Originator (other than the Parent in its capacity as an Originator) or ECM pursuant to any of the Sale Agreements, including, without limitation, the due and punctual payment of all sums which are or may become due and owing by any Originator (other than the Parent in its capacity as an Originator) or ECM under any of the Sale Agreements, whether for fees, expenses (including counsel fees), indemnified amounts or otherwise, whether upon any termination or for any other reason.

Section 2. GUARANTY OF PERFORMANCE OF GUARANTEED OBLIGATIONS. Performance Guarantor hereby guarantees to Recipient, the full and punctual payment and performance by each Originator and ECM of its respective Guaranteed Obligations. This Undertaking is an absolute, unconditional and continuing guaranty of the full and punctual performance of all Guaranteed Obligations of each Originator under the Agreements and each other document executed and delivered by any Originator pursuant to the Agreements and is in no way conditioned upon any requirement that Recipient first attempt to collect any amounts owing by any Originator or ECM to Recipient, the Agent or the Lenders from any other Person or resort to any collateral security, any balance of any deposit account or credit on the books of Recipient, the Agent or any Lender in favor of any Originator, ECM or any other Person or other means of obtaining payment. Should any Originator or ECM default in the payment or performance of any of its Guaranteed Obligations, Recipient (or its assigns) may cause the

immediate performance by Performance Guarantor of the Guaranteed Obligations and cause any payment Guaranteed Obligations to become forthwith due and payable to Recipient (or its assigns), without demand or notice of any nature (other than as expressly provided herein), all of which are hereby expressly waived by Performance Guarantor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Undertaking is not a guarantee of the collection of any of the Receivables and Performance Guarantor shall not be responsible for any Guaranteed Obligations to the extent the failure to perform such Guaranteed Obligations by any Originator or ECM results from Receivables being uncollectible on account of the insolvency, bankruptcy or lack of creditworthiness of the related Obligor; PROVIDED THAT nothing herein shall relieve any Originator or ECM from performing in full its Guaranteed Obligations under the Agreements or Performance Guarantor of its undertaking hereunder with respect to the full performance of such duties.

Section 3. PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR'S FURTHER AGREEMENTS TO PAY. Performance Guarantor further agrees, as the principal obligor and not as a guarantor only, to pay to Recipient (and its assigns), forthwith upon demand in funds immediately available to Recipient, all reasonable costs and expenses (including court costs and reasonable legal expenses) actually incurred or expended by Recipient in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations, this Undertaking and the enforcement thereof, together with interest on amounts recoverable under this Undertaking from the time when such amounts become due until payment, at a rate of

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interest (computed for the actual number of days elapsed based on a  $360~\mathrm{day}$  year) equal to the Prime Rate plus 2% PER ANNUM, such rate of interest changing when and as the Prime Rate changes.

Section 4. WAIVERS BY PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR. Performance Guarantor waives notice of acceptance of this Undertaking, notice of any action taken or omitted by Recipient (or its assigns) in reliance on this Undertaking, and any requirement that Recipient (or its assigns) be diligent or prompt in making demands under this Undertaking, giving notice of any Termination Event, Amortization Event, other default or omission by any Originator or ECM or asserting any other rights of Recipient under this Undertaking. Performance Guarantor warrants that it has adequate means to obtain from each Originator or ECM, on a continuing basis, information concerning the financial condition of such Person and that it is not relying on Recipient to provide such information, now or in the future. Performance Guarantor also irrevocably waives all defenses (i) that at any time may be available in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations by virtue of any statute of limitations, valuation, stay, moratorium law or other similar law now or hereafter in effect or (ii) that arise under the law of suretyship, including impairment of collateral. Recipient (and its assigns) shall be at liberty, without giving notice to or obtaining the assent of Performance Guarantor and without relieving Performance Guarantor of any liability under this Undertaking, to deal with each Originator or ECM and with each other party who now is or after the date hereof becomes liable in any manner for any of the Guaranteed Obligations, in such manner as Recipient in its sole discretion deems fit, and to this end Performance Guarantor agrees that the validity and enforceability of this Undertaking, including without limitation, the provisions of Section 7 hereof, shall not be impaired or affected by any of the following: (a) any extension, modification or renewal of, or indulgence with respect to, or substitutions for, the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or any agreement relating thereto at any time; (b) any failure or omission to enforce any right, power or remedy with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or any agreement relating thereto, or any collateral securing the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; (c) any waiver of any right, power or remedy or of any Termination Event, Amortization Event, or default with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or any agreement relating thereto; (d) any release, surrender, compromise, settlement, waiver, subordination or modification, with or without consideration, of any other obligation of any person or entity with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; (e) the enforceability or validity of the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof or the genuineness, enforceability or validity of any agreement relating thereto or with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; (f) the application of payments received from any source to the payment of any payment Obligations of any Originator or ECM or any part thereof or amounts which are not covered by this Undertaking even though Recipient (or its assigns) might lawfully have elected to apply such payments to any part or all of the payment Obligations of such Originator or ECM or to amounts which are not covered by this Undertaking; (g) the existence of any claim, setoff or other rights which Performance Guarantor may have at any time against any Originator or ECM in connection herewith or any unrelated transaction; (h) any assignment or transfer of the Guaranteed Obligations or any part thereof; or (i) any failure on the part of any Originator or ECM to perform or comply with any term of the Agreements or any other document executed in connection therewith or delivered thereunder, all whether or not Performance Guarantor shall have had notice or knowledge of any act or omission referred to in the foregoing clauses (a) through (i) of this Section 4.

ORIGINATORS. Notwithstanding (a) any change of ownership of any Originator or ECM or the insolvency, bankruptcy or any other change in the legal status of any Originator or ECM; (b) the change in or the imposition of any law, decree, regulation or other governmental act which does or might impair, delay or in any way affect the validity, enforceability or the payment when due of the Guaranteed Obligations; (c) the failure of any Originator, ECM or Performance Guarantor to maintain in full force, validity or effect or to obtain or renew when required all governmental and other approvals, licenses or consents required in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations or this Undertaking, or to take any other action required in connection with the performance of all obligations pursuant to the Guaranteed Obligations or this Undertaking; or (d) if any of the moneys included in the Guaranteed Obligations have become irrecoverable from any Originator or ECM for any other reason other than final payment in full of the payment Obligations in accordance with their terms, this Undertaking shall nevertheless be binding on Performance Guarantor. This Undertaking shall be in addition to any other guaranty or other security for the Guaranteed Obligations, and it shall not be rendered unenforceable by the invalidity of any such other guaranty or security. In the event that acceleration of the time for payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is stayed upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of any Originator or for any other reason with respect to any Originator or ECM, all such amounts then due and owing with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations under the terms of the Agreements, or any other agreement evidencing, securing or otherwise executed in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations, shall be immediately due and payable by Performance Guarantor.

Section 6. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Performance Guarantor hereby represents and warrants to Recipient that:

- (a) EXISTENCE AND STANDING. Performance Guarantor is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of incorporation. Performance Guarantor is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation, and has and holds all corporate power and all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals required to carry on its business in each jurisdiction in which its business is conducted except where the failure to so qualify or so hold could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) AUTHORIZATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; BINDING EFFECT. The execution and delivery by Performance Guarantor of this Undertaking, and the performance of its obligations hereunder, are within its corporate powers and authority and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on its part. This Undertaking has been duly executed and delivered by Performance Guarantor. This Undertaking constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Performance Guarantor enforceable against Performance Guarantor in accordance with their respective terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (c) NO CONFLICT; GOVERNMENT CONSENT. The execution and delivery by Performance Guarantor of this Undertaking, and the performance of its obligations hereunder do not contravene or violate (i) its certificate or articles of incorporation or by-laws, (ii) any law,

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rule or regulation applicable to it, (iii) any restrictions under any agreement, contract or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound, or (iv) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or its property, and do not result in the creation or imposition of any Adverse Claim on assets of Performance Guarantor or its Subsidiaries (except as created hereunder) except, in any case, where such contravention or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (d) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The consolidated financial statements of Performance Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries dated as of December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2003 heretofore delivered to Recipient have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied and fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of Performance Guarantor and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of such dates and for the periods ended on such dates. Since the later of (i) March 31, 2004 and (ii) the last time this representation was made or deemed made, and except as disclosed in the reports made by the Performance Guarantor to the Securities and Exchange Commission, no event has occurred which would or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) TAXES. Performance Guarantor has filed all United States federal tax returns and all other tax returns which are required to be filed and have paid all taxes due pursuant to said returns or pursuant to any assessment received by Performance Guarantor or any of its Subsidiaries, except taxes (i) that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which Performance Guarantor has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (ii) to

the extent the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. As of the date of this Agreement, the United States income tax returns of Performance Guarantor have been audited by the Internal Revenue Service through the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995. No federal or state tax liens have been filed and no claims are being asserted with respect to any such taxes. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of Performance Guarantor in respect of any taxes or other governmental charges are, in the judgment of Performance Guarantor, adequate.

(f) LITIGATION AND CONTINGENT OBLIGATIONS. Except as disclosed in the filings made by Performance Guarantor with the Securities and Exchange Commission, there are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the best of Performance Guarantor's knowledge threatened against or affecting Performance Guarantor or any of its properties, in or before any court, arbitrator or other body, that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on (i) the business, properties, condition (financial or otherwise) or results of operations of Performance Guarantor and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (ii) the ability of Performance Guarantor to perform its obligations under this Undertaking, or (iii) the validity or enforceability of any of this Undertaking or the rights or remedies of Recipient hereunder. Performance Guarantor does not have any material Contingent Obligations not provided for or disclosed in the financial statements referred to in Section 6(d).

