

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

STATE OF GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Written Agreement by and among

CRESCENT BANKING COMPANY
Jasper, Georgia

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF
ATLANTA
Atlanta, Georgia

and

BANKING COMMISSIONER OF
THE STATE OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia

Docket No. 09-089-WA/RB-HC

WHEREAS, Crescent Banking Company, Jasper, Georgia (“Crescent”), a registered bank holding company, owns and controls Crescent Bank and Trust Company, a state chartered nonmember bank (the “Bank”), and various nonbank subsidiaries;

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

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

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2009, the board of directors of Crescent, at a duly constituted meeting, adopted a resolution authorizing and directing J. Donald Bogus, Jr. to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Crescent, and consenting to compliance with each and every provision of this Agreement by Crescent 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, Crescent, the Reserve Bank, and the Commissioner agree as follows:

Dividends and Distributions

1. (a) Crescent 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 of the Board of Governors (the “Director”), and the Commissioner.

(b) Crescent 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 and the Commissioner.

(c) Crescent 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, the Director, and the Commissioner.

(d) All requests for prior approval shall be received by the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner 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 Crescent’s capital, earnings, and cash flow; the Bank’s capital, asset quality, earnings, and,

allowance for loan and lease losses (“ALLL”); and identification of the sources of funds for the proposed payment or distribution. For requests to declare or pay dividends, Crescent 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), and the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance Statement of Policies.

Debt and Stock Redemption

2. (a) Crescent and any nonbank subsidiary shall not, directly or indirectly, incur, increase, or guarantee any debt without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner. 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) Crescent shall not, directly or indirectly, purchase or redeem any shares of its stock without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner.

Capital Plan

3. Within 60 days of this Agreement, Crescent shall submit to the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner an acceptable written plan to maintain sufficient capital at Crescent, on a consolidated basis, and 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 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 Crescent serve as a source of strength to the Bank.

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

Compliance with Laws and Regulations

5. (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, Crescent 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.*), and also provide written notice to the Commissioner.

(b) Crescent 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

6. Within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of this Agreement, the boards of directors of Crescent shall submit to the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner 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, a report of changes in stockholders' equity.

Approval and Implementation of Plans

7. (a) Crescent shall submit a written capital plan that is acceptable to the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner within the applicable time periods set forth in paragraph 3 of this Agreement.

(b) Within 10 days of approval by the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner, Crescent shall adopt the approved capital plan. Upon adoption, Crescent 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 and the Commissioner.

Communications

8. All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to:
 - (a) Mr. Robert D. Hawkins
Assistant Vice President
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
1000 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470
 - (b) Mr. Robert M. Braswell
Commissioner
Georgia Department of Banking and Finance
2990 Brandywine Road, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30341
 - (c) Mr. J. Donald Buggus, Jr.
President and CEO
Crescent Banking Company
7 Caring Way
Jasper, Georgia 30143

Miscellaneous

9. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner may, in their sole discretion, grant written extensions of time to Crescent to comply with any provision of this Agreement.
10. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon Crescent and its institution-affiliated parties, in their capacities as such, and their successors and assigns.
11. Each provision of this Agreement shall remain effective and enforceable until stayed, modified, terminated, or suspended in writing by the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner.
12. The provisions of this Agreement shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the Board of Governors, the Reserve Bank, the Commissioner, or any other federal or state agency

from taking any other action affecting Crescent, the Bank, any nonbank subsidiary of Crescent, or any of their current or former institution-affiliated parties and their successors and assigns.

13. 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) and by the Commissioner pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 7-1-91.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the 20th day of July, 2009.

CRESCENT BANKING COMPANY

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

By: /s/ J. Donald Buggus, Jr.
J. Donald Buggus, Jr.
President and CEO

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

BANKING COMMISSIONER OF THE
STATE OF GEORGIA

By: /s/ Robert M. Braswell
Robert M. Braswell
Commissioner