7. Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights.

- (a) General. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan and the Board Policy, the Committee may grant Stock Options and/or Stock Appreciation Rights under the Plan pursuant to the other terms and conditions that the Committee, in its sole discretion, may determine and set forth in the Award Agreement (including, without limitation, the Exercise Price, the maximum duration of the Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right, the conditions upon which a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall vest and become exercisable, the date of grant, and the effect, if any, of a Change in Control, death, disability or retirement, or other termination of a Participant's directorship on such Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights).
- (b) Form. Each Stock Option granted under the Plan shall be a Nonqualified Stock Option. Stock Appreciation Rights may be granted either alone or in connection with concurrently or previously issued Stock Options.
- (c) Exercise Price. The Committee shall set the Exercise Price of Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights granted under the Plan at a price that is equal to or greater than the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of grant, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 9. The Exercise Price of a Stock Appreciation Right granted in tandem with a Stock Option shall be equal to the Exercise Price of the related Stock Option. The Committee shall set forth the Exercise Price of a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right in the Award Agreement.
- (d) Duration of Stock Options. Each Stock Option and Stock Appreciation Right granted to a Participant shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant and set forth in the Award Agreement; provided, however, that no Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary of its date of grant.
- (e) Timing of Exercise. Each Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such times and be subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee shall in each instance approve, which terms and restrictions shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement and need not be the same for each grant or for each Participant.
- (f) Payment of Stock Option Exercise Price. The Exercise Price of a Stock Option must be paid in full when the Stock Option is exercised. Share certificates shall be registered and delivered only upon receipt of payment. Payment of the Exercise Price may be made in cash or by certified check, bank draft, wire transfer, postal or express money order, or other instrument acceptable to the Company. In addition, unless the Committee determines otherwise, payment of all or a portion of the Exercise Price may be made by:
 - (i) Delivering a properly executed exercise notice to the Company or its agent, together with irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the amount of sale proceeds with respect to the portion of the Shares to be acquired having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the sum of the applicable portion of the Exercise Price being so paid; or
 - (ii) Tendering (actually or by attestation) to the Company previously acquired Shares that have been held by the Participant for at least six (6) months, subject to paragraph 7(f)(v), and that have a Fair Market Value on the day prior to the date of exercise equal to the applicable portion of the Exercise Price being so paid; or
 - (iii) Instructing the Company to withhold Shares that would otherwise be issued having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the applicable portion of the Exercise Price being so paid (provided such withholding has been expressly authorized by the Committee); or
 - (iv) Any combination of the methods described in paragraphs 7(f)(i), (ii), and (iii).
 - (v) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee, in consideration of applicable accounting standards, may waive any holding period on Shares required to tender pursuant to paragraph 7(f)(ii) or prohibit withholding pursuant to paragraph 7(f)(iii).
- (g) Exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights. Upon exercise, Stock Appreciation Rights may be redeemed for cash or Shares or a combination of cash and Shares, in the discretion of the Committee, and as described in the Award Agreement. Cash payments shall be equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise over the Exercise Price, for each Share for which a Stock Appreciation Right was exercised. If the Stock Appreciation Right is redeemed for Shares, the Participant shall receive a number of whole Shares equal to the quotient of the cash payment amount divided by the Fair Market Value of a Share on the date of exercise.
- (h) Certain Prohibitions. The following terms or actions shall not be permitted with respect to any Award of Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights:
 - (i) No Repricing. Except as otherwise provided in Section 9, in no event shall the Committee decrease the Exercise Price of a Stock Option or Stock Appreciation Right after the date of grant or cancel outstanding Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights and grant replacement Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with a lower Exercise Price than that of the replaced Stock Options or Stock Appreciation Rights or other Awards, or purchase underwater Stock Options from a Participant for cash or replacement Awards without first obtaining the approval of the Company's shareowners in a manner that complies with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.