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7.07 – Interest Rate Swap Management Policy

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:

Finance and Administration Department

I. Introduction:

The purpose of the Interest Rate Swap Policy (“Policy”) of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (“Commission”) is to establish guidelines for the use and management of all interest rate management agreements, including, but not limited to, interest rate swaps, swaptions, caps, collars and floors (collectively “Swaps” or “Agreements”) incurred in connection with the incurrence of debt obligations as authorized by the Commission’s Debt Policy (attached as Exhibit A). The Policy sets forth the manner of execution of Swaps and Agreements, provides for security and payment provisions, risk considerations, record keeping requirements and certain other relevant provisions as well as being responsive to (i) latest recommended practices of the Government Finance Officers Association regarding the contents of an interest rate swap policy, (ii) swap market practices and Protocols (as defined herein) in response to the Dodd-Frank Act (as defined herein), other applicable laws relating to Swaps and related rules or regulations, including, without limitation, rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) (i.e., relating to security-based swaps or mixed interest rate and security-based swaps) or the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) and (iii) changes to, enhancements of, and deterioration in the swap market and its participants. The failure by the Commission to comply with any provision of this Policy shall not invalidate or impair any Swap or Agreement or the Commission’s adherence to a swap industry Protocol *e.g.*, the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (“ISDA”) August 2012 Dodd-Frank Protocol, ISDA March 2013 Dodd-Frank Protocol, or similar agreements to which the Commission may adhere (including, without limitation, any bilateral agreement with a Swap counterparty).

II. Scope and Authority:

This Policy shall govern the Commission’s use and management of all Swaps. This Policy describes the circumstances and methods by which Swaps will be evaluated, executed, monitored, used, administered, managed and terminated, the guidelines to be employed when Swaps are used, and parties responsible for carrying out this Policy. While adherence to this Policy is required in applicable circumstances, the Commission recognizes that changes in the capital markets, agency programs, swap and financial market regulations and other unforeseen circumstances may from time to time produce situations that are not covered by the Policy and will require modifications or exceptions to achieve policy goals.

The Chief Financial Officer and the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management are the designated administrators of the Commission’s Policy. The Chief Financial Officer shall

have the day-to-day responsibility and authority for structuring, implementing, and managing Swaps.

The Commission shall be authorized to enter into Swap transactions only with qualified Swap counterparties. The Commission, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, shall select the counterparties, in adherence with the criteria set forth in the Policy.

III. Conditions for the Use of Swaps:

A. General Usage

Due to the effects of continual innovation in the financial markets, this Policy recognizes that the reasons for, or desirability of, the use of Swaps may change over time. The Commission will use Swaps to hedge interest rate movement, basis risk and other risks, to lock-in a fixed rate or, alternatively, to create synthetic variable rate debt. Swaps may also be used to produce interest rate savings, limit or hedge variable rate payments, alter the pattern of debt service payments, manage exposure to changing market conditions in advance of anticipated bond issues (through the use of anticipatory hedging instruments) or for asset/liability matching purposes.

B. Maximum Notional Amount

The Commission will limit the total notional amount of outstanding Swaps based on criteria set forth in this Policy regarding the proper management of risks, calculation of termination exposure, and development of a contingency plan. In no event, however, shall the Commission's exposure to any counterparty rated A3/A- or lower exceed 50% of the Commission total debt.

C. Impact of use of Liquidity

The Commission shall consider the impact of any variable rate bonds issued in combination with a Swap on the availability and cost of liquidity support for other Commission variable rate programs.

D. Call Option Value Considerations

When considering the relative advantage of a Swap versus fixed rate bonds, the Commission will take into consideration the value of any call option on fixed rate bonds.

E. Qualified Hedges

The Commission understands that, if payments on and receipts from the Agreement are to be taken into account in computing the yield on the related bonds, the Agreement must meet the requirements for a "qualified hedge" under federal tax law (sometimes referred to as an "integrated" Swap). In this situation, the terms of the Agreement and the process for entering into the Agreement must be reviewed and approved in advance by legal counsel. The Commission will use best efforts to integrate all Agreements as appropriate. In cases where the Commission is considering non-integration, it will consult legal counsel and its advisors to understand any implications.

F. Evaluation of Swap Risks

Prior to the execution of any Swap transaction, the Chief Financial Officer, the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, and Commission's Swap Advisor and legal counsel shall evaluate the proposed transaction and report the findings. Such a review shall include the identification and evaluation of the proposed benefit and potential risks.