Section 7. SUBROGATION; SUBORDINATION. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, until the Guaranteed Obligations are paid in full Performance Guarantor: (a) will not enforce or otherwise exercise any right of subrogation to any of the rights of Recipient, the Agent or any Lender against any Originator or ECM, (b) hereby waives all rights of

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subrogation (whether contractual, under Section 509 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, at law or in equity or otherwise) to the claims of Recipient, the Agent and the Lenders against any Originator or ECM and all contractual, statutory or legal or equitable rights of contribution, reimbursement, indemnification and similar rights and "claims" (as that term is defined in the United States Bankruptcy Code) which Performance Guarantor might now have or hereafter acquire against any Originator or ECM that arise from the existence or performance of Performance Guarantor's obligations hereunder, (c) will not claim any setoff, recoupment or counterclaim against any Originator or ECM in respect of any liability of Performance Guarantor to such Originator or ECM and (d) waives any benefit of and any right to participate in any collateral security which may be held by Secured Parties, the Agent or the Lenders. The payment of any amounts due with respect to any indebtedness of any Originator or ECM now or hereafter owed to Performance Guarantor is hereby subordinated to the prior payment in full of all of the Guaranteed Obligations. Performance Guarantor agrees that, after the occurrence of any default in the payment or performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, Performance Guarantor will not demand, sue for or otherwise attempt to collect any such indebtedness of any Originator or ECM to Performance Guarantor until all of the Guaranteed Obligations shall have been paid and performed in full. If, notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, Performance Guarantor shall collect, enforce or receive any amounts in respect of such indebtedness while any Obligations are still unperformed or outstanding, such amounts shall be collected, enforced and received by Performance Guarantor as trustee for Recipient (and its assigns) and be paid over to Recipient (or its assigns) on account of the Guaranteed Obligations without affecting in any manner the liability of Performance Guarantor under the other provisions of this Undertaking. The provisions of this Section 7 shall be supplemental to and not in derogation of any rights and remedies of Recipient under any separate subordination agreement which Recipient may at any time and from time to time enter into with Performance Guarantor.

Section 8. TERMINATION OF PERFORMANCE UNDERTAKING. Performance Guarantor's obligations hereunder shall continue in full force and effect until the Final Payout Date, PROVIDED THAT this Undertaking shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment or other satisfaction of any of the Guaranteed Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned upon the bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization of any Originator or ECM or otherwise, as though such payment had not been made or other satisfaction occurred, whether or not Recipient (or its assigns) is in possession of this Undertaking. No invalidity, irregularity or unenforceability by reason of the federal bankruptcy code or any insolvency or other similar law, or any law or order of any government or agency thereof purporting to reduce, amend or otherwise affect the Guaranteed Obligations shall impair, affect, be a defense to or claim against the obligations of Performance Guarantor under this Undertaking.

Section 9. EFFECT OF BANKRUPTCY. This Performance Undertaking shall survive the insolvency of any Originator or ECM and the commencement of any case or proceeding by or against any Originator or ECM under the federal bankruptcy code or other federal, state or other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization statutes. No automatic stay under the federal bankruptcy code with respect to any Originator or ECM or other federal, state or other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization statutes to which any Originator or ECM is subject shall postpone the obligations of Performance

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Section 10. SETOFF. Regardless of the other means of obtaining payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligations, Recipient (and its assigns) is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, but only during the existence of an Amortization Event, without notice to Performance Guarantor (any such notice being expressly waived by Performance Guarantor) and to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off and apply any deposits and other sums against the obligations of Performance Guarantor under this Undertaking then past due for more than two (2) Business Days.

Section 11. TAXES. All payments to be made by Performance Guarantor hereunder shall be made free and clear of any deduction or withholding (except for taxes excluded under Section 10.1 of the Credit and Security Agreement). If Performance Guarantor is required by law to make any deduction or withholding on account of tax (except for taxes excluded under Section 10.1 of the Credit and Security Agreement) or otherwise from any such payment, the sum due from it in respect of such payment shall be increased to the extent necessary to ensure that, after the making of such deduction or withholding, Recipient receive a net sum equal to the sum which they would have received had no deduction or withholding been made.

Section 12. FURTHER ASSURANCES. Performance Guarantor agrees that it will from time to time, at the request of Recipient (or its assigns), provide information relating to the business and affairs of Performance Guarantor as Recipient may reasonably request. Performance Guarantor also agrees to do all such things and execute all such documents as Recipient (or its assigns) may reasonably consider necessary or desirable to give full effect to this Undertaking and to perfect and preserve the rights and powers of Recipient hereunder.

Section 13. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. This Performance Undertaking shall be binding upon Performance Guarantor, its successors and permitted assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Recipient and its successors and assigns. Performance Guarantor may not assign or transfer any of its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each of Recipient and the Agent. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence, Recipient may assign or otherwise transfer the Agreements, any other documents executed in connection therewith or delivered thereunder or any other agreement or note held by them evidencing, securing or otherwise executed in connection with the Guaranteed Obligations, or sell participations in any interest therein, to any other entity or other person, and such other entity or other person shall thereupon become vested, to the extent set forth in the agreement evidencing such assignment, transfer or participation, with all the rights in respect thereof granted to the Secured Parties herein.

Section 14. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Undertaking nor consent to any departure by Performance Guarantor therefrom shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by Recipient, the Agent and Performance Guarantor. No failure on the part of Recipient to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

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Section 15. NOTICES. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be made in writing and shall be addressed as follows: if to Performance Guarantor, at the address set forth beneath its signature hereto, and if to Recipient, at the addresses set forth beneath its signature to the Credit and Security Agreement, or at such other addresses as each of Performance Guarantor or any Recipient may designate in writing to the other. Each such notice or other communication shall be effective (1) if given by telecopy, upon the receipt thereof, (2) if given by mail, three (3) Business Days after the time such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid or (3) if given by any other means, when received at the address specified in this Section 15.

Section 16. GOVERNING LAW. THIS UNDERTAKING SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS (AND NOT THE LAW OF CONFLICTS) OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 17. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH OF PROVIDER AND RECIPIENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR NEW YORK STATE COURT SITTING IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS UNDERTAKING, THE AGREEMENTS OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT EXECUTED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH OR DELIVERED THEREUNDER AND EACH OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTOR AND RECIPIENT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT

Section 18. BANKRUPTCY PETITION. Performance Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding senior Indebtedness of Conduit, it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, Conduit any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings or other similar proceeding under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States.

Section 19. MISCELLANEOUS. This Undertaking constitutes the entire agreement of Performance Guarantor with respect to the matters set forth herein. The rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law or any other agreement, and this Undertaking shall be in addition to any other guaranty of or collateral security for any of the Guaranteed Obligations. The provisions of this Undertaking are severable, and in any action or proceeding involving any state corporate law, or any state or federal bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other law affecting the rights of creditors generally, if the obligations of Performance Guarantor hereunder would otherwise be held or determined to be avoidable, invalid or unenforceable on account of the amount of Performance Guarantor's liability under this Undertaking, then, notwithstanding any other provision of this Undertaking to the contrary, the amount of such liability shall, without any further action by Performance Guarantor or Recipient, be automatically limited and reduced to the highest amount

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that is valid and enforceable as determined in such action or proceeding. Any provisions of this Undertaking which are prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Unless otherwise specified, references herein to "SECTION" shall mean a reference to sections of this Undertaking.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Performance Guarantor has caused this Undertaking to be executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

EQUIFAX INC.

Ву:		
Name:		
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EQUIFAX INC.

## NON-QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

(PARTICIPANT)

Number of Shares:

Option Price: \$

Date of Grant:

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the above Date of Grant, by and between Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), and the above-named Participant ("Participant"). This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Equifax Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time (the "Plan") and, unless defined in this Agreement, all terms used in this Agreement have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

- 1. GRANT OF OPTION. The Company on the "Date of Grant" granted to Participant (subject to the terms of the Plan and this Agreement) the right to purchase from the Company all or part of the Number of Shares stated above (the "Option"). This Agreement is not intended to be an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").
- 2. BASIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Option is subject to the following basic terms and conditions:
  - (a) EXPIRATION DATE. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Option will expire ten (10) years from the Date of Grant (the "Expiration Date").
  - (b) EXERCISE OF OPTION. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, the Option shall be exercisable with respect to one-fourth of the Number of Shares subject to this option on the Date of Grant and with respect to an additional one-fourth of the Number of Shares subject to this Option on each of the first three anniversaries of the Date of Grant so that this Option shall be fully exercisable on the third anniversary of the Date of Grant, provided the Participant (i) remains employed by the Company or a Subsidiary or (ii) subject to the provisions of subparagraph 2(e)(ii), terminates employment by reason of Retirement (as defined in subparagraph 2(e)(ii)). Once exercisable, in whole or part, it will continue to be so exercisable until the earlier of the termination of Participant's rights under subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, or the Expiration Date. The Option may be exercised in one or more exercises, provided that each exercise must be for a multiple of twenty-five (25) shares (E.G., 25 shares, 50 shares, 100 shares), up to the full number for which the Option is then

exercisable, unless the Number of Shares then exercisable is less than twenty-five (25), in which case the Option may be exercised for that lesser Number of Shares.

METHOD OF EXERCISE AND PAYMENT FOR SHARES. In order to exercise (c) the Option, Participant must give written notice in a manner prescribed by the Company from time to time together with payment of the Option Price to the Company's Stock Option Administrator at the Company's principal office in Atlanta, Georgia, or as otherwise directed by the Administrator. The Date of Exercise will be the date of receipt of the notice or any later date specified in the notice. Participant must pay the Option Price (i) in cash or a cash equivalent acceptable to the Committee, or (ii) in the Committee's discretion, by the surrender (or attestation of ownership) of shares of Common Stock (held by Participant for at least six (6) months) with an aggregate Fair Market Value (based on the closing price of a share of Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite index on the Date of Exercise) that is not less than the Option Price, or by surrender of property described in and subject to the conditions provided in Section 4(d) of the Plan, or (iii) by a combination of cash and such shares. Payment of the Option Price may be deferred in the discretion of the Committee to accommodate proceeds of sale of some or all of the shares to which this grant relates.

