

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

Written Agreement by and between

AMERICANWEST BANCORPORATION
Spokane, Washington

and

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF
SAN FRANCISCO
San Francisco, California

Docket No. 09-121-WA/RB-HC

WHEREAS, AmericanWest Bancorporation, Spokane, Washington (“AmericanWest”), a registered bank holding company, owns and controls AmericanWest Bank, Spokane, Washington (the “Bank”), a state chartered nonmember bank, and various nonbank subsidiaries;

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

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

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2009, the board of directors of AmericanWest, at a duly constituted meeting, adopted a resolution authorizing and directing Patrick J. Rusnak to enter into this Agreement on behalf of AmericanWest, and consenting to compliance with each and every provision of this Agreement by AmericanWest 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, AmericanWest and the Reserve Bank agree as follows:

Dividends and Distributions

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

(b) AmericanWest and any nonbank subsidiary 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) AmericanWest 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 AmericanWest’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, AmericanWest 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

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

Capital Plan

3. Within 60 days of this Agreement, AmericanWest shall submit to the Reserve Bank an acceptable written plan to maintain sufficient capital at AmericanWest, on a consolidated basis, and at the Bank, as a separate legal entity on a stand-alone basis. The plan shall, at a minimum, address, consider, and include:

(a) The consolidated organization's and the Bank's current and future capital requirements, including compliance with the Capital Adequacy Guidelines for Bank Holding Companies: Risk-Based Measure and Tier 1 Leverage Measure, Appendices A and D of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors (12 C.F.R. Part 225, App. A and D), and the applicable capital adequacy guidelines for the Bank issued by the Bank's federal regulator;

(b) the adequacy of the Bank's capital, taking into account the volume of classified credits, concentrations of credit, ALLL, current and projected asset growth, and projected retained earnings;

(c) the source and timing of additional necessary funds to fulfill the consolidated organization's and the Bank's future capital requirements;

(d) supervisory requests for additional capital at the Bank or the requirements of any supervisory action imposed on the Bank by its federal or state regulator; and

(e) the requirements of section 225.4(a) of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors (12 C.F.R. § 225.4(a)) that AmericanWest serve as a source of strength to the Bank.

4. AmericanWest shall notify the Reserve Bank, in writing, no more than 30 days after the end of any quarter in which any of the consolidated organization's or the Bank's capital ratios (total risk-based, Tier 1, or leverage) fall below the plan's minimum ratios. Together with the notification, AmericanWest shall submit an acceptable capital plan that details the steps AmericanWest will take to increase the consolidated organization's or the Bank's capital ratios to or above the plan's minimums.

Affiliate Transactions

5. (a) American West shall take all necessary actions to ensure that the Bank complies with sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. §§ 371c and 371c-1) and Regulation W of the Board of Governors (12 C.F.R. Part 223) in all transactions between the Bank and its affiliates, including but not limited to American West and its nonbank subsidiaries.

(b) American West and its nonbank subsidiaries shall not cause the Bank or any other depository institution subsidiary of American West to violate any provision of sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act or Regulation W of the Board of Governors.

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

6. (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, AmericanWest 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) AmericanWest 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

7. 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.

Approval and Implementation of Plan

8. (a) AmericanWest shall submit a written capital plan that is acceptable to the Reserve Bank within the applicable time period set forth in paragraph 3 of this Agreement.

(b) Within 10 days of approval by the Reserve Bank, AmericanWest shall adopt the approved capital plan. Upon adoption, AmericanWest shall promptly implement the approved plan, and thereafter fully comply with it.

(c) During the term of this Agreement, the approved capital plan shall not be amended or rescinded without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.

Communications

9. All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to:
 - (a) Mr. Kevin Zerbe
Vice President
Banking Supervision & Regulation
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
101 Market Street, Mail Stop 920
San Francisco, California 94105
 - (b) Mr. Craig Eerkes
Chairman of the Board
AmericanWest Bancorporation
41 West Riverside Avenue, Suite 400
Spokane, Washington 99201

Miscellaneous

10. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the Reserve Bank may, in its sole discretion, grant written extensions of time to AmericanWest to comply with any provision of this Agreement.
11. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon AmericanWest and its institution-affiliated parties, in their capacities as such, and their successors and assigns.
12. Each provision of this Agreement shall remain effective and enforceable until stayed, modified, terminated, or suspended in writing by the Reserve Bank.
13. 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 AmericanWest, the Bank, any nonbank subsidiary of AmericanWest, or any of their current or former institution-affiliated parties and their successors and assigns.

14. 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 15th day of September, 2009.

AMERICANWEST BANCORPORATION

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN
FRANCISCO

By: /s/ Patrick J. Rusnak
Patrick J. Rusnak
President and CEO

By: /s/ Kevin Zerbe
Kevin Zerbe
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