Evaluation Methodology:

The Commission will review the following areas of potential risk for new and existing Swaps:

Type of Risk	Description	Evaluation Methodology
Basis risk	The mismatch between actual variable-rate debt service or the index on variable-rate debt and variable-rate indices used to determine Swap payments.	The Commission will review historical trading differentials between the variable-rate bond rates or indices and the index/variable-rate payments of the Swaps.
Tax risk	The risk created by potential tax events that could affect Swap payments.	The Commission will review the tax events in proposed Swap agreements. The Commission will evaluate the impact of potential changes in tax law on Swaps indexed to taxable rates such as LIBOR or LIBOR alternatives (SOFR, Fed Funds, etc.).
Counterparty risk	The failure of the counterparty to make required payments.	The Commission will monitor exposure levels, ratings thresholds, and collateralization requirements.
Termination risk	The need to terminate the transaction in a market that dictates a termination payment by the issuer.	The Commission will compute its termination exposure for all existing and proposed Swaps at market value with appropriate sensitivity and historic scenario analysis within the context of the Commission's ratings and termination triggers.
Swap/Bond Maturity Mismatch / Rollover risk	The mismatch of the maturity of the Swap and the maturity of the underlying bonds.	The Commission will determine, in accordance with its Debt Policy, its capacity to issue variable rate bonds. The Commission will consider any mismatch between bonds and Swaps that may create rollover/termination risk if the Swap maturity exceeds the bond maturity, the maturity of the liquidity facility or underlying floating-rate debt such as FRNs. As appropriate, the Commission will determine, in accordance with its Debt Policy, the capacity to have unhedged variable-rate debt in cases where the maturity of the Swap may be shorter than the maturity of the bonds.
Liquidity risk/Market Access risk	The inability to procure, continue or renew a liquidity facility, or access the market (private or public) for variable-rate debt.	The Commission will evaluate the expected availability of liquidity support or market access for swapped variable-rate debt.
Credit risk	The occurrence of an event modifying the credit rating of the issuer or its counterparty.	The Commission will monitor the ratings of its counterparties and insurers.
Collateral Posting risk	The risk of having to post collateral if the market valuation of a Swap is negative to the Commission.	The Commission will evaluate potential posting requirements through sensitivity analyses under different market and rating scenarios.
Amortization Mismatch risk	The risk that the notional of a Swap does not match the outstanding principal of the related debt.	The Commission will use best efforts to ensure that the notional schedule of a Swap will match the anticipated principal schedule of bonds being hedged.

Interest Rate risk	The risk that movements in levels of interest rates adversely impact the Commission's Swaps.	The Commission will monitor its exposure to interest rates and the impact to cash flows (taking into account the underlying hedged debt) as well market valuations.
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Prior to entering into any Protocol or similar agreement, the Chief Financial Officer, the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, and the Commission's Swap Advisor and legal counsel will evaluate prevailing market practices and requirements, legal requirements, the Protocol or similar agreement's impact on the efficiency of managing the Commission's Swaps, the Protocol or similar agreement's impact on communications with, and the receipt of information from, existing and potential Swap counterparties, and the extent of the need for, and the adequacy of, contractual or regulatory protections available to the Commission with respect to the Swaps to be covered by such Protocol or similar agreement.

IV. Award:

The Swap must contain financial terms and conditions that are fair and reasonable to be evidenced in a letter from a qualified independent Swap Advisor that satisfies the requirement for a "Qualified Independent Representative" under CFTC Regulation 23.450 implementing business conduct standards pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act and any other applicable law relating to Swaps as described in Section VII.E. below.

V. Swap Features:

A. Swap Agreement

The Commission will use terms and conditions as set forth in the International Swap and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA") Master Agreement and may use the ISDA August 2012 Dodd-Frank Protocol/March 2013 Dodd-Frank Protocol or such other documentation as the Commission, in consultation with its legal counsel and Swap Advisor, deems necessary in connection with meeting market requirements related to the swap provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act or other applicable laws relating to Swaps. The Swap agreement between the Commission and each counterparty shall include payment, term, security, collateral, default, remedy, termination, and other terms, conditions, provisions and safeguards as the Commission, in consultation with its legal counsel and Swap Advisor, deems necessary or desirable.