If at exercise, Participant is not in compliance with the

Company's minimum stock ownership guidelines then in effect for Participant's job grade or classification, if any, Participant will not be entitled to exercise the Option using a "cashless exercise program" of the Company (if then in effect), unless the net proceeds received by Participant from that exercise consist only of shares of Company stock, and Participant agrees to hold all those shares for at least one (1) year.

- (d) NON-TRANSFERABILITY. Participant's rights under this Agreement are non-transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, in which case all of Participant's remaining rights under this Agreement must be transferred undivided to the same person or persons. During Participant's lifetime, only Participant (or Participant's legal representative if Participant is incompetent) may exercise the Option.
- (e) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. Except as provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below, or paragraph 3, the Option will expire and will not be exercisable after termination of Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary.
  - (i) ELIMINATION OF POSITION. Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from the Company's elimination of the position held by Participant, then Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the date of termination and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subsection 2(e)(iv)(A) below, that right will continue until the earlier of the last day of the one-year period

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commencing on the date of termination of employment, or the Expiration Date.  $\,$ 

(ii) RETIREMENT. Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's Retirement (as defined below), Participant will continue to vest in the Option in accordance with the original vesting schedule in subparagraph 2(b) above as if he had remained actively employed; provided, that upon Participant's death, all vesting will cease and the Option will be exercisable with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option is vested and exercisable on the date of Participant's death and the remaining portion shall be cancelled.

Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option is vested and exercisable from time to time until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's Retirement, or the Expiration Date. "Retirement" means Participant's termination of employment with the Company or a Subsidiary (other than by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause) at a time when Participant is eligible for immediate payment of benefits under Participant's applicable defined benefit retirement plan, if any, or in the absence of an applicable defined benefit retirement plan, as determined by the Committee.

- (iii) DISABILITY. Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's total and permanent disability, confirmed by the statement of a licensed physician chosen or approved by the Committee, then Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the last date of Participant's active employment and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e)(iv)(A) below that right will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the last date of Participant's active employment or the Expiration Date.
- (iv) DEATH.
  - (A) Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's death, then

Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution, will have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the date of Participant's death and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. That right will continue until

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the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's death or the Expiration Date.

- (B) If Participant dies following termination of employment and prior to the expiration of any remaining period during which the Option may be exercised in accordance with subparagraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) above, or paragraph 3, the remaining period during which the Option will be exercisable (by Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will be the greater of (a) the remaining period under the applicable subparagraph or paragraph referred to above, or (b) six (6) months from the date of death; provided that under no circumstances will the Option be exercisable after the Expiration Date.
- 3. CHANGE IN CONTROL. If a Change in Control of the Company occurs while Participant is employed by the Company or a Subsidiary, then the entire Number of Shares represented by the Option which had not yet been exercised will become immediately vested and exercisable (the "Unexercised Portion"). If Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates after the date on which the Change in Control occurs other than as a result of a termination by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause, then Participant (or, if applicable, Participant's estate or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will have the right to exercise the Unexercised Portion. Except as provided in Section 2(e)(iv)(B) above or Section 4 below, that right may be exercised until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the termination of Participant's employment or the Expiration Date.

### 4. CANCELLATION AND RESCISSION OF OPTION.

- If, at any time, (i) during the Participant's employment with the Company or (ii) during the period after the Participant's termination of employment with the Company for any reason during which all or part of the Option remains exercisable, but not to exceed 24 months following the Participant's termination of employment, a Participant engages in any "Detrimental Activity" (as defined in subsection (b) below), the Committee may, notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, cancel, rescind, suspend, withhold or otherwise restrict or limit this Option as of the first date the Participant engaged in the Detrimental Activity, as determined by the Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may also require the Participant to pay to the Company any gain realized by the Participant from exercising all or any portion of the Option hereunder during the period beginning six (6) months prior to the date on which Participant engaged or began engaging in Detrimental Activity.
- (b) For purposes of this Agreement, "Detrimental Activity" shall mean and include any of the following:

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- (i) the breach or violation of any other agreement between Participant and the Company relating to the protection of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets, the solicitation of employees, customers or suppliers, or the refraining from competition with the Company;
- (ii) the disclosure, reproduction or use of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets (each as defined below) for the benefit of the Participant or third parties except in connection with the performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or, after advance notice to the Company, as required by a valid order or subpoena issued

by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction;

- (iii) the use, reproduction, disclosure or distribution of any information which the Company is required to hold confidential under applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. ss. 1681 et seq.) and any state credit reporting statutes;
- (iv) the making, or causing or attempting to cause any other person to make, any statement, either written or oral, or conveying any information about the Company which is disparaging or which in any way reflects negatively upon the Company;
- (v) the solicitation or attempt to solicit any customer or actively targeted potential customer of the Company with whom the Participant had material contact on the Company's behalf during the 12 months immediately preceding the Participant's termination of employment;
- (vi) the solicitation or recruitment, attempt to solicit or recruit, or the assistance of others in soliciting or recruiting, any individual who is or was, within 6 months of the date in question, an employee of the Company unless such former employee was terminated by the Company without cause, or the inducement of (or attempt to induce) any such employee of the Company to terminate his employment with the Company; or
- (vii) the refusal or failure of a Participant to provide, upon the request of the Company, a certification, in a form satisfactory to the Company, that he or she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including, without limitation, a certification that the Participant is not engaging in Detrimental Activity.
- "Trade Secret" means information, including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, or a list of actual or potential Company customers or suppliers which (i) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and (ii) is the subject of the

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Company's efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain secrecy; or as otherwise defined by applicable state law.

- (d) "Confidential Information" means any and all knowledge, information, data, methods or plans (other than Trade Secrets) which are now or at any time in the future developed, used or employed by the Company which are treated as confidential by the Company and not generally disclosed by the Company to the public, and which relate to the business or financial affairs of the Company, including, but not limited to, financial statements and information, marketing strategies, business development plans, acquisition or divestiture plans, and product or process enhancement plans.
- (e) Should any provision of this Paragraph 4 be held to be invalid or illegal, such illegality shall not invalidate the whole of this Paragraph 4, but, rather, the Plan shall be construed as if it did not contain the illegal part or be narrowed to permit its enforcement, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.
- 5. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE. For purposes of this Agreement, termination for "Cause" means termination as a result of (a) the willful and continued failure by Participant to substantially perform his or her duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from Participant's incapacity due to physical or mental illness), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to Participant by his or her superior officer which specifically identifies the manner the officer believes that Participant has not substantially performed his or her duties, or (b) Participant's willful misconduct which materially injures the Company, monetarily or otherwise. For purposes of this paragraph, Participant's act, or failure to act, will not be considered "willful"

unless the act or failure to act is not in good faith and without reasonable belief that his or her action or omission was in the best interest of the Company.

- 6. FRACTIONAL SHARES. Fractional shares will not be issued, and when any provision of this Agreement otherwise would entitle Participant to receive a fractional share, that fraction will be disregarded.
- 7. NO RIGHT TO CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT. This Agreement does not give Participant any right to continued employment by the Company or a Subsidiary, and it will not interfere in any way with the right of the Company or Subsidiary to terminate Participant's employment at any time.
- 8. ADJUSTMENTS IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE. The terms of this Option will be adjusted as the Committee determines in its sole discretion is equitably required to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of the Participant in accordance with Section 10 of the Plan.
- GOVERNING LAW. The Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
- 10. CONFLICTS. If provisions of the Plan and the provisions of this Agreement conflict, the Plan provisions will govern.

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- PARTICIPANT BOUND BY PLAN. Participant acknowledges receiving a summary of the Plan, which provides that upon request a copy of the Plan will be provided to the Participant free of charge, and agrees to be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Plan. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the definitions given to them in the Plan.
- 12. BINDING EFFECT. Except as limited by the Plan or this Agreement, this Agreement is binding on and extends to the legatees, distributes, and personal representatives of Participant and the successors of the Company.
- 13. TAXES. Under procedures established by the Committee, the Company may withhold from Common Stock delivered to the Participant sufficient shares of Common Stock (valued as of the Date of Exercise) to satisfy required federal, state and local withholding and employment taxes, or the Participant will pay or deliver to the Company cash or Common Stock (valued as of the Date of Exercise) in sufficient amounts to satisfy these obligations. The Company shall not, however, withhold any amount in excess of the minimum required amount.
- 14. TRANSFER OF DATA. In order to effectively administer Equifax's global compensation and benefit programs, we may transfer personal data from your Equifax employment file to a centralized repository controlled by Equifax in the United States of America. Your personal data in the repository will be used solely for internal Equifax purposes. You may examine your employee information file should you wish to do so. By signing this agreement, you provide your consent to this transfer and use of this data.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized officer of the Company and Participant have signed this Agreement effective as of the Date of Grant.

	Print Name
Thomas F. Chapman Chairman & CEO	Signature
Ву:	
EQUIFAX INC.	PARTICIPANT

EQUIFAX INC.

#### NON-QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

UK VERSION- APPROVED OPTION SCHEME

PARTICIPANT

Number of Shares:

Option Price:

Date of Grant:

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the above Date of Grant, by and between Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), and the above-named Participant ("Participant"). This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Equifax Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time (the "Plan") and, unless defined in this Agreement, all terms used in this Agreement have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

- 1) GRANT OF OPTION. The Company on the "Date of Grant" granted to Participant (subject to the terms of the Plan and this Agreement) the right to purchase from the Company all or part of the Number of Shares stated above (the "Option"). This Agreement is not intended to be an incentive stock option under section 422A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").
- 2) BASIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Option is subject to the following basic terms and conditions:
  - a) EXPIRATION DATE. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Option will expire ten (10) years from the Date of Grant (the "Expiration Date").
  - EXERCISE OF OPTION. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, the Option shall be exercisable with respect to one-fourth of the shares subject to this option on the Date of Grant and with respect to an additional one-fourth of the shares subject to this option on each anniversary of the Date of Grant so that this option shall be fully exercisable on the third anniversary of the Date of Grant, provided the Participant remains employed by the Company or a Subsidiary. Once exercisable, in whole or part, it will continue to be so exercisable until the earlier of the termination of Participant's rights under subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, or the Expiration Date. The Option may be exercised in one or more exercises, provided that each exercise must be for a multiple of twenty-five (25) shares (E.G., 25 shares, 50 shares, 100 shares), up to the full number for which the Option is then exercisable, unless the number of

shares then exercisable is less than twenty-five (25), in which case the Option may be exercised for that lesser number of shares.

