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

## BANKING COMMISSIONER OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AUSTIN, TEXAS

Written Agreement by and among

CENTRAL BANCORP, INC. Garland, Texas

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS Dallas, Texas

and

BANKING COMMISSIONER OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF BANKING Austin, Texas Docket No. 12-002-WA/RB-HC Commissioner Order 2012-001

WHEREAS, Central Bancorp, Inc., Garland, Texas ("Bancorp"), a registered bank holding company, owns and controls United Central Bank, Garland, Texas ("Bank"), a statechartered, nonmember bank, and a nonbank subsidiary;

WHEREAS, it is the common goal of Bancorp, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (the

"Reserve Bank"), and the Banking Commissioner (the "Commissioner") of the Texas

Department of Banking (the "Department") to maintain the financial soundness of Bancorp so

that Bancorp may serve as a source of strength to the Bank;

WHEREAS, Bancorp, the Reserve Bank, and the Commissioner have mutually agreed to enter into this Written Agreement (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2012, the board of directors of Bancorp, at a duly constituted meeting, adopted a resolution authorizing and directing Howard Chong, Chairman and President, to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Bancorp, and consenting to compliance with each and every provision of this Agreement by Bancorp 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, Bancorp, the Reserve Bank, and the Commissioner agree as follows:

#### **Source of Strength**

1. The board of directors of Bancorp shall take appropriate steps to fully utilize Bancorp's financial and managerial resources, pursuant to section 38A of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831*o*-1) and Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board of Governors") (12 C.F.R. § 225.4 (a)), to ensure that the Bank complies with the Consent Order issued jointly by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Commissioner on September 15, 2011, and any other supervisory action taken by the Bank's federal or state regulator.

#### **Dividends and Distributions**

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

(b) Bancorp 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) Bancorp and its nonbank subsidiary 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 Bancorp'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, Bancorp 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) Bancorp 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) Bancorp 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**

4. Within 60 days of this Agreement, Bancorp shall submit to the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner an acceptable written plan to maintain sufficient capital at Bancorp on a consolidated 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, allowance for loan and lease losses, current and projected asset growth, and projected retained earnings;

(c) the source and timing of additional funds necessary 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 38A of the FDI Act and section 225.4(a) ofRegulation Y of the Board of Governors that Bancorp serve as a source of strength to the Bank.

5. Bancorp shall notify the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner, in writing, no more than 30 days after the end of any quarter in which Bancorp capital ratios fall below the approved plan's minimum ratios. Together with the notification, Bancorp shall submit an acceptable written plan that details the steps that Bancorp will take to increase their capital ratios to or above the approved plan's minimums.

#### **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, Bancorp 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 Bancorp shall also provide notice to the Commissioner.

(b) Bancorp 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 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of this Agreement, Bancorp 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, reports of changes in stockholders' equity.

#### **Approval and Implementation of Plans and Procedures**

8. (a) Bancorp shall submit written plans and procedures that are acceptable to the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner within the applicable time periods set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Agreement.

(b) Within 10 days of approval by the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner,Bancorp shall adopt the approved plans and procedures. Upon adoption, Bancorp shallpromptly implement the approved plans and procedures, and thereafter fully comply with them.

(c) During the term of this Agreement, the approved plans and procedures

shall not be amended or rescinded without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the

Commissioner.

## Communications

- 9. All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to:
  - (a) Mr. Roy O. Weese Enforcement Examiner Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas 2200 North Pearl Street Dallas, Texas 75201
  - (b) Mr. Doug Austin-Weeks Review Examiner Texas Department of Banking 2601 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, Texas 78705
  - (c) Mr. Howard Chong Chairman and President Central Bancorp, Inc. 4555 W. Walnut Street Garland, Texas 75042

10. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the Reserve Bank and the Commissioner may, in their sole discretion, grant written extensions of time to Bancorp to comply with any provision of this Agreement.

11. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon Bancorp 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 and the Commissioner.

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

14. The Commissioner having determined that the requirements for issuance of an order under Texas Finance Code § 35.002 have been met, this Agreement is deemed to be a consent order issued by the Commissioner under Texas Finance Code §§ 35.002, 201.009(a) and 202.005(a)(2). Without admitting or denying any charges of unsafe and unsound banking practices, or violation of applicable Texas law, Bancorp consents to deeming this Agreement to be a consent order for the purposes of Texas law. Bancorp hereby waives all its rights regarding an order under Texas Finance Code §§ 35.002, 35.004, 35.009, and 201.009, including requirements for issuance and service of an order under Texas Finance Code § 35.002, its right to a hearing under Texas Finance Code § 35.004, all defenses, and review of such order by a state agency, commission, or state or federal court.

15. 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). This Agreement is enforceable by the Commissioner as a final, non-appealable, and immediately enforceable order pursuant to the provisions of Texas Finance Code § 35.009 and other provisions of Texas law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

CENTRAL BANCORP, INC.

# FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF DALLAS

By: <u>/s/ Howard Chong</u> Howard Chong Chairman and President

By: <u>/s/ Earl Anderson</u> Earl Anderson Vice President

## BANKING COMMISSIONER OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF BANKING

By: <u>/s/ Charles G. Cooper</u> Charles G. Cooper