Subject to the provisions contained herein, the terms of any Commission Swap agreement shall use the following guidelines:

- (i) Downgrade provisions triggering termination shall in no event be worse than those affecting the counterparty.
- (ii) Governing law for Swaps will be the State of New York. Issues relating to jurisdiction, venue, waiver of jury trial and sovereign immunity will be subject to prevailing law and approval of the Commonwealth Attorney General. Preference will be given to language providing that the counterparty will consent to jurisdiction in the Pennsylvania courts with respect to enforcement of the Agreement.
- (iii) The specified indebtedness related to credit events in any Swap agreement should be narrowly defined and refer only to indebtedness of the Commission that could have a materially adverse effect on Commission's ability to perform its obligations under the Swap. Debt should typically only include obligations within the same lien as the Swap obligation.

- (iv) Collateral thresholds for the Swap provider should be set on a sliding scale reflective of credit ratings. Collateral requirements should be established and based upon the credit ratings of the Swap provider or guarantor. The Trustee or an independent third party or the counterparty if so directed should hold collateral.
- (v) Eligible collateral should generally be limited to Treasuries and obligations of Federal Agencies where the principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States. The market value of the collateral shall be marked to market no less than Bi-Monthly.
- (vi) The Commission shall have the right to optionally terminate a swap agreement at “market,” at any time over the term of the agreement.
- (vii) Termination value should be set by “second method” and “market quotation” methodology, unless the Commission deems an alternate appropriate.

B. Swap Counterparties

1. Credit Criteria

The Commission will make its best efforts to work with qualified Swap counterparties that have a general credit rating of: (i) at least “A3” or “A-” by two of the nationally recognized rating agencies and not rated lower than “A3” or “A” by any nationally recognized rating agency, or (ii) have a “non-terminating” “AAA” subsidiary as rated by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency, provided that careful analysis of the risks and legal structure of such entity is conducted. The nationally recognized rating agencies are Moody’s Investors Services, Inc., Standard and Poor’s Rating Services, and Fitch Ratings.

In addition to the rating criteria specified herein, the Commission will seek additional credit enhancement and safeguards in the form of:

Contingent credit support or enhancement;

- i. Collateral consistent with the policies contained herein;
- ii. Ratings downgrade triggers;
- iii. Guaranty of parent, if any.

In addition, qualified Swap counterparties must have a demonstrated record of successfully executing and making markets for Swap transactions.

2. Counterparty Termination Exposure

In order to manage the Commission’s counterparty credit risk, and credit exposure to any one counterparty, the Commission will seek to avoid excessive concentration of exposure to a single counterparty or guarantor by diversifying its counterparty exposure over time. Exposure to any counterparty will be measured based on the aggregate termination value of all Swaps entered into with the counterparty, as well as notional amount and sensitivity to movements in interest rates, SIFMA/LIBOR ratios, and in the case of option-based products, volatility. Termination value will be determined at least monthly, based on a mid-mark-to-market calculation of a Swap given the market conditions on the valuation date. Aggregate Swap termination value for each counterparty should take into account netting of offsetting transactions (i.e. fixed-to- floating and floating-to-fixed).

C. Term and Notional Amount

For Swaps tied to an issued series of bonds, the term of the Swap agreement shall not extend beyond the final maturity date of the related bonds. The total net notional amount of all Swaps related to a bond issue should not exceed the amount of outstanding bonds. In calculating the net notional amount, netting credit shall be given to any Swaps that offset each other for a specific bond transaction.

D. Security and Source of Repayment

The Commission may use the same security and source of repayment (pledged revenues) for Swaps as is used for the bonds that are hedged or carried by the Swap, if any, but shall consider the economic costs and benefits of subordinating the Commission's payments and/or termination payment under the Swap. The Commission shall consult with legal counsel regarding the legal requirements associated with making the payments under the Swap on a parity or non-parity basis with outstanding Commission debt.

E. Prohibited Agreements

The Commission will not use Agreements that:

- i. Are speculative or create extraordinary leverage as risk;
- ii. Lack adequate liquidity to terminate without incurring a significant bid/ask spread;
- iii. Provide insufficient price transparency to allow reasonable valuation.

