

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF BOND ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENTS RELATING TO PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND DEBT AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO SAID AGREEMENTS

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WHEREAS, the Board of Regents (the “Board”) of The University of Texas System (the “System”) is the governing body of the System, an institution of higher education under the Texas Education Code and an agency of the State of Texas (the “State”); and

WHEREAS, the Permanent University Fund is a constitutional fund and public endowment created in the Texas Constitution of 1876, as created, established, implemented and administered pursuant to Sections 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 15 and 18 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State, as amended, and by other applicable present and future constitutional and statutory provisions, and further implemented by the provisions of Chapter 66, *Texas Education Code*, as amended (the “Permanent University Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the Available University Fund is defined by the Constitution of the State and consists of distributions made to it from the total return on all investment assets of the Permanent University Fund, including the net income attributable to the surface of Permanent University Fund land, as determined by the Board pursuant to Section 18 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State, as amended (the “Available University Fund”); and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State, as may hereafter be amended (the “Constitutional Provision”), authorizes the Board to issue bonds and notes (“PUF Debt”) not to exceed a total amount of 20% of the cost value of investments and other assets of the Permanent University Fund, exclusive of real estate, at the time of issuance thereof and to pledge all or any part of its two-thirds interest in the Available University Fund (the “Interest of the System”) to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on PUF Debt, for the purpose of acquiring land, constructing and equipping buildings or other permanent improvements, major repair and rehabilitation of buildings and other permanent improvements, acquiring capital equipment and library books and library materials, and refunding bonds or notes issued under the Constitutional Provision or prior law, at or for the System administration and institutions of the System as listed in the Constitutional Provision; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Provision also provides that out of the Interest of the System in the Available University Fund there shall be appropriated an annual sum sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on PUF Debt, and the remainder of the Interest of the System in the Available University Fund (the “Residual AUF”) shall be appropriated for the support and maintenance of The University of Texas at Austin and the System Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously entered into certain Executed Master Agreements (as defined herein) with certain counterparties setting forth the terms and conditions applicable to each Confirmation (as defined herein) to be executed thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby desires to ratify and approve the U.T. System’s Interest Rate Swap Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and to severally authorize each Authorized Representative (as defined in the System’s Interest Rate Swap Policy) to enter into Bond Enhancement Agreements (as defined herein) from time to time, all as provided in this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. Capitalized terms used in this Resolution and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION OF BOND ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENTS.

(a) Delegation. Each Authorized Representative is hereby severally authorized to act on behalf of the Board in accepting and executing new or amended confirmations under one or more of the Master Agreements (each, a “Confirmation” and, collectively with the applicable Master Agreement, a “Bond Enhancement Agreement”) when, in his or her judgment, the execution of such Confirmation is consistent with this Resolution and the System’s Interest Rate Swap Policy and either (i) the transaction is expected to reduce the net interest to be paid by the Board with respect to any then outstanding PUF Debt or PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future over the term of the Bond Enhancement Agreement or (ii) the transaction is in the best interests of the Board given the market conditions at that time. Prior to entering into any such transaction, an Authorized Representative must deliver to the General Counsel of the Board a certificate setting forth the determinations of the Authorized Representative in connection with the foregoing. Each Authorized Representative is also severally authorized to execute any required novation agreement related to the execution and delivery of a new or amended Confirmation undertaken in conjunction with the novation of an existing Confirmation. The delegation to each Authorized Representative to execute and deliver Bond Enhancement Agreements on behalf of the Board under this Resolution shall expire on September 1, 2022.

(b) Authorizing Law and Treatment as Credit Agreement. The Board hereby determines that any such Bond Enhancement Agreement entered into by an Authorized Representative pursuant to this Resolution is necessary or appropriate to place the Board’s obligations with respect to its outstanding PUF Debt or PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future on the interest rate, currency, cash flow or other basis set forth in such Bond Enhancement Agreement as approved and executed on behalf of the Board by an Authorized Representative. Each Bond Enhancement Agreement constitutes a “bond enhancement agreement” under Section 65.461 of the *Texas Education Code*, as amended (“Section 65.461”). Pursuant to Section 65.461, a Bond Enhancement Agreement authorized and executed by an Authorized Representative under this Resolution shall not be considered a “credit agreement” under Chapter 1371 of the *Texas Government Code*, as amended (“Chapter 1371”), unless specifically designated as such by such Authorized Representative. In the event an Authorized Representative elects to treat a Bond Enhancement Agreement authorized by this Resolution as a “credit agreement” under Chapter 1371 and this Resolution has not previously been submitted to the Attorney General by an Authorized Representative or is required to be submitted for such Bond Enhancement Agreement, such Authorized Representative shall submit this Resolution to

the Attorney General for review and approval in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 1371 as the proceedings authorizing Bond Enhancement Agreements entered into by the Board pursuant to this Resolution.

