

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Written Agreement by and between

BANK OF COMMERCE HOLDINGS, INC.
Sarasota, Florida

and

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA
Atlanta, Georgia

Docket No. 10- 063-WA/RB-HC

WHEREAS, Bank of Commerce Holdings, Inc., Sarasota, Florida (“BCH”), is a registered bank holding company that owns and controls Bank of Commerce, Sarasota, Florida (the “Bank”), a state chartered nonmember bank, and various nonbank subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, it is the common goal of BCH and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (the “Reserve Bank”) to maintain the financial soundness of BCH so that BCH may serve as a source of strength to the Bank;

WHEREAS, BCH and the Reserve Bank have mutually agreed to enter into this Written Agreement (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2010, the board of directors of BCH, at a duly constituted meeting, adopted a resolution authorizing and directing Charles O. Murphy to enter into this Agreement on behalf of BCH, and consenting to compliance with each and

every provision of this Agreement by BCH and its institution-affiliated parties, as defined in sections 3(u) and 8(b)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended (the “FDI Act”) (12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(u) and 1818(b)(3)).

NOW, THEREFORE, BCH and the Reserve Bank agree as follows:

Source of Strength

1. The board of directors of BCH shall take appropriate steps to fully utilize BCH’s financial and managerial resources, pursuant to section 225.4(a) of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Board of Governors”) (12 C.F.R. § 225.4(a)) to serve as a source of strength to the Bank, including, but not limited to, taking steps to ensure that the Bank complies with any other supervisory action taken by the Bank’s federal or state regulator.

Dividends and Distributions

2. (a) BCH shall not declare or pay any dividends without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation (the “Director”) of the Board of Governors.

(b) BCH shall not directly or indirectly take dividends or any other form of payment representing a reduction in capital from the Bank without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.

(c) BCH and its nonbank subsidiaries shall not make any distributions of interest, principal, or other sums on subordinated debentures or trust preferred securities without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Director.

(d) All requests for prior approval shall be received by the Reserve Bank at least 30 days prior to the proposed dividend declaration date, proposed distribution on

subordinated debentures, and required notice of deferral on trust preferred securities. All requests shall contain, at a minimum, current and projected information on BCH's capital, earnings, and cash flow; the Bank's capital, asset quality, earnings, and allowance for loan and lease losses; and identification of the sources of funds for the proposed payment or distribution. For requests to declare or pay dividends, BCH must also demonstrate that the requested declaration or payment of dividends is consistent with the Board of Governors' Policy Statement on the Payment of Cash Dividends by State Member Banks and Bank Holding Companies, dated November 14, 1985 (Federal Reserve Regulatory Service, 4-877 at page 4-323).

Debt and Stock Redemption

3. (a) BCH and any nonbank subsidiary shall not, directly or indirectly, incur, increase, or guarantee any debt without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank. All requests for prior written approval shall contain, but not be limited to, a statement regarding the purpose of the debt, the terms of the debt, and the planned source(s) for debt repayment, and an analysis of the cash flow resources available to meet such debt repayment.

(b) BCH shall not, directly or indirectly, purchase or redeem any shares of its stock without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

4. (a) In appointing any new director or senior executive officer, or changing the responsibilities of any senior executive officer so that the officer would assume a different senior executive officer position, BCH shall comply with the notice provisions of section 32 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831i) and Subpart H of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors (12 C.F.R. §§ 225.71 *et seq.*).

(b) BCH shall comply with the restrictions on indemnification and severance payments of section 18(k) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1828(k)) and Part 359 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 359).

Progress Reports

5. Within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of this Agreement, the board of directors shall submit to the Reserve Bank written progress reports detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and the results thereof, and a parent company only balance sheet, income statement, and, as applicable, report of changes in stockholders' equity.

Communications

6. All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to:

- (a) Mr. Robert D. Hawkins
Assistant Vice President
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
10000 Peachtree Street, N.E. Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470
- (b) Mr. Charles O. Murphy
President and Chief Executive Officer
Bank of Commerce Holdings, Inc.
1857 Ringling Boulevard
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Miscellaneous

7. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the Reserve Bank may, in its sole discretion, grant written extensions of time to BCH to comply with any provision of this Agreement.

8. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon BCH and its institution-affiliated parties, in their capacities as such, and their successors and assigns.

9. Each provision of this Agreement shall remain effective and enforceable until stayed, modified, terminated, or suspended in writing by the Reserve Bank.

10. The provisions of this Agreement shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the Board of Governors, the Reserve Bank, or any other federal or state agency from taking any other action affecting BCH, the Bank, any nonbank subsidiary of BCH, or any of their current or former institution-affiliated parties and their successors and assigns.

11. Pursuant to section 50 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831aa), this Agreement is enforceable by the Board of Governors under section 8 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the 23rd of April, 2010.

BANK OF COMMERCE
HOLDINGS, INC.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF ATLANTA

By: /s/Charles O. Murphy
Charles O. Murphy
President and Chief Executive
Officer

By: /s/ Robert D. Hawkins
Robert D. Hawkins
Assistant Vice President