VI. Managing Ongoing Swap Risks:

A. Amendments, Modifications, Novations and Terminations

To permit the Commission to minimize risks, burdens or costs associated with, and to have the flexibility to manage the continuing obligations under, each Swap, and any related agreement necessary for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by each Swap (in each case, including without limitation, managing actual or expected collateral requirements, protecting against the risk of counterparty default, minimizing the risk of variations or increases in financing costs and ensuring compliance with applicable law), the Commission may enter into amendments, modifications or novations of, or optionally terminate, in whole or in part, any Swap or any Agreement based on the written advice of a Swap Advisor, that (a) the amendment, modification, novation or optional termination is (i) justified by the corresponding benefit to the Commission, and (ii) commercially reasonable based on then-current market conditions, and (b) any payments made or to be made by the counterparty to the Commission, or by the Commission to the counterparty, are fair value for such amendment, modification, novation or optional termination, given the credit of the counterparty, the terms and conditions of the amendment, modification, novation or optional termination, and market conditions at the time of the amendment, modification, novation or optional termination.

B. Swap Portfolio Review

1. Annual Swap Report

The Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, in consultation with the Commission's Swap Advisor and legal counsel, will evaluate the risks associated with

outstanding Swaps at least annually and provide to the Senior Executives and the Commissioners a written report of the findings. This evaluation will include the following information:

- i. A description of all outstanding Swaps, including related bond series, types of Swaps, rates paid and received by Commission, existing notional amount, the average life and remaining term of each Swap agreement, and the current mark to market value of all outstanding Swaps.
- ii. The credit rating of each Swap counterparty, parent, guarantor, and credit enhancer insuring Swap payments, if any.
- iii. Actual collateral posting by Swap counterparty, if any, per Swap agreement and in total by Swap counterparty.
- iv. Information concerning any material event involving outstanding Swap agreements, including a default by a Swap counterparty, counterparty downgrade, or termination.
- v. An updated contingency plan to replace, or fund a termination payment in the event an outstanding Swap is terminated.
- vi. The status of any liquidity support used in connection with Swaps, including the remaining term and current fee, if any.

The Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management shall review the Policy at least annually, and suggest revisions or updates as deemed appropriate.

2. Contingency Plan

The Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, in consultation with the Commission's Swap Advisor and legal counsel, shall compute the mark to market exposure of each of its Swaps and its total Swap mark to market exposure at least annually and prepare a contingency plan to either replace the Swaps or fund the termination payments, if any, in the event one or more outstanding Swaps are terminated. The Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management shall assess the ability to obtain replacement Swaps and identify revenue sources to fund potential termination payments. When appropriate, the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management shall also evaluate the economic costs and benefits of incorporating a provision into the Swap agreement that will allow the Commission to make termination payments over time.

3. Termination Matrix

The Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, in consultation with the Commission's Swap Advisor and legal counsel, shall prepare a matrix for each individual Swap and for all Swaps in the aggregate setting forth the termination costs under various interest rate scenarios.

C. Terminating Interest Rate Swaps

1. Optional Termination

The Commission, in consultation with its Swap Advisor and legal counsel, may optionally terminate a Swap subject to complying with the requirements set forth in Section VI.A. above.

2. Termination Events

In the event a Swap is terminated or subject to termination as a result of a termination event,

such as a default or a decrease in credit rating of either the Commission or the counterparty, the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, in consultation with the Commission's Swap Advisor and legal counsel, will evaluate whether to obtain a replacement swap, or, depending on market value and the particular circumstances giving rise to the termination event, make or receive a termination payment subject to complying with the applicable requirements set forth in Section VI.A. above.

In the event the Commission is required to make a Swap termination payment, the Commission shall attempt to follow the process identified in its Swap contingency plan.

The determination of the value of any termination payment to be made or received by the Commission in connection with the mandatory termination of a Swap shall be reviewed and confirmed by the Commission's Swap Advisor.

D. Market Developments

The Commission, in consultation with its Swap Advisor, will monitor for market developments such as the replacement or discontinuation of indices that have been included in the Commission's Swaps, or other practices that may affect the Commission's Swaps and associated documentation. The Commission will use its best efforts to minimize the potential risks associated with such changes.

VII. Selecting and Procuring Interest Rate Swaps:

A. Review of Proposals

Recommendations or proposals by counterparties to enter into Swaps, or to modify, amend, novate or terminate an existing Swap, shall be evaluated by the Commission and its Swap Advisor. Unless otherwise advised by a Swap Advisor, or reasonably determined by the Commission to be unnecessary or redundant, the Commission shall not waive delivery of any disclosure or analysis required of a prospective swap counterparty by applicable law.