(c) Costs; Maximum Term. The costs of any Bond Enhancement Agreement and the amounts payable thereunder, including but not limited to any amounts payable by the Board as a result of terminating a Bond Enhancement Agreement, shall be payable from the Residual AUF as a cost of the support and maintenance of System administration or from any other source that is legally available to make such payments.

The maximum term of each Bond Enhancement Agreement authorized by this Resolution shall not exceed the maturity date of the then outstanding related PUF Debt or the related PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future, as applicable.

(d) Notional Amount. The notional amount of any Bond Enhancement Agreement authorized by this Resolution shall not at any time exceed the aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding related PUF Debt or related PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future, as applicable; provided that the aggregate notional amount of multiple Bond Enhancement Agreements relating to the same PUF Debt may exceed the principal amount of the related PUF Debt if such Bond Enhancement Agreements are for different purposes, as evidenced for example by different rates for calculating payments owed, and the aggregate notional amount of any such Bond Enhancement Agreements for the same purpose otherwise satisfies the foregoing requirements.

(e) Early Termination. No Confirmation entered into pursuant to this Resolution shall contain early termination provisions at the option of the counterparty except upon the occurrence of an event of default or an additional termination event, as prescribed in the applicable Master Agreement. In addition to subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5 hereof, each Authorized Representative is hereby severally authorized to terminate any Bond Enhancement Agreement when, in his or her judgment, such termination is in the best interests of the Board given the market conditions at that time.

(f) Maximum Rate. No Bond Enhancement Agreement authorized by this Resolution shall be payable at a rate greater than the maximum rate allowed by law.

(g) Credit Enhancement. An Authorized Representative may obtain credit enhancement for any Bond Enhancement Agreement if such Authorized Representative, as evidenced by a certificate delivered to the General Counsel to the Board, has determined that after taking into account the cost of such credit enhancement, such credit enhancement will reduce the amount payable by the Board pursuant to such Bond Enhancement Agreement; provided that the annual cost of credit enhancement on any Bond Enhancement Agreement entered into pursuant to this Resolution may not exceed 0.50% of the notional amount of such Bond Enhancement Agreement.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS.

(a) In addition to the authority otherwise granted in this Resolution, each Authorized Representative is hereby severally granted continuing authority to enter into the following

specific transactions pursuant to a Confirmation (or other agreement or instrument deemed necessary by an Authorized Representative) upon satisfaction of the following respective conditions:

(1) Floating-to-fixed rate interest rate swap transactions under which the Board would pay an amount based upon a fixed rate of interest and the counterparty would pay an amount based upon a variable rate of interest with respect to PUF Debt then outstanding bearing interest at a variable rate and any PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future that will bear interest at a variable rate, as applicable. Prior to entering into such transaction, an Authorized Representative must deliver to the General Counsel to the Board a certificate to the effect that (i) the synthetic fixed rate to the Board pursuant to the swap transaction is lower than the rate available to the Board for comparable fixed rate debt at the time of the swap transaction, and (ii) if the variable rate being paid or expected to be paid by the Board on the applicable PUF Debt is computed on a basis different from the calculation of the variable rate to be received under the swap transaction over the stated term of such swap transaction, the basis risk of the transaction is expected to be minimal based upon historical relationships between such bases.

(2) Fixed-to-floating rate interest rate swap transactions under which the Board would pay an amount based upon a variable rate of interest and the counterparty would pay an amount based upon a fixed rate of interest, with respect to PUF Debt then outstanding bearing interest at a fixed rate or PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future that will bear interest at a fixed rate, as applicable. Prior to entering into such transaction, an Authorized Representative must deliver to the General Counsel to the Board a certificate to the effect that converting such portion of fixed rate PUF Debt to a variable rate pursuant to the fixed-to-floating interest rate swap transaction would be beneficial to the System by (i) lowering the anticipated net interest cost on the PUF Debt to be swapped against or (ii) assisting in the System's asset/liability management by matching a portion of its variable rate assets with variable rate PUF Debt.