METHOD OF EXERCISE AND PAYMENT FOR SHARES. In order to exercise C) the Option, Participant must give written notice in a manner prescribed by the Company from time to time together with payment of the Option Price to the Company's Stock Option Administrator at the Company's principal office in Atlanta, Georgia, or as otherwise directed by the Administrator. The Date of Exercise will be the date of receipt of the notice or any later date specified in the notice. Participant must pay the Option Price (i) in cash or a cash equivalent acceptable to the Committee, or (ii) in the Committee's discretion, by the surrender (or attestation of ownership) of shares of Common Stock (held by Participant for at least six (6) months) with an aggregate Fair Market Value (based on the closing price of a share of Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite index on the Date of Exercise) that is not less than the Option Price, or by surrender of property described in and subject to the conditions provided in Section 4(d) of the Plan, or (iii) by a combination of cash and such shares. Payment of the Option Price may be deferred in the discretion of the Committee to accommodate proceeds of sale of some or all of the shares to which this grant relates.

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- e) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. Except as provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below, or paragraph 3, the Option will expire and will not be exercisable after termination of Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary.
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one-year period commencing on the date of termination of employment, or the Expiration Date.

- ii) RETIREMENT. Except as provided in paragraphs 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's Retirement, Participant will continue to vest in the Option in accordance with the original vesting schedule in Subparagraph 2(b) above as if he had remained actively employed; provided that upon Participant's death all vesting will cease and the Option will be exercisable with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option is vested and exercisable on the date of death, and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e)(iv) below, the right to exercise the Option will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's Retirement, or the Expiration Date. "Retirement" means Participant's termination of employment with the Company or a Subsidiary (other than by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause) at a time when Participant is eligible for immediate payment of benefits under Participant's applicable retirement plan, if any, or in the absence of an applicable retirement plan, as determined by the Committee.
- DISABILITY. Except as provided in paragraphs 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's total and permanent disability, confirmed by a licensed physician's statement, then Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the last date of Participant's active employment and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e) (iv) below, the right to exercise the Option will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the last date of Participant's active employment or the Expiration Date.

# iv) DEATH.

(A) Except as provided in paragraphs 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's death, then Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution, will have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares

for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the date of Participant's death, and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. The right to exercise the Option will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's death or the Expiration Date.

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- (B) If Participant dies following termination of employment and prior to the expiration of any remaining period during which the Option may be exercised in accordance with subparagraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) above, or paragraph 3, the remaining period during which the Option will be exercisable (by Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will be the greater of (a) the remaining period under the applicable subparagraph or paragraph referred to above, or (b) six (6) months from the date of death; provided that under no circumstances will the Option be exercisable after the Expiration Date.
- CHANGE IN CONTROL. If a Change in Control of the Company occurs while Participant is employed by the Company or a Subsidiary, then the entire Number of Shares represented by the Option not yet been exercised will become immediately vested and exercisable (the "Unexercised Portion"). If Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates after the date on which the Change in Control occurs other than as a result of a termination by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause, then Participant (or, if applicable, Participant's estate or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will have the right to exercise the Unexercised Portion. Except as provided in Section 2(e) (iv) (B) above or Section 4 below, that right will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the termination of Participant's employment, or the Expiration Date.
- 4) CANCELLATION AND RESCISSION OF OPTION.
  - If, at any time, (i) during the Participant's employment with the Company or (ii) during the period after the Participant's termination of employment with the Company for any reason during which all or part of the Option remains exercisable, but not to exceed 24 months following the Participant's termination of employment, a Participant engages in any "Detrimental Activity" (as defined in subsection (b) below), the Committee may, notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, cancel, rescind, suspend, withhold or otherwise restrict or limit this Option as of the first date the Participant engaged in the Detrimental Activity, as determined by the Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may also require the Participant to pay to the Company any gain realized by the Participant from exercising all or any portion of the Option hereunder during the period beginning six (6) months prior to the date on which Participant engaged or began engaging in Detrimental Activity.
  - b) For purposes of this Agreement, "Detrimental Activity" shall mean and include any of the following:
    - i) the breach or violation of any other agreement between Participant and the Company relating to the protection of Confidential Information or Trade

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Secrets, the solicitation of employees, customers or suppliers, or the refraining from competition with the Company;

- ii) the disclosure, reproduction or use of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets (each as defined below) for the benefit of the Participant or third parties except in connection with the performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or, after advance notice to the Company, as required by a valid order or subpoena issued by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction;
- iii) the use, reproduction, disclosure or distribution of any information which the Company is required to hold

confidential under applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. ss. 1681 et seq.) and any state credit reporting statutes;

- iv) the making, or causing or attempting to cause any other person to make, any statement, either written or oral, or conveying any information about the Company which is disparaging or which in any way reflects negatively upon the Company;
- v) the solicitation or attempt to solicit any customer or actively targeted potential customer of the Company with whom the Participant had material contact on the Company's behalf during the 12 months immediately preceding the Participant's termination of employment;
- vi) the solicitation or recruitment, attempt to solicit or recruit, or the assistance of others in soliciting or recruiting, any individual who is or was, within 6 months of the date in question, an employee of the Company unless such former employee was terminated by the Company without cause, or the inducement of (or attempt to induce) any such employee of the Company to terminate his employment with the Company; or
- vii) the refusal or failure of a Participant to provide, upon the request of the Company, a certification, in a form satisfactory to the Company, that he or she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including, without limitation, a certification that the Participant is not engaging in Detrimental Activity.
- "Trade Secret" means information, including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, or a list of actual or potential Company customers or suppliers which (i) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and (ii) is the subject of the Company's efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain secrecy; or as otherwise defined by applicable state law.

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- d) "Confidential Information" means any and all knowledge, information, data, methods or plans (other than Trade Secrets) which are now or at any time in the future developed, used or employed by the Company which are treated as confidential by the Company and not generally disclosed by the Company to the public, and which relate to the business or financial affairs of the Company, including, but not limited to, financial statements and information, marketing strategies, business development plans, acquisition or divestiture plans, and product or process enhancement plans.
- e) Should any provision of this Paragraph 4 be held to be invalid or illegal, such illegality shall not invalidate the whole of this Paragraph 4, but, rather, the Plan shall be construed as if it did not contain the illegal part or be narrowed to permit its enforcement, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.
- TERMINATION FOR CAUSE. For purposes of this Agreement, termination for "Cause" means termination as a result of (a) the willful and continued failure by Participant to substantially perform his or her duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from Participant's incapacity due to physical or mental illness), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to Participant by his or her superior officer which specifically identifies the manner the officer believes that Participant has not substantially performed his or her duties, or (b) Participant's willful misconduct which materially injures the Company, monetarily or otherwise. For purposes of this paragraph, Participant's act, or failure to act, will not be considered "willful" unless the act or failure to act is not in good faith and without reasonable belief that his or her action or omission was in the best interest of the Company.
  - FRACTIONAL SHARES. Fractional shares will not be issued, and when any provision of this Agreement otherwise would entitle Participant to receive a fractional share, that fraction will be disregarded.

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- 7) NO RIGHT TO CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Plan:
  - The Plan shall not form any part of any contract of employment between the Company or any Subsidiary and any employees of any of those companies, and it shall not confer on any such employees any legal or equitable rights (other than those constituting the Options themselves) against the Company or any Subsidiary, directly or indirectly, or give rise to any cause of action in law or in equity against the Company or any Subsidiary;
  - b) The benefits to Eligible Employees under the Plan shall not form any part of their wages or remuneration or count as pay or remuneration for pension fund or other purposes; and
  - In no circumstances shall any Eligible Employee on ceasing to hold the office or employment by virtue of which he is or may be eligible to participate in the Plan

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be entitled to any compensation for any loss of any right or benefit or prospective right or benefit under the Plan which he might otherwise have enjoyed whether such compensation is claimed by way of damages for wrongful dismissal or other breach of contract or by way of compensation for loss of office or otherwise.

By accepting the grant of an Option, an Optionee shall be deemed to have agreed to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7.

- 8) CHANGE IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE. The terms of this Option will be adjusted as the Committee determines in its sole discretion is equitably required to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of the Participant in accordance with Section 9 of the Plan.
- 9) GOVERNING LAW. The validity, interpretation, construction and performance of the Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America without giving effect to the conflicts of laws principles thereof.
- 10) CONFLICTS. If provisions of the Plan and the provisions of this Agreement conflict, the Plan provisions will govern.
- PARTICIPANT BOUND BY PLAN. Participant acknowledges receiving a summary of the Plan, which provides that upon request a copy of the Plan will be provided to the Participant free of charge, and agrees to be bound by all terms and provisions of the Plan. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the definitions given to them in the Plan.
- 12) BINDING EFFECT. Except as limited by the Plan or this Agreement, this Agreement is binding on and extends to the legatees, distributes, and personal representatives of Participant and the successors of the Company.
- TAXES. Under procedures established by the Committee, the Company may withhold from Common Stock delivered to the Participant sufficient shares of Common Stock (valued as of the Date of Exercise) to satisfy any United Kingdom taxes and any United States Tax liabilities, or other taxes imposed by Participant's jurisdiction, or the Participant will pay or deliver to the Company cash or Common Stock (valued as of the Date of Exercise) in sufficient amounts to satisfy these obligations. The Company shall not, however, withhold any amount in excess of the minimum required amount.
- TRANSFER OF DATA. In order to effectively administer Equifax's global compensation and benefit programs, we may transfer personal data from your Equifax employment file to a centralized repository controlled by Equifax in the United States of America. Your personal data in the repository will be used solely for internal Equifax purposes. You may examine your employee information file should you wish to do so. By signing this agreement, you provide your consent to this transfer and use of this data.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized officer of the Company and Participant have signed this Agreement effective as of the Date of Grant.