With respect to such recommendations or proposals, the following elements should be analyzed:

- (i) The appropriateness of the Swap, or the modification, amendment, novation or optional termination of the existing Swap (for purposes hereof, the "transaction"), for the Commission based on the balance of risks and rewards presented by the proposed transaction, including a detailed description of the transactional structure, a description of the risks it presents, and risk mitigation measures;
- (ii) The legal framework for the transaction within the context of Pennsylvania statutes, Commission ordinances, and relevant indenture and contractual requirements (including those contained in credit enhancement agreements), as well as any implications of the transaction under federal tax law;
- (iii) Potential effects that the transaction may have on the credit ratings of any Commission obligations assigned by the rating agencies;
- (iv) The potential impact of the transaction on any areas where the Commission's capacity is limited, now or in the future, including the use of variable-rate debt, bank liquidity facilities or letters of credit, and bond insurance;

- (v) The ability of the Commission to handle any administrative burden that may be imposed by the transaction, including accounting and financial reporting requirements;
- (vi) Information reporting requirements, if any; and
- (vii) Other implications of the proposed transaction as warranted.

Approval to enter into a transaction will be subject to appropriate legal authorization. The authorization will include the appropriate Commission officials to whom relevant authority is delegated to carry out the necessary steps to enter into, monitor and administer the transaction, and the parameters within which their delegated authority may be exercised.

B. Financing Team

The Commission will use qualified legal counsel and retain the services of a qualified Swap Advisor for all Swaps. The Swap Advisor shall satisfy the requirements set forth below in VII.E. In addition, the Commission may retain the services of a qualified Financial Advisor for any Swap.

C. Underwriter Selection

In the event bonds are issued in connection with Swaps, the Commission will price the bonds according to the guidelines set forth in its Debt Policy.

D. Counterparty Selection

The Commission may use a competitive or a negotiated process to select a Swap counterparty and price a Swap as it believes business, market or competitive conditions justify such a process. In particular, the Commission may procure a Swap through a negotiated process if it makes a determination, in consultation with its Swap Advisor, that due to the Swap's characteristics (such as size, price transparency, liquidity, etc.), market conditions and other business considerations, a negotiated process would result in the most favorable pricing and execution.

E. Swap Advisor Selection Requirements and Ongoing Monitoring

Each Swap Advisor selected by the Commission shall meet the following requirements to be a Qualified Independent Representative pursuant to CFTC Regulation 23.450, subject to any amendments or interpretations by the CFTC and any comparable requirements set forth by other regulators, including, without limitation, the SEC or MSRB (collectively, the "Qualified Independent Representative Requirements"). The Commission's Swap Advisor shall:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge to evaluate the Swap transaction and risks;
- (ii) not be subject to a statutory disqualification (under the Commodity Exchange Act);
- (iii) be independent of the Commission's relevant Swap counterparty within the meaning of CFTC Regulation 23.450(c);
- (iv) undertake a duty to act in the best interests of the Commission;
- (v) makes appropriate and timely disclosures to the Commission of compensation and

all material conflicts of interest that would be sufficient to permit the Commission to assess the conflict and take steps to mitigate it;

- (vi) evaluate the fair pricing and the appropriateness of the Swap transaction; and
- (vii) be subject to restrictions on certain political contributions that may be imposed by the CFTC, the SEC, or a self-regulatory organization subject to jurisdiction of the CFTC or the SEC.

The Commission's staff shall undertake on-going monitoring of each Swap Advisor's performance consistent with the Qualified Independent Representative Requirements. The Commission's staff shall determine at least annually that each Swap Advisor to the Commission reasonably appears to satisfy the Qualified Independent Representative Requirements. The Commission's staff shall also determine prior to any Swap transaction that the particular Swap Advisor or Advisors retained by the Commission in connection with such Swap transaction reasonably appear to satisfy the Qualified Independent Representative Requirements. In making the determinations described above in this paragraph, the Commission's staff may take into account any report or other documentation provided by the Swap Advisor regarding its satisfaction of the requirements in clauses (i) through (vii) above which report and other documentation shall be reviewed by the Commission's staff in consultation with legal counsel.

In addition, the Commission shall require that each Swap Advisor to the Commission has written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that such Swap Advisor satisfies the applicable requirements of the Qualified Independent Representative Requirements and that each Swap Advisor provide written representations to evidence compliance with such requirement.

In addition to the above, the Swap Advisor should be a registered Municipal Advisor with the MSRB and SEC.