(3) Basis swap transactions under which the Board would pay a variable rate of interest computed on one basis, such as the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Municipal Swap Index, and the counterparty would pay a variable rate of interest computed on a different basis, such as a designated maturity of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), with respect to a given principal amount of PUF Debt then outstanding or PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future, as applicable. Prior to entering into such transaction, an Authorized Representative must deliver to the General Counsel to the Board a certificate to the effect that by entering into the basis swap transaction the Board is expected to be able to (i) achieve spread income or upfront cash payments, (ii) preserve call option and advance refunding capability on its PUF Debt, (iii) lower net interest cost by effecting a percent of LIBOR synthetic refunding without issuing additional bonds or acquiring credit enhancement, (iv) lower net interest cost on PUF Debt by layering tax risk on top of a traditional or synthetic fixed rate financing, (v) preserve liquidity capacity, or (vi) avoid the mark to market volatility of a fixed-to-floating or floating-to-fixed swap in changing interest rate environments.

(4) Basis swap transactions that are a combination of authority granted under subsections (1) and (2) above under which the Board would pay a variable rate of interest computed on one basis, such as LIBOR, and the counterparty would pay a fixed rate of interest (“Fixed Rate #1”), combined with a swap under which the Board would receive the same variable rate of interest, and the counterparty would receive a fixed rate of interest different than Fixed Rate #1, with respect to a given principal amount of PUF Debt then outstanding or PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future. Prior to entering into such transaction, an Authorized Representative must deliver to the General Counsel to the Board a certificate to the effect that by entering into the basis swap transaction the Board is expected to be able to (i) achieve spread income or upfront cash payments, or (ii) lower the anticipated net interest cost on the related PUF Debt.

(5) Interest rate locks, caps, options, floors, and collars for the purpose of limiting the exposure of the Board to adverse changes in interest rates in connection with outstanding PUF Debt or additional PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future. Prior to entering into such a transaction, an Authorized Representative must deliver to the General Counsel to the Board a certificate to the effect that such transaction is expected to limit or eliminate such exposure.

(b) The foregoing is not intended to be a comprehensive list of permissible types of transactions, but rather to specify additional conditions necessary to enter into the specified types of transactions. The requirements of Section 2(a) above shall apply to any transaction not specified in Section 3(a) above.

SECTION 4. APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED UNDER BOND ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENTS.

(a) General. Except as provided in subsection (b) hereof, to the extent the Board receives payments pursuant to a Bond Enhancement Agreement, such payments shall be applied for any lawful purpose.

(b) Payments under Chapter 1371 Credit Agreements. In the event an Authorized Representative elects to treat a Bond Enhancement Agreement authorized by this Resolution as a “credit agreement” under Chapter 1371 and such Bond Enhancement Agreement is executed and delivered pursuant to Chapter 1371, to the extent that the Board receives payments pursuant to such a Bond Enhancement Agreement, such payments shall be applied as follows: (i) to pay (A) debt service on the PUF Debt or anticipated issuance of PUF Debt related to the Bond Enhancement Agreement, or (B) the costs to be financed by the PUF Debt or anticipated issuance of PUF Debt related to the Bond Enhancement Agreement; provided that, if applicable, such costs shall have been approved for construction by the Board; (ii) to pay other liabilities or expenses that are secured on parity with or senior to the PUF Debt or anticipated issuance of PUF Debt related to the Bond Enhancement Agreement; or (iii) to the extent that costs set forth in (i) and (ii) have been satisfied, for any other lawful purpose.

SECTION 5. BOND ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH ANTICIPATED PUF DEBT.

(a) Requirement to Terminate or Modify Agreement for Non-issuance of Anticipated PUF Debt. In the event a Bond Enhancement Agreement is entered into under this Resolution in connection with the anticipated issuance of PUF Debt and such PUF Debt is not actually issued on or prior to the effective date of such agreement, an Authorized Representative shall either terminate such Bond Enhancement Agreement or amend such Bond Enhancement Agreement in such event (i) to delay the effective date of such Bond Enhancement Agreement; or (ii) to replace such anticipated PUF Debt with any then outstanding PUF Debt having the same types of interest rates (fixed or variable) as the anticipated PUF Debt.

(b) Requirement to Terminate or Modify Agreement for Notional Amount in Excess of Anticipated PUF Debt as Issued. In the event a Bond Enhancement Agreement is entered into under this Resolution in connection with the anticipated issuance of PUF Debt and such Bond Enhancement Agreement has a notional amount that at any time exceeds the principal amount to be outstanding of such anticipated PUF Debt as actually issued, an Authorized Representative shall either terminate such Bond Enhancement Agreement or amend such Bond Enhancement Agreement (i) to reduce the notional amount of such Bond Enhancement as appropriate so that such notional amount does not exceed at any time the principal amount to be outstanding of such anticipated PUF Debt as actually issued or (ii) supplement or replace all or a portion of such anticipated PUF Debt with any then outstanding PUF Debt having the same types of interest rates (fixed or variable) as the anticipated PUF Debt as necessary to ensure that the notional amount of such Bond Enhancement Agreement does not exceed at any time the principal amount of the applicable PUF Debt.

