# CONTINUING DISCLOSURE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## FOR THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AND ITS PUBLIC TRUSTS AND AUTHORITIES

## **Background**

Pursuant to SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), issuers of obligations are required under most circumstances to provide financial and operating information on an annual basis with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) using the Electronic Municipal Market Access system (EMMA). The City of Norman, Oklahoma (the "City"), and the public trusts for which it is the beneficiary issuing obligations for the purpose of financing facilities owned by or providing services for the City, including The Norman Utilities Authority and The Norman Municipal Authority (the "Public Trusts"), have issued or may issue obligations which are covered by the Rule (the "Obligations") and must comply with any required filings in a timely manner. The term "Public Trusts" as used in these Policies and Procedures does not include public trusts that issue obligations for the purpose of financing facilities such as hospitals and other private operations that are or will be obligated to provide their own continuing disclosure. These Policies and Procedures are intended to assure that all filings required under the Rule are made timely and completely and meet all requirements of the Rule. The City and the Public Trusts (the "Norman Issuers") have covenanted or will covenant to comply with the Rule through the execution and delivery of Continuing Disclosure Agreements or certificates (each, a "Continuing Disclosure Undertaking") applicable to each issue of Obligations.

The Rule requires that an underwriter, prior to purchasing or selling an issue of obligations in connection with a covered offering, determine that the issuer, and any other "Obligated Person" (as defined in the Rule) for whom financial or operating data is presented in the official statement, has undertaken in writing to provide the following information to the MSRB using EMMA and to the appropriate state information depository ("SID"), if any:

- By a specified date, annual financial and operating information for each Obligated Person for whom financial information or operating data is presented in the official statement (an "Annual Information Filing");
- By a specified date, if available, audited annual financial statements for each Obligated Person ("Audited Financial Statements") and, if not available by the date required, unaudited financial statements with Audited Financial Statements within 10 business days of their availability;
- In a timely manner within 10 business days of occurrence, notice of the occurrence of one or more of the listed events described in the Rule (a "Rule 15c2-12 Event Notice"); and
- In a timely manner, notice of a failure of any Obligated Person required to make the Annual Information Filing and/or file the Audited Financial Statements on or before the date(s) specified in the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking ("Notice of Failure").

Note: There is no SID currently in the State of Oklahoma. If the State of Oklahoma should establish a SID, the Norman Issuers also will be required to file all required information with the SID.

## **Responsible Party; Maintenance of List and Files**

The Responsible Party for the Norman Issuers shall be the Finance Director of the City and any alternate or assistant as the City Manager or the Finance Director shall appoint. The Responsible Party shall maintain a current list for each fiscal year identifying each issue of Obligations of any Norman Issuer outstanding during such fiscal year setting forth the name, original principal amount, date of issuance and CUSIP numbers for each such issue and the dates by which the Annual Information Filings and the Audited Financial Statements are required to be submitted to the MSRB using EMMA, such list to be accompanied by copies of the related Continuing Disclosure Undertakings.

## **Annual Information Filing Requirements**

The Responsible Party shall be knowledgeable and familiar with the provisions of each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking as to the type, format and content of the financial and operating information to be included in each Annual Information Filing to be made thereunder and the timing requirements for the filing thereof. Generally, such Continuing Disclosure Undertakings provide or are expected to provide submission dates of no later than the last day of December in each year following the close of the Norman Issuers' fiscal year (which is currently June 30) or another date specified in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

## **Audited Financial Statements**

Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Norman Issuers are also required to be filed no later than the submission dates established under each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. The Responsible Party shall be knowledgeable and familiar with the specific timing requirements for the filing of Audited Financial Statements and, if not available by the date(s) required, the provisions regarding the filing of unaudited financial statements under the terms of each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. In any event, the Audited Financial Statements shall be filed within 10 business days of their receipt and acceptance.

## **Notices of Failures to File**

The Responsible Party shall be knowledgeable and familiar with the specific requirements for the filing of a Notice of Failure to make Annual Information Filings and/or to file Audited Financial Statements by the date(s) required under the terms of each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

## **Preparation**

Approximately 90 days before the submission date for required filings established under each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Responsible Party shall initiate the process of preparing the financial and operating information required to be submitted thereunder. The Responsible Party shall assemble the information available at that time and determine the scope of additional information to be required and also contact the auditors to establish a schedule for completion and submission for the Audited Financial Statements.

Not less than 30 days before the submission date, the Responsible Party shall prepare a draft submission of required financial and operating information, highlighting any information still unavailable.

On or before the submission date established under each Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Responsible Party shall make the Annual Information Filing together with the Audited Financial Statements. If the Audited Financial Statements are not then available, unaudited financial information

shall be filed with the MSRB using EMMA and the Audited Financial Statements shall be filed within 10 business days of their receipt and acceptance.

The Responsible Party shall set calendar reminders in the City Finance Department's recordkeeping systems.

### Listed Events

The Rule also requires filing of a Rule 15c2-12 Event Notice upon the occurrence of certain listed events described in the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. Attached hereto is a description of the current listed events, but the Responsible Party shall review the EMMA web site from time to time to determine whether there have been any changes to the listed events for which a Rule 15c2-12 Event Notice is required. The Responsible Party shall provide a Rule 15c2-12 Event Notice to the MSRB using EMMA within 10 business days of occurrence of any such listed event.

The listed events most likely to occur relate to bond redemptions or defeasances of outstanding issues and rating changes.

## Familiarity with EMMA Submission Process

The Responsible Party shall register with EMMA and review the on-line process of filing with EMMA located at <u>www.emma.msrb.org</u> in order to submit the required information. The MSRB market Information Department can also be contacted at 703.797.6668. A tutorial is available at the website and a practice submission is available as well.

The Responsible Party also shall enroll the Norman Issuers in EMMA's reminder system to ensure timely performance of their responsibilities and obligations.

## **Training Efforts**

To ensure adequate resources to comply with the Rule, the Responsible Party shall develop a training process aimed at providing additional assistance in preparing required information. The training process shall be conducted at least annually and shall encompass a review of the EMMA submission process and an understanding of the timing requirements necessary for full compliance.

#### **Coordination Effort**

The Responsible Party shall coordinate the preparation and submission of the required information with the Financial Advisor and corporate trustees and paying agents to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings.

## **Records Retention**

The Responsible Party shall maintain