By: /s/ Thomas F. Chapman

Thomas F. Chapman Chairman & CEO Signature

Print Name

EQUIFAX INC.

#### NON-QUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

UK VERSION- UNAPPROVED OPTION

PARTICIPANT

Number of Shares:

Option Price: \$

Date of Grant:

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the above Date of Grant, by and between Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), and the above-named Participant ("Participant"). This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Equifax Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time (the "Plan") and, unless defined in this Agreement, all terms used in this Agreement have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

- 1) GRANT OF OPTION. The Company on the "Date of Grant" granted to Participant (subject to the terms of the Plan and this Agreement) the right to purchase from the Company all or part of the Number of Shares stated above (the "Option"). This Agreement is not intended to be an incentive stock option under section 422A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").
- 2) BASIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Option is subject to the following basic terms and conditions:
  - a) EXPIRATION DATE. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Option will expire ten (10) years from the Date of Grant (the "Expiration Date").
  - EXERCISE OF OPTION. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, the Option shall be exercisable with respect to one-third of the shares subject to this option on the first anniversary of the Date of Grant and with respect to an additional one-third of the shares subject to this option on each anniversary of the Date of Grant so that this option shall be fully exercisable on the third anniversary of the Date of Grant, provided the Participant remains employed by the Company or a Subsidiary. Once exercisable, in whole or part, it will continue to be so exercisable until the earlier of the termination of Participant's rights under subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, or the Expiration Date. The Option may be exercised in one or more exercises, provided that each exercise must be for a multiple of twenty-five (25) shares (E.G., 25 shares, 50 shares, 100 shares), up to the full number for which the Option is then exercisable, unless the number of

shares then exercisable is less than twenty-five (25), in which case the Option may be exercised for that lesser number of shares.

METHOD OF EXERCISE AND PAYMENT FOR SHARES. In order to exercise c) the Option, Participant must give written notice in a manner prescribed by the Company from time to time together with payment of the Option Price to the Company's Stock Option Administrator at the Company's principal office in Atlanta, Georgia, or as otherwise directed by the Administrator. The Date of Exercise will be the date of receipt of the notice or any later date specified in the notice. Participant must pay the Option Price (i) in cash or a cash equivalent acceptable to the Committee, or (ii) in the Committee's discretion, by the surrender (or attestation of ownership) of shares of Common Stock (held by Participant for at least six (6) months) with an aggregate Fair Market Value (based on the closing price of a share of Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite index on the Date of Exercise) that is not less than the Option Price, or by surrender of property described in and subject to the conditions provided in Section 4(d) of the Plan, or (iii) by a combination of cash and such shares. Payment of the Option Price may be deferred in the discretion of the Committee to accommodate proceeds of sale of some or all of the shares to which this grant relates.

> If at exercise, Participant is not in compliance with the Company's minimum stock ownership guidelines then in effect for Participant's job grade or classification, if any, Participant

will not be entitled to exercise the Option using a "cashless exercise program" of the Company (if then in effect), unless the net proceeds received by Participant from that exercise consist only of shares of Company stock, and Participant agrees to hold all those shares for at least one (1) year.

- d) NON-TRANSFERABILITY. Participant's rights under this Agreement are non-transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, in which case all of Participant's remaining rights under this Agreement must be transferred undivided to the same person or persons. During Participant's lifetime, only Participant (or Participant's legal representative if Participant is incompetent) may exercise the Option.
- e) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. Except as provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below, or paragraph 3, the Option will expire and will not be exercisable after termination of Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary.
  - i) ELIMINATION OF POSITION. Except as provided in paragraphs 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from the Company's elimination of the position held by Participant, then Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the date of termination, and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subsection 2(e)(iv) below, the right to exercise the Option will continue until the earlier of the last day of the

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one-year period commencing on the date of termination of employment, or the Expiration Date.

- ii) RETIREMENT. Except as provided in paragraphs 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's Retirement, Participant will continue to vest in the Option in accordance with the original vesting schedule in Subparagraph 2(b) above as if he had remained actively employed; provided that upon Participant's death all vesting will cease and the Option will be exercisable with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option is vested and exercisable on the date of death, and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e)(iv) below, the right to exercise the Option will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's Retirement, or the Expiration Date. "Retirement" means Participant's termination of employment with the Company or a Subsidiary (other than by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause) at a time when Participant is eligible for immediate payment of benefits under Participant's applicable retirement plan, if any, or in the absence of an applicable retirement plan, as determined by the Committee.
- DISABILITY. Except as provided in paragraphs 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's total and permanent disability, confirmed by a licensed physician's statement, then Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the last date of Participant's active employment and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e) (iv) below, the right to exercise the Option will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the last date of Participant's active employment or the Expiration Date.

# iv) DEATH.

(A) Except as provided in paragraphs 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's death, then Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution, will have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable

on the date of Participant's death, and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. The right to exercise the Option will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's death or the Expiration Date.

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- If Participant dies following termination of (B) employment and prior to the expiration of any remaining period during which the Option may be exercised in accordance with subparagraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) above, or paragraph 3, the remaining period during which the Option will be exercisable (by Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will be the greater of (a) the remaining period under the applicable subparagraph or paragraph referred to above, or (b) six (6) months from the date of death; provided that under no circumstances will the Option be exercisable after the Expiration Date.
- CHANGE IN CONTROL. If a Change in Control of the Company occurs while Participant is employed by the Company or a Subsidiary, then the entire Number of Shares represented by the Option not yet been exercised will become immediately vested and exercisable (the "Unexercised Portion"). If Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates after the date on which the Change in Control occurs other than as a result of a termination by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause, then Participant (or, if applicable, Participant's estate or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will have the right to exercise the Unexercised Portion. Except as provided in Section 2(e) (iv) (B) above or Section 4 below, that right will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the termination of Participant's employment, or the Expiration Date.
- 4) CANCELLATION AND RESCISSION OF OPTION.
  - If, at any time, (i) during the Participant's employment with a) the Company or (ii) during the period after the Participant's termination of employment with the Company for any reason during which all or part of the Option remains exercisable, but not to exceed 24 months following the Participant's termination of employment, a Participant engages in any "Detrimental Activity" (as defined in subsection (b) below), the Committee may, notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, cancel, rescind, suspend, withhold or otherwise restrict or limit this Option as of the first date the Participant engaged in the Detrimental Activity, as determined by the Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may also require the Participant to pay to the Company any gain realized by the Participant from exercising all or any portion of the Option hereunder during the period beginning six (6) months prior to the date on which Participant engaged or began engaging in Detrimental Activity.
  - b) For purposes of this Agreement, "Detrimental Activity" shall mean and include any of the following:
    - i) the breach or violation of any other agreement between Participant and the Company relating to the protection of Confidential Information or Trade

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Secrets, the solicitation of employees, customers or suppliers, or the refraining from competition with the Company:

- ii) the disclosure, reproduction or use of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets (each as defined below) for the benefit of the Participant or third parties except in connection with the performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or, after advance notice to the Company, as required by a valid order or subpoena issued by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction;
- iii) the use, reproduction, disclosure or distribution of any information which the Company is required to hold confidential under applicable federal and state laws and

regulations, including the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. ss. 1681 et seq.) and any state credit reporting statutes;

- iv) the making, or causing or attempting to cause any other person to make, any statement, either written or oral, or conveying any information about the Company which is disparaging or which in any way reflects negatively upon the Company;
- v) the solicitation or attempt to solicit any customer or actively targeted potential customer of the Company with whom the Participant had material contact on the Company's behalf during the 12 months immediately preceding the Participant's termination of employment;
- vi) the solicitation or recruitment, attempt to solicit or recruit, or the assistance of others in soliciting or recruiting, any individual who is or was, within 6 months of the date in question, an employee of the Company unless such former employee was terminated by the Company without cause, or the inducement of (or attempt to induce) any such employee of the Company to terminate his employment with the Company; or
- vii) the refusal or failure of a Participant to provide, upon the request of the Company, a certification, in a form satisfactory to the Company, that he or she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including, without limitation, a certification that the Participant is not engaging in Detrimental Activity.
- "Trade Secret" means information, including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, or a list of actual or potential Company customers or suppliers which (i) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and (ii) is the subject of the Company's efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain secrecy; or as otherwise defined by applicable state law.

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- d) "Confidential Information" means any and all knowledge, information, data, methods or plans (other than Trade Secrets) which are now or at any time in the future developed, used or employed by the Company which are treated as confidential by the Company and not generally disclosed by the Company to the public, and which relate to the business or financial affairs of the Company, including, but not limited to, financial statements and information, marketing strategies, business development plans, acquisition or divestiture plans, and product or process enhancement plans.
- e) Should any provision of this Paragraph 4 be held to be invalid or illegal, such illegality shall not invalidate the whole of this Paragraph 4, but, rather, the Plan shall be construed as if it did not contain the illegal part or be narrowed to permit its enforcement, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.
- TERMINATION FOR CAUSE. For purposes of this Agreement, termination for "Cause" means termination as a result of (a) the willful and continued failure by Participant to substantially perform his or her duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from Participant's incapacity due to physical or mental illness), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to Participant by his or her superior officer which specifically identifies the manner the officer believes that Participant has not substantially performed his or her duties, or (b) Participant's willful misconduct which materially injures the Company, monetarily or otherwise. For purposes of this paragraph, Participant's act, or failure to act, will not be considered "willful" unless the act or failure to act is not in good faith and without reasonable belief that his or her action or omission was in the best interest of the Company.
- 6) FRACTIONAL SHARES. Fractional shares will not be issued, and when any provision of this Agreement otherwise would entitle Participant to receive a fractional share, that fraction will be disregarded.