(c) Board Recognition of Anticipated PUF Debt. No Bond Enhancement Agreement may be entered into under this Resolution with respect to the Board's obligations under an anticipated future issuance of PUF Debt unless such anticipated issuance of future debt shall have been recognized by official action of the Board pursuant to (i) the Board's prior adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of such debt, including but not limited to a resolution delegating the parameters of such issuance to an Authorized Representative or a resolution authorizing the issuance of commercial paper notes, (ii) the Board's prior approval of its then current Capital Improvement Program contemplating the financing of the projects to be financed by such anticipated issuance of debt and the amount of such debt to be issued, or (iii) the Board's action pursuant to subsection (e) hereof with respect to PUF Debt anticipated to be issued to refund outstanding PUF Debt.

(d) Required Description of Anticipated PUF Debt. To the extent that a Bond Enhancement Agreement is entered into under this Resolution with respect to the Board's obligations under an anticipated future issuance of PUF Debt, an Authorized Representative must also deliver to the General Counsel to the Board at the time such agreement is entered into a certificate with respect to such anticipated PUF Debt stating: (i) the anticipated issuance date of such PUF Debt or a range of anticipated dates of up to six months for such issuance, provided that such date or range of dates may not be more than the lesser of seventy-two (72) months after the date of the applicable Confirmation or the latest date contemplated for the issuance of such PUF Debt in the Board's then current Capital Improvement Program; (ii) whether such PUF

Debt will bear interest at a fixed or variable rate; (iii) if such PUF Debt will bear interest at a fixed rate, what fixed interest rate or range of interest rates with respect to such PUF Debt is anticipated; (iv) if such PUF Debt will bear interest at a variable rate, what basis is anticipated to be used to compute such variable rate; (v) the assumed maturity schedule and amortization for such PUF Debt, including the assumed interest cost; (vi) the anticipated purposes for which the proceeds of such PUF Debt will be used; and (vii) for PUF Debt anticipated to be issued for new money projects, a list or description of such projects anticipated to be financed, provided that each such project must be contemplated for financing with PUF Debt by the Board's then current Capital Improvement Program or have otherwise received Board approval for financing.

(e) Board's Statement of Intent to Issue Advance Refunding Debt for Savings. If the conditions in this Resolution are otherwise satisfied, the Board hereby authorizes each Authorized Representative to enter into a Bond Enhancement Agreement in connection with PUF Debt anticipated to be issued for the purpose of advance refunding any existing PUF Debt, provided that as certified by an Authorized Representative to the General Counsel to the Board, such anticipated issue of PUF Debt, when taking into consideration the effect of such Bond Enhancement Agreement, is expected to result in a present value savings in connection with such advance refunding of at least 3.0% (determined in the manner set forth in the resolution most recently approved by the Board authorizing the issuance of PUF Debt), and in such event, the Board hereby declares its intention to cause such anticipated PUF Debt to be issued. No such certification or declaration shall be applicable in connection with PUF Debt anticipated to be issued for the purpose of currently refunding any existing PUF Debt within ninety (90) days of the date of issuance of such anticipated PUF Debt.

SECTION 6. MASTER AGREEMENTS.

(a) New Master Agreements. Each Authorized Representative is hereby severally authorized to enter into ISDA Master Agreements (the "New Master Agreements") with counterparties satisfying the ratings requirements of the System's Interest Rate Swap Policy. Such New Master Agreements shall be in substantially the same form as the Executed Master Agreements, with such changes as, in the judgment of an Authorized Representative, with the advice and counsel of the Office of General Counsel and Bond Counsel, are necessary or desirable (i) to carry out the intent of the Board as expressed in this Resolution, (ii) to receive approval of this Resolution by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, if pursuant Section 2(b) of this Resolution, an Authorized Representative elects to designate any Bond Enhancement Agreement entered into by the Board pursuant to this Resolution as a "credit agreement" under Chapter 1371, (iii) to accommodate the credit structure or requirements of a particular counterparty or (iv) to incorporate comments received or anticipated to be received from any credit rating agency relating to a New Master Agreement. Each Authorized Representative is authorized to enter into such New Master Agreements and to enter into Confirmations thereunder in accordance with this Resolution and in furtherance of and to carry out the intent hereof. If a New Master Agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection replaces a then effective Master Agreement with the same or a related counterparty, each Authorized Representative is hereby severally authorized to terminate such existing Master Agreement upon the New Master Agreement becoming effective and to take any and all actions necessary to transfer any Confirmations thereunder to such New Master Agreement.

