NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 48 - DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE

Chapter 24 - LOANS AND OTHER MATERIAL AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS

001 GENERAL.

<u>001.01</u> This Rule has been promulgated pursuant to authority delegated to the Director in Section 8-1120(3) of the Securities Act of Nebraska ("Act").

<u>001.02</u> The Department has determined that this Rule relating to loans and other material affiliated transactions is consistent with investor protection and is in the public interest.

<u>001.03</u> The Director may, on a case by case basis, and with prior written notice to the affected persons, require adherence to additional standards or policies, as deemed necessary in the public interest.

<u>001.04</u> The definitions in 48 NAC 2 shall apply to the provisions of this Rule, unless otherwise specified.

<u>002</u> <u>GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF SECURITIES REGISTRATIONS</u>. The Director may deny the offer or sale of securities under the following circumstances:

<u>002.01</u> The issuer or its affiliates have loans outstanding after the offering that are not permitted by this Rule;

<u>002.02</u> The issuer or its affiliates have engaged in material transactions with promoters that are not permitted by this Rule; or

<u>002.03</u> Representations and statements required by this Rule are not included in the offering documents.

<u>003</u> <u>LOANS</u>. The following types of loans to, or loan guarantees on behalf of, promoters of the issuer are permitted:

<u>003.01</u> Advances to officers, directors, and employees for travel, business expense, and similar ordinary operating expenditures;

<u>003.02</u> Loans or loan guarantees to allow the issuer's officers, directors, and employees to purchase the issuer's securities, and loans for relocation of officers, directors, and employees, provided the loan is approved under Section 005 below;

<u>003.03</u> Loans made by an issuer or its affiliates whose primary business is that of making loans, provided that:

<u>003.03A</u> The loans are evidenced by promissory notes naming the lender as payee;

<u>003.03B</u> The loans bear interest at rates which are comparable to those normally charged by other commercial lenders for similar loans made in the lender's locale;

<u>003.03C</u> The loans require repayment pursuant to appropriate amortization schedules:

<u>003.03D</u> The loans are supported by credit reports and financial statements which show that the issuer or its affiliates can collect the loans and that the borrowers are satisfactory credit risks, in light of the nature and terms of the loans and other circumstances:

<u>003.03E</u> The loans meet the loan policies other commercial lenders normally use for similar loans made in the lender's locale;

<u>003.03F</u> The issuer reviews purposes of the loans and monitors the disbursements of proceeds in a manner that other commercial lenders normally use for similar loans made in the lender's locale;

<u>003.03G</u> The loans do not violate the requirements of any banking or other financial institution's regulatory authority; and

<u>003.03H</u> The loans contain default provisions comparable to those other commercial lenders normally use for similar loans made in the lender's locale.

<u>004</u> <u>REPAYMENT OF LOANS</u>. Loans to promoters that exist at the time of the application for registration must be repaid by the promoters in full:

<u>004.01</u> From proceeds of the offering, if a portion of the offering is made on behalf of a promoter;

004.02 Before the offering; or

<u>004.03</u> After the offering using appropriate amortization schedules, if the Director permits.

005 INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS.

<u>005.01</u>—If there have been or will be loans and/or other material affiliated transactions, the issuer will maintain at least two independent directors on its board of directors, which requirement must be disclosed in the offering document.

<u>005.02</u> The issuer must provide independent directors with access, at the issuer's expense, to legal counsel for the issuer or independent legal counsel.

<u>005.03</u> Any loan or other material affiliated transaction involving an issuer's promoters requires the approval of a majority of the issuer's independent directors who do not have an interest in the transactions.

<u>005.03A</u> If the issuer has only two independent directors on its board of directors, loans and other material affiliated transactions require the approval of both independent directors. Both independent directors must be disinterested in any loans and/or other material affiliated transactions in question.

006 DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

<u>006.01</u> <u>Loans</u>. The issuer must disclose in the offering document whether or not it or its affiliates have made or will make loans to, or have made or will make loan guarantees on behalf of, promoters and the relevant terms and conditions of such loans or loan guarantees.

<u>006.02</u> <u>Affiliated Transactions</u>. The issuer shall disclose in the offering documents whether or not it or its affiliates have engaged, or will engage, in material transactions with promoters and the relevant terms and conditions of such affiliated transactions.

<u>006.03</u> <u>Representations</u>. The Director may require the following statements and representations to appear in the offering document.

<u>006.03A</u> A statement that the issuer or its affiliates will make all future material affiliated transactions and enter into all future loans on terms that are no less favorable to the issuer than those that can be obtained from unaffiliated third parties.

<u>006.03B</u> A statement that all future material transactions and loans, and any forgiveness of loans, in accordance with Section 005, above, will require the approval of a majority of the issuer's independent directors.

<u>006.03C</u> A statement that the issuer's officers, directors, and legal counsel will:

<u>006.03C1</u> Consider their due diligence and assure that there is a reasonable basis for these representations; and

<u>006.03C2</u> Consider whether to embody the representations in the issuer's charter or bylaws.

<u>007 AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS</u>. The following types of affiliated transactions are allowed:

<u>007.01</u> A transaction approved in accordance with Section 005, above, if the offering document discloses the terms of the transactions and indicates whether the terms are as favorable to the issuer or its affiliates as those generally available from unaffiliated third parties.

<u>007.02</u> A transaction entered into when the issuer had less than two disinterested independent directors, if the offering document:

007.02A Discloses the terms of the transactions;

<u>007.02B</u> Indicates whether the terms are as favorable to the issuer or its affiliates as those generally available from unaffiliated third parties; and

<u>007.02C</u> Discloses that the issuer lacked sufficient disinterested independent directors to approve the transactions at the time the transactions were initiated.

<u>008</u> <u>WAIVER OF RULE</u>. While applications not conforming to the standards contained herein shall be looked upon with disfavor, where good cause is shown, certain provisions of this Rule may be waived by the Director.