- 7) NO RIGHT TO CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Plan:
  - The Plan shall not form any part of any contract of employment between the Company or any Subsidiary and any employees of any of those companies, and it shall not confer on any such employees any legal or equitable rights (other than those constituting the Options themselves) against the Company or any Subsidiary, directly or indirectly, or give rise to any cause of action in law or in equity against the Company or any Subsidiary;
  - b) The benefits to Eligible Employees under the Plan shall not form any part of their wages or remuneration or count as pay or remuneration for pension fund or other purposes; and
  - c) In no circumstances shall any Eligible Employee on ceasing to hold the office or employment by virtue of which he is or may be eligible to participate in the Plan

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be entitled to any compensation for any loss of any right or benefit or prospective right or benefit under the Plan which he might otherwise have enjoyed whether such compensation is claimed by way of damages for wrongful dismissal or other breach of contract or by way of compensation for loss of office or otherwise

By accepting the grant of an Option, an Optionee shall be deemed to have agreed to the foregoing provisions of this Section 7.

- 8) CHANGE IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE. The terms of this Option will be adjusted as the Committee determines in its sole discretion is equitably required to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of the Participant in accordance with Section 9 of the Plan.
- 9) GOVERNING LAW. The validity, interpretation, construction and performance of the Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America without giving effect to the conflicts of laws principles thereof.
- 10) CONFLICTS. If provisions of the Plan and the provisions of this Agreement conflict, the Plan provisions will govern.
- PARTICIPANT BOUND BY PLAN. Participant acknowledges receiving a summary of the Plan, which provides that upon request a copy of the Plan will be provided to the Participant free of charge, and agrees to be bound by all terms and provisions of the Plan. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the definitions given to them in the Plan.
- 12) BINDING EFFECT. Except as limited by the Plan or this Agreement, this Agreement is binding on and extends to the legatees, distributes, and personal representatives of Participant and the successors of the Company.
- TAXES. Under procedures established by the Committee, the Company may withhold from Common Stock delivered to the Participant sufficient shares of Common Stock (valued as of the Date of Exercise) to satisfy federal, state and local withholding and employment taxes, or other taxes imposed by Participant's jurisdiction, or the Participant will pay or deliver to the Company cash or Common Stock (valued as of the Date of Exercise) in sufficient amounts to satisfy these obligations. The Company shall not, however, withhold any amount in excess of the minimum required amount.
- 14) TRANSFER OF DATA. In order to effectively administer Equifax's global compensation and benefit programs, we may transfer personal data from your Equifax employment file to a centralized repository controlled by Equifax in the United States of America. Your personal data in the repository will be used solely for internal Equifax purposes. You may examine your employee information file should you wish to do so. By signing this agreement, you provide your consent to this transfer and use of this data.
- 15) NIC ELECTION. It is a condition of the grant of this Option that the Participant enters into an election whereby the liability for the payment of the employer's secondary national insurance arising in connection with the Option is transferred to the Participant. The election, the terms of which have been approved by the UK Inland Revenue, are attached

hereto. Please complete, sign and return the election to Human Resources within 60 days of receipt. Failure to complete and return the signed election will result in the Option becoming null and void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized officer of the Company and Participant have signed this Agreement effective as of the Date of Grant.

EQUIFAX INC.

By: /s/ Thomas F. Chapman

Thomas F. Chapman
Chairman & CEO

PARTICIPANT

Signature

Print Name

### EQUIFAX INC.

### INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

(First Name) (Last NamE)

Number of Shares: (Shares)

Option Price: (Market Value)

Date of Grant: (Grant Date)

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the above Date of Grant, by and between Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), and the above-named Participant ("Participant"). This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Equifax Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time (the "Plan") and, unless defined in this Agreement, all terms used in this Agreement have the same meanings given them in the Plan.

- GRANT OF OPTION. The Company on the "Date of Grant" granted to Participant (subject to the terms of the Plan and this Agreement) the right to purchase from the Company all or part of the Number of Shares stated above (the "Option").
- 2. BASIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS. The Option is subject to the following basic terms and conditions:
  - (a) EXPIRATION DATE. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Option will expire ten (10) years from the Date of Grant (the "Expiration Date").
  - (b) EXERCISE OF OPTION. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, the Option shall be exercisable with respect to one-fourth of the Number of Shares subject to this option on the Date of Grant and with respect to an additional one-fourth of the Number of Shares subject to this Option on each of the first three anniversaries of the Date of Grant so that this Option shall be fully exercisable on the third anniversary of the Date of Grant, provided the Participant (i) remains employed by the Company or a Subsidiary or (ii) subject to the provisions of subparagraph 2(e)(ii), terminates employment by reason of Retirement (as defined in subparagraph 2(e)(ii)). Once exercisable, in whole or part, it will continue to be so exercisable until the earlier of the termination of Participant's rights under subparagraph 2(e) or paragraph 3, or the Expiration Date. The Option may be exercised in one or more exercises, provided that each exercise must be for a multiple of twenty-five (25) shares (E.G., 25 shares, 50 shares, 100shares), up to the full number for which the Option is then

exercisable, unless the Number of Shares then exercisable is less than twenty-five (25), in which case the Option may be exercised for that lesser Number of Shares.

METHOD OF EXERCISE AND PAYMENT FOR SHARES. In order to exercise (c) the Option, Participant must give written notice in a manner prescribed by the Company from time to time together with payment of the Option Price to the Company's Stock Option Administrator at the Company's principal office in Atlanta, Georgia, or as otherwise directed by the Administrator. The Date of Exercise will be the date of receipt of the notice or any later date specified in the notice. Participant must pay the Option Price (i) in cash or a cash equivalent acceptable to the Committee, or (ii) in the Committee's discretion by the surrender (or attestation of ownership) of shares of Common Stock (held by Participant for at least six (6) months) with an aggregate Fair Market Value (based on the closing price of a share of Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite index on the Date of Exercise) that is not less than the Option Price, or by surrender of property described in and subject to the conditions provided in Section 4(d) of the Plan, or (iii) by a combination of cash and such shares. Payment of the Option Price may be deferred in the discretion of the Committee to accommodate proceeds of sale of some or all of the shares to which this grant relates.

> If at exercise, Participant is not in compliance with the Company's minimum stock ownership guidelines then in effect for Participant's job grade or classification, if any, Participant

will not be entitled to exercise the Option using a "cashless exercise program" of the Company (if then in effect), unless the net proceeds received by Participant from that exercise consist only of shares of Company stock, and Participant agrees to hold all those shares for at least one (1) year.

- (d) TRANSFERABILITY. This option is non-transferable except by will, the laws of descent and distribution or to immediate family members, as defined in the Plan, a trust or partnership established for the benefit solely of one or more immediate family members. In the event of transfer to an immediate family member or other such entity for their account, current securities laws stipulate that when the option is exercised, shares issued will be restricted and not freely transferable for two years from date of exercise unless such shares are otherwise registered or sold pursuant to an exemption under the Securities Act of 1933. Any such transfer shall be effective only after reasonable prior notice thereof is provided in writing to the Committee and compliance with any terms and conditions therefor established by the Company, its Board or the Committee.
- (e) TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. Except as provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below, or paragraph 3, the Option will expire and will not be exercisable after termination of Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary.
  - (i) ELIMINATION OF POSITION. Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from the Company's elimination of the position held by Participant, then Participant will

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continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the date of termination and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subsection 2(e) (iv) (A) below, that right will continue until the earlier of the last day of the one-year period commencing on the date of termination of employment, or the Expiration Date.

(ii) RETIREMENT. Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's Retirement (as defined below), Participant will continue to vest in the Option in accordance with the original vesting schedule in subparagraph 2(b) above as if he had remained actively employed; provided, that upon Participant's death, all vesting will cease and the Option will be exercisable with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option is vested and exercisable on the date of Participant's death and the remaining portion shall be cancelled.

Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option is vested and exercisable from time to time until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's Retirement, or the Expiration Date. "Retirement" means Participant's termination of employment with the Company or a Subsidiary (other than by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause) at a time when Participant is eligible for immediate payment of benefits under Participant's applicable defined benefit retirement plan, if any, or in the absence of an applicable defined benefit retirement plan, as determined by the Committee.

(iii) DISABILITY. Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's total and permanent disability, confirmed by the statement of a licensed physician chosen or approved by the Committee, then Participant will continue to have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the last date of Participant's active employment and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. Except as provided in subparagraph 2(e)(iv)(A) below that right will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the last date of Participant's active employment or the Expiration Date.

(A) Except as provided in paragraph 3 or 4 below, if the termination of Participant's employment results from Participant's death, then Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and

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distribution, will have the right to exercise the Option with respect to that portion of the Number of Shares for which the Option was vested and exercisable on the date of Participant's death and the remaining portion shall be cancelled. That right will continue until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following Participant's death or the Expiration Date.

- (B) If Participant dies following termination of employment and prior to the expiration of any remaining period during which the Option may be exercised in accordance with subparagraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) above, or paragraph 3, the remaining period during which the Option will be exercisable (by Participant's estate, or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will be the greater of (a) the remaining period under the applicable subparagraph or paragraph referred to above, or (b) six (6) months from the date of death; provided that under no circumstances will the Option be exercisable after the Expiration Date.
- (f) TYPE OF OPTION. The Option is intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor provision thereto, and shall be so construed; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as a representation, guarantee, or other undertaking on the part of the Company that the Option is or will be determined to be an Incentive Stock Option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code. To the extent all or any portion of this Option does not qualify or ceases to qualify and is not treated as an Incentive Stock Option, it will be treated as a Nonqualified Stock Option.
- 3. CHANGE IN CONTROL. If a Change in Control of the Company occurs while Participant is employed by the Company or a Subsidiary, then the entire Number of Shares represented by the Option which had not yet been exercised will become immediately vested and exercisable (the "Unexercised Portion"). If Participant's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates after the date on which the Change in Control occurs other than as a result of a termination by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause, then Participant (or, if applicable, Participant's estate or the person(s) to whom Participant's rights under this Agreement pass by will or the laws of descent and distribution) will have the right to exercise the Unexercised Portion. Except as provided in Section 2(e) (iv) (B) above or Section 4 below, that right may be exercised until the earlier of the last day of the sixty (60) month period following the termination of Participant's employment or the Expiration Date.