(b) Amendments to Master Agreements. Each Authorized Representative is hereby further severally authorized to enter into amendments to the Master Agreements to allow Confirmations thereunder to be issued and entered into with respect to any then outstanding PUF Debt or PUF Debt anticipated to be issued in the future and to make such other amendments in accordance with the terms of the respective Master Agreements as in the judgment of such Authorized Representative, with the advice and counsel of the Office of General Counsel and Bond Counsel, are necessary or desirable to allow the Board to achieve the benefits of the Bond Enhancement Agreements in accordance with and subject to the System's Interest Rate Swap Policy and this Resolution.

SECTION 7. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION; RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF SWAP POLICY.

(a) Additional Agreements and Documents Authorized. Each Authorized Representative and all officers of the Board are severally authorized to execute and deliver such other agreements and documents as are contemplated by this Resolution and the Master Agreements or are otherwise necessary in connection with entering into Confirmations and Bond Enhancement Agreements as described in this Resolution, as any such Authorized Representative or officer shall deem appropriate, including without limitation, officer's certificates, legal opinions, credit support documents and any documentation pursuant to an ISDA Protocol, and the execution of any certificates and the filing of any returns with the Internal Revenue Service as may be necessary in the judgment of Bond Counsel with respect to a Bond Enhancement Agreement or the related PUF Debt. Any such actions heretofore taken are hereby ratified, approved and affirmed in all respects.

(b) Further Actions. Each Authorized Representative and all officers of the Board are severally authorized to take all such further actions, to execute and deliver such further instruments and documents in the name and on behalf of the Board to pay all such expenses as in his or her judgment shall be necessary or advisable in order fully to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

(c) Swap Policy. The Board has reviewed and hereby ratifies, approves and affirms the System's Interest Rate Swap Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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EXHIBIT A

DEFINITIONS

As used in this Resolution the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below, unless the text hereof specifically indicates otherwise:

“Authorized Representative” shall have the meaning given to such term in the System’s Interest Rate Swap Policy (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B).

“Available University Fund” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“Board” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“Bond Enhancement Agreement” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 2(a) hereof.

“Chapter 1371” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 2(b) hereof.

“Confirmation” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 2(a) hereof.

“Constitutional Provision” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“Executed Master Agreements” shall mean the following existing and fully executed ISDA Master Agreements currently in effect between the Board and the respective counterparty noted below (copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit C):

(i) ISDA Master Agreement with Bank of America, N.A., dated as of December 1, 2007;

(ii) ISDA Master Agreement with Goldman Sachs Capital Markets, L.P., dated as of December 1, 2007;

(iii) ISDA Master Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, dated as of December 1, 2007;

(iv) ISDA Master Agreement with Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc., dated as of December 1, 2007;

(v) ISDA Master Agreement with Morgan Stanley Capital Services Inc., dated as of December 1, 2007;

(vi) ISDA Master Agreement with UBS AG, dated as of April 1, 2008;

(vii) ISDA Master Agreement with Barclays Bank PLC, dated as of February 3, 2011;

(viii) ISDA Master Agreement with Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, dated as of February 1, 2011;

(ix) ISDA Master Agreement with Royal Bank of Canada, dated as of June 8, 2011;

(x) ISDA Master Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, dated as of January 15, 2010; and

(xi) ISDA Master Agreement with Citibank, N.A., dated as of May 15, 2017.

“Interest of the System” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“ISDA” shall mean the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.

“ISDA Protocol” shall mean any protocol developed by ISDA and determined by an Authorized Representative to be necessary or appropriate in connection with any Master Agreement or Bond Enhancement Agreement.

“LIBOR” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 3(a)(3) hereof.

“Master Agreements” shall mean, collectively, the Executed Master Agreements and any New Master Agreements.

“New Master Agreements” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 6(a) hereof.

“Permanent University Fund” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“PUF Debt” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“Residual AUF” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“Section 65.461” shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 2(b) hereof.

“State” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

“System” shall have the meaning given to such term in the recitals to this Resolution.

EXHIBIT B

**INTEREST RATE SWAP POLICY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**

[See Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 70202 titled Interest Rate Swap Policy]

EXHIBIT C

EXECUTED MASTER AGREEMENTS

[On file with the U. T. System Office of Business Affairs]