VIII. Disclosure and Financial Reporting:

The Commission will ensure that there is full and complete disclosure of all Swaps to rating agencies, and in disclosure documents. Disclosure in marketing documents, including bond offering documents, shall provide a clear summary of the special risks involved with Swaps and any potential exposure to interest rate volatility or unusually large and rapid changes in market value. With respect to its financial statements, the Commission will adhere to the guidelines for the financial reporting of Swaps, as set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board, the CFTC or other applicable regulatory agencies.

IX. Record Keeping:

The Commission shall obtain and maintain a "legal entity identifier" or such other entity identifier as shall be required by any market regulators from time to time and shall maintain records for Swaps in accordance with legal requirements applicable from time to time including CFTC Final Rule *Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements: Pre-Enactment and Transition Swaps*, 77 Fed. Reg. 35200 (June 12, 2012) and CFTC Final Rule *Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements*, 77 Fed. Reg. 2136 (January 13, 2012). The Commission shall, at a minimum and subject to any future changes in law, keep full, complete and systematic records, together with all pertinent data and memoranda with respect to each Swap throughout the life of the Swap and for a period of at least five years following the final termination of the Swap in either electronic or paper form so long as the information is retrievable within five business days during the period during

which it is required to be kept. The Commission shall maintain in such records any unique swap identifiers assigned by the Commission's Swap counterparties.

X. Dodd-Frank Act and Other Regulatory Developments:

The Chief Financial Officer and the Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, in consultation with the Commission's Swap Advisor and legal counsel, shall monitor regulatory developments related to Swaps pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, other legislation relating to Swaps and related rules and regulations and market practices in response thereto. If determined to be necessary or advantageous in order for the Commission to maintain or improve communications with, or the receipt of information from, existing or potential Swap counterparties or to facilitate any Swap transactions, the Commission may enter into such Protocols or similar agreements relating to such regulatory developments.

Glossary of Terms

Asset/Liability Matching: Matching the term and amount of assets and liabilities in order to mitigate the impact of changes in interest rates.

Bid/Ask Spread: The difference between the bid price (at which a market maker is willing to buy) and the ask price (at which a market maker is willing to sell).

Call Option: The right to buy an underlying asset (e.g. a municipal bond) after a certain date and at a certain price. A call option is frequently embedded in a municipal bond, giving the issuer the right to buy, or redeem, the bonds at a certain price.

Collateral: Assets pledged to secure an obligation. The assets are potentially subject to seizure in the event of default.

Dodd-Frank Act: The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, as it may be amended.

Downgrade: A negative change in credit ratings.

Forward Starting Swap: Swaps that start at some time in the future. Used to lock-in current interest rates.

Hedge: A transaction that reduces the interest rate risk of an underlying security.

Interest Rate Swap: The exchange of interest rate payments between counterparties.

ISDA August 2012 Dodd-Frank Protocol: ISDA's Protocol published on August 13, 2012 intended to address the CFTC Final Rule, *Business Conduct Standards for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants With Counterparties*, 77 Fed. Reg. 9734 (February 17, 2012).

ISDA March 2013 Dodd-Frank Protocol: ISDA's Protocol published on March 22, 2013 intended to address the CFTC Final Rule, *Confirmation, Portfolio Reconciliation, Portfolio Compression, and Swap Trading Relationship Documentation Requirements for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants*, 77 Fed. Reg. 55904 (September 11, 2012); CFTC Final Rule, *End-User Exception to the Clearing Requirement for Swaps*, 77 Fed. Reg. 42559 (July 19, 2012); and CFTC Final Rule, *Clearing Requirement Determination Under Section 2(h) of the CEA*, 77 Fed. Reg. 74284 (December 13, 2012).

Liquidity Support: An agreement by a bank to make payment on a variable rate security to assure investors that the security can be sold.

LIBOR: The London Interbank Offer Rate. Used as an index to compute the variable rate on an interest rate swap.

Notional Amount: The amount used to determine the interest payments on a swap.

Offsetting Swap: Secondary interest rate Swap that is placed in an opposite direction from the primary.

interest rate Swap. The offsetting Swap is used to minimize Swap risks associated with the use of Swaps and potentially gain monetary value from the transaction.

Protocol: A multilateral contractual amendment mechanism that allows for various standardized amendments to be deemed to be made to the relevant covered swap agreements between any two adhering parties.

Termination Payment: A payment made by a counterparty that is required to terminate the Swap. The payment is commonly based on the market value of the Swap, which is computed using the rate on the initial Swap and the rate on a replacement Swap.

This Policy Letter supersedes all previous Policy Letters on this subject.