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- 4. CANCELLATION AND RESCISSION OF OPTION.
  - (a) If, at any time, (i) during the Participant's employment with the Company or (ii) during the period after the Participant's termination of employment with the Company for any reason during which all or part of the Option remains exercisable, but not to exceed 24 months following the Participant's termination of employment, a Participant engages in any "Detrimental Activity" (as defined in subsection (b) below), the Committee may, notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, cancel, rescind, suspend, withhold or otherwise restrict or limit this Option as of the first date the Participant engaged in the Detrimental Activity, as determined by the Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may also require the Participant to pay to the Company any gain realized by the Participant from exercising all or any portion of the Option hereunder during the

period beginning six (6) months prior to the date on which Participant engaged or began engaging in Detrimental Activity.

- (b) For purposes of this Agreement, "Detrimental Activity" shall mean and include any of the following:
  - (i) the breach or violation of any other agreement between Participant and the Company relating to the protection of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets, the solicitation of employees, customers or suppliers, or the refraining from competition with the Company;
  - (ii) the disclosure, reproduction or use of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets (each as defined below) for the benefit of the Participant or third parties except in connection with the performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or, after advance notice to the Company, as required by a valid order or subpoena issued by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction;
  - (iii) the use, reproduction, disclosure or distribution of any information which the Company is required to hold confidential under applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. ss. 1681 et seq.) and any state credit reporting statutes;
  - (iv) the making, or causing or attempting to cause any other person to make, any statement, either written or oral, or conveying any information about the Company which is disparaging or which in any way reflects negatively upon the Company;
  - (v) the solicitation or attempt to solicit any customer or actively targeted potential customer of the Company with whom the Participant had material contact on the Company's behalf during the 12 months immediately preceding the Participant's termination of employment;

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- (vi) the solicitation or recruitment, attempt to solicit or recruit, or the assistance of others in soliciting or recruiting, any individual who is or was, within 6 months of the date in question, an employee of the Company unless such former employee was terminated by the Company without cause, or the inducement of (or attempt to induce) any such employee of the Company to terminate his employment with the Company; or
- (vii) the refusal or failure of a Participant to provide, upon the request of the Company, a certification, in a form satisfactory to the Company, that he or she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including, without limitation, a certification that the Participant is not engaging in Detrimental Activity.
- (c) "Trade Secret" means information, including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, or a list of actual or potential Company customers or suppliers which (i) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and (ii) is the subject of the Company's efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain secrecy; or as otherwise defined by applicable state law.
- (d) "Confidential Information" means any and all knowledge, information, data, methods or plans (other than Trade Secrets) which are now or at any time in the future developed, used or employed by the Company which are treated as confidential by the Company and not generally disclosed by the Company to the public, and which relate to the business or financial affairs of the Company, including, but not limited to, financial statements and information, marketing strategies, business development plans, acquisition or divestiture plans, and product or process enhancement plans.
- (e) Should any provision of this Paragraph 4 be held to be invalid or illegal, such illegality shall not invalidate the whole of

this Paragraph 4, but, rather, the Plan shall be construed as if it did not contain the illegal part or be narrowed to permit its enforcement, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE. For purposes of this Agreement, termination for 5. "Cause" means termination as a result of (a) the willful and continued failure by Participant to substantially perform his or her duties with the Company (other than a failure resulting from Participant's incapacity due to physical or mental illness), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to Participant by his or her superior officer which specifically identifies the manner the officer believes that Participant has not substantially performed his or her duties, or (b) Participant's willful misconduct which materially injures the Company, monetarily or otherwise. For purposes of this paragraph,

Participant's act, or failure to act, will not be considered "willful" unless the act or failure to act is not in good faith and without reasonable belief that his or her action or omission was in the best interest of the Company.

- 6. FRACTIONAL SHARES. Fractional shares will not be issued, and when any provision of this Agreement otherwise would entitle Participant to receive a fractional share, that fraction will be disregarded.
- LIMITATION ON ACCELERATION. Notwithstanding any other provision to the 7. contrary, this Option may not be exercisable and, without the Participant's consent, the exercisability of this Option may not be accelerated so that the shares for which the Option (and all other Incentive Stock Options granted to the Participant by the Company or a Subsidiary) are first exercisable in any calendar year have a Fair Market Value (determined on the Date of Grant) exceeding \$100,000.
- NO RIGHT TO CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT. This Agreement does not give 8. Participant any right to continued employment by the Company or a Subsidiary, and it will not interfere in any way with the right of the Company or Subsidiary to terminate Participant's employment at any time.
- 9. ADJUSTMENTS IN CAPITAL STRUCTURE. The terms of this Option will be adjusted as the Committee determines in its sole discretion is equitably required to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of the Participant in accordance with Section 10 of the Plan.
- 10. GOVERNING LAW. The Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.
- CONFLICTS. If provisions of the Plan and the provisions of this 11. Agreement conflict, the Plan provisions will govern.
- 12. PARTICIPANT BOUND BY PLAN. Participant acknowledges receiving a summary of the Plan, which provides that upon request a copy of the Plan will be provided to the Participant free of charge, and agrees to be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Plan. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the definitions given to them in the Plan.
- 13. BINDING EFFECT. Except as limited by the Plan or this Agreement, this Agreement is binding on and extends to the legatees, distributes, and personal representatives of Participant and the successors of the Company.

- 14. TAXES. Under procedures established by the Committee, the Company may withhold from Common Stock delivered to the Participant sufficient shares of Common Stock to satisfy required federal, state and local withholding and employment taxes, or the Participant will pay or deliver to the Company cash or Common Stock in sufficient amounts to satisfy these obligations. The Company shall not, however, withhold any amount in excess of the minimum required amount.
- 15. TRANSFER OF DATA. In order to effectively administer Equifax's global compensation and benefit programs, we may transfer personal data from your Equifax employment file to a centralized repository controlled by Equifax in the United States of America. Your personal data in the repository will be used solely for internal Equifax purposes. You may examine your employee information file should you wish to do so. By signing this agreement, you provide your consent to this transfer and use of this data.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized officer of the Company and Participant have signed this Agreement effective as of the Date of Grant.

EQUIFAX INC.

By: /s/ Thomas F. Chapman

Thomas F. Chapman Chairman & CEO PARTICIPANT

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Signature

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Print Name

### EQUIFAX INC. 2000 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN DEFERRED SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT

This Deferred Share Award Agreement (the "Agreement") is dated as of XX/XX/XXXX and is entered into between Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), and (FIRST NAME) (LAST NAME) (the "Employee").

In consideration of the mutual promises set forth below, the parties hereto agree as follows.

- 1. GRANT OF DEFERRED SHARES. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Equifax Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference, effective as of the date set forth above ("Grant Date"), the Company hereby grants to the Employee (SHARES) restricted stock units in the form of Deferred Shares under the Plan. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning specified in the Plan.
- 2. VESTING. Subject to earlier vesting in accordance with Section 3 below, the Deferred Shares shall vest on or after the date(s) (the "Vesting Date(s)") set forth below. Prior to the Vesting Date, the Deferred Shares shall be nontransferable and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be forfeited upon the Employee's termination of employment with the Company and its Subsidiaries.

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The Committee which administers the Plan reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive or reduce the vesting requirements.

3. DEATH, DISABILITY, RETIREMENT OR CHANGE IN CONTROL. Section 2 to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event of the Employee's death, termination for disability or Retirement while in the employ of the Company or a Subsidiary or if a Change in Control occurs, Employee's rights in the Deferred Shares awarded pursuant to this Agreement will become nonforfeitable and transferable as of the date of the Employee's death, termination for disability or Retirement, or the Control Change Date. The "Control Change Date" means the date on which the Change in Control occurs. For purposes of this Agreement, "Retirement" means Employee's termination of employment with the Company or a

Subsidiary (other than by the Company or a Subsidiary for Cause) at a time when Employee is eligible for immediate benefits under Employee's applicable retirement plan, if any, or in the absence of an applicable retirement plan, as determined by the Committee. The Committee may in its sole and absolute discretion at any time before, or within 120 days after, the date of such termination of employment determine that some or all of such Deferred Shares shall be free of restrictions and shall not be forfeited.

# 4. CANCELLATION AND RESCISSION OF DEFERRED SHARES.

- (a) If, at any time, (i) during the Participant's employment with the Company or (ii) during the one-year period after the Participant's termination of employment with the Company for any reason, a Participant engages in any "Detrimental Activity" (as defined in subsection (b) below), the Committee may, notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, cancel, rescind, or otherwise forfeit the Deferred Shares as of the first date the Participant engaged in the Detrimental Activity, as determined by the Committee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may also require the Participant to pay to the Company any gain realized by the Participant due to the vesting or delivery of the Deferred Shares during the period beginning six (6) months prior to the date on which Participant engaged or began engaging in Detrimental Activity.
- (b) For purposes of this Agreement, "Detrimental Activity" shall mean and include any of the following:
  - (i) the breach or violation of any other agreement between Participant and the Company relating to the protection of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets, the solicitation of employees, customers or suppliers, or the refraining from competition with the Company;
  - (ii) the disclosure, reproduction or use of Confidential Information or Trade Secrets (each as defined below) for the benefit of the Participant or third parties

except in connection with the performance of the Participant's duties for the Company or, after advance notice to the Company, as required by a valid order or subpoena issued by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction;

(iii) the use, reproduction, disclosure or distribution of any information which the Company is required to hold confidential under applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. ss. 1681 et. Seq.) and any state credit reporting statutes;

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- (iv) the making, or causing or attempting to cause any other person to make, any statement, either written or oral, or conveying any information about the Company which is disparaging or which in any way reflects negatively upon the Company;
- (v) the solicitation or attempt to solicit any customer or actively targeted potential customer of the Company with whom the Participant had material contact on the Company's behalf during the 12 months immediately preceding the Participant's termination of employment;
- (vi) the solicitation or recruitment, attempt to solicit or recruit, or the assistance of others in soliciting or recruiting, any individual who is or was, within 6 months of the date in question, an employee of the Company unless such former employee was terminated by the Company without cause, or the inducement of (or attempt to induce) any such employee of the Company to terminate his employment with the Company; or
- (vii) the refusal or failure of a Participant to provide, upon the request of the Company, a certification, in a form satisfactory to the Company, that he or she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including, without limitation, a certification that the Participant is not engaging in Detrimental Activity.
- (c) "Trade Secret" means information, including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, a formula, a pattern, a compilation, a program, a device, a method, a technique, a drawing, a process, financial data, financial plans, product plans, or a list of actual or potential Company customers or suppliers which (i) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and (ii) is the subject of the Company's efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain secrecy; or as otherwise defined by applicable state law.
- (d) "Confidential Information" means any and all knowledge, information, data, methods or plans (other than Trade Secrets) which are now or at any time in the future developed, used or employed by the Company which are treated as confidential by the Company and not generally disclosed by the Company to the public, and which relate to the business or financial affairs of the Company, including, but not limited to, financial statements and information, marketing strategies, business development plans, acquisition or divestiture plans, and product or process enhancement plans.

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- (e) Should any provision of this Paragraph 4 be held to be invalid or illegal, such illegality shall not invalidate the whole of this Paragraph 4, but, rather, the Plan shall be construed as if it did not contain the illegal part or be narrowed to permit its enforcement, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly.
- 5. STOCK CERTIFICATES. Stock certificates (the "Certificate") evidencing the Deferred Shares shall be issued as of the Vesting Date and registered in the Employee's name. Subject to Section 8 of this Agreement, Certificates representing the unrestricted Common Shares will be delivered to the Employee as soon as practicable after the Vesting Date. If, however, the Employee elects to defer payment of the Common Shares as provided in Section 6 of this Agreement, the Common Shares shall be issued as set forth in the Deferral Election Agreement entered into between the Company and the Employee.
- 6. DEFERRAL ELECTION. The Employee may elect to defer delivery of the Common Shares that would otherwise be due by virtue of the lapse or waiver of the vesting requirements as set forth in Sections 2 or 3. If such deferral

election is made, the Committee shall, in its sole discretion, establish the rules and procedures for such payment deferrals.

- 7. DIVIDENDS. Participants granted Deferred Shares shall not be entitled to receive any cash dividends, stock dividends or other distributions paid with respect to the Common Shares, except in circumstances where the distribution is covered by Section 18 below.
- TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS. The Employee shall be required to deposit with the Company an amount of cash equal to the amount determined by the Company to be required with respect to any withholding taxes, FICA contributions, or the like under any federal, state, or local statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation in connection with the award, deferral, or settlement of the Deferred Shares. Alternatively, the Company may, at its sole election, withhold the required amounts from the Employee's pay during the pay periods next following the date on which any such applicable tax liability otherwise arises. The Committee, in its discretion, may permit the Employee, subject to such conditions as the Committee shall require, to elect to have the Company withhold a number of Common Shares otherwise deliverable having a Fair Market Value sufficient to satisfy the statutory minimum of all or part of the Employee's estimated total federal, state, and local tax obligations associated with vesting or settlement of the Deferred Shares. The Company shall not deliver any of the Common Shares until and unless the Employee has made the deposit required herein or proper provision for required withholding has been made.
- 9. RESTRICTION AND TRANSFERABILITY. Until the Deferred Shares are vested as provided above, they may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated at any time. Any attempt to do so contrary to the provisions hereof shall be null and void.

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- 10. RIGHTS AS SHAREHOLDER. Except as provided in Section 7, the Employee shall not have voting or any other rights as a shareholder of the Company with respect to the Deferred Shares. Upon settlement of the Deferred Share units into Common Shares, the Employee will obtain full voting and other rights as a shareholder of the Company.
- 11. ADMINISTRATION. The Committee shall have the power to interpret the Plan and this Agreement and to adopt such rules for the administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan as are consistent therewith and to interpret or revoke any such rules. All actions taken and all interpretations and determinations made by the Committee shall be final and binding upon the Employee, the Company, and all other interested persons. No member of the Committee shall be personally liable for any action, determination, or interpretation made in good faith with respect to the Plan or this Agreement.
- 12. EFFECT ON OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS. The value of the Deferred Share units granted pursuant to this Agreement shall not be included as compensation, earnings, salaries, or other similar terms used when calculating the Employee's benefits under any employee benefit plan sponsored by the Company or any Subsidiary except as such plan otherwise expressly provides.
- 13. NO EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS. The award of the Deferred Shares pursuant to this Agreement shall not give the Employee any right to remain employed by the Company or a Subsidiary, nor shall it interfere with or restrict the Company's right to terminate the Employee's employment at any time.
- AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended only by a writing executed by the Company and the Employee which specifically states that it is amending this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be amended solely by the Committee by a writing which specifically states that it is amending this Agreement, so long as a copy of such amendment is delivered to the Employee, and provided that no such amendment adversely affecting the rights of the Employee, hereunder may be made without the Employee's written consent. Without limiting the foregoing, the Committee reserves the right to change, by written notice to the Employee, the provisions of the Deferred Shares or this Agreement in any way it may deem necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose of the grant as a result of any change in applicable laws or regulations or any future law, regulation, ruling, or judicial decision, provided that any such change shall be applicable only to Deferred Shares which are then subject to restrictions as provided herein.
- 15. NOTICES. Any notice to be given under the terms of this Agreement to the Company shall be addressed to the Company in care of its Secretary. Any notice to be given to Employee shall be addressed to Employee at the address listed in the Company's records.

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By a notice given pursuant to this Section, either party may designate a different address for notices. Any notice shall have been deemed given when actually delivered.

is declared by any court or governmental authority to be unlawful or invalid, such unlawfulness or invalidity shall not invalidate any portion of this Agreement or the Plan not declared to be unlawful or invalid. Any Section of this Agreement (or part of such a Section) so declared to be unlawful or invalid shall, if possible, be construed in a manner which will give effect to the terms of such Section or part of a Section to the fullest extent possible while remaining lawful and valid.

- 17. CONSTRUCTION. The restricted stock units are being issued in the form of Deferred Shares pursuant to Section 8 (Deferred Shares) of the Plan and are subject to the terms of the Plan. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement violates or is inconsistent with an express provision of the Plan, the Plan provision shall govern and any inconsistent provision in this Agreement shall be of no force or effect.
- 18. ADJUSTMENTS TO DEFERRED SHARES. The terms of this Deferred Share Award Agreement will be adjusted as the Committee determines in accordance with Section 10 of the Plan.
- 19. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement will be governed by and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and delivered this Agreement effective as of the day and year first above written.

PARTICIPANT	EQUIFAX INC.
	By: /s/ Thomas F. Chapman
Signature	Thomas F. Chapman Chairman & CEO
Print Name	



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# **EQUIFAX COMPLETES \$125 MILLION TRADE RECEIVABLES FINANCING**

ATLANTA, Georgia, Sept. 8, 2004—Equifax Inc. (NYSE: EFX) today announced the closing on Sept. 7, 2004 of a trade receivables-backed revolving credit facility. Under the terms of the transaction, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Equifax may borrow up to \$125 million, subject to borrowing base availability and other terms and conditions. Equifax will use the net proceeds received from the sale of its trade receivables to the subsidiary for general corporate purposes. As of Sept. 8, 2004, there were no outstanding borrowings under the credit facility.

The credit facility will be funded on a non-committed basis by Blue Ridge Funding Corporation, a commercial paper conduit, and on a back-up basis by Wachovia Bank, N.A. and certain other liquidity lenders from time to time. Wachovia Bank is the agent for Blue Ridge and the liquidity lenders. The credit facility has an expiration date of Sept. 6, 2005, but may be extended for an additional period of up to three years if specified conditions are satisfied. Loans will bear interest based on prevailing commercial paper rates, LIBOR or base rates plus a specified margin or costs. Outstanding debt under the credit facility will be consolidated on Equifax's balance sheet for financial reporting purposes.

"Our trade receivables pool makes this credit facility a very efficient funding mechanism," said Donald T. Heroman, chief financial officer. "This is an important part of our plan to diversify our sources of credit and obtain the lowest possible borrowing cost."

## **About Equifax**

Equifax Inc. is a global leader in turning information into intelligence. For businesses, Equifax provides faster and easier ways to find, approve and market to the appropriate customers. For consumers, Equifax offers easier, instantaneous ways to buy products or services and better insight into and management of their personal credit. Equifax. Information that Empowers.

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Statements in this press release that relate to Equifax's future plans, objectives, expectations, performance, events and the like may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Future events, risks and uncertainties, individually or in the aggregate, could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements. Those factors include, but are not limited to, changes in worldwide and U.S. economic conditions that materially impact consumer spending and consumer debt, changes in demand for Equifax's products and services, risks associated with the integration of acquisitions and other investments, changes in laws governing our business, including particularly the cost of compliance with the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 and related regulations, the ability of Equifax to achieve its productivity improvement and cost reduction targets, pricing and other competitive pressures, and certain other factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of Equifax's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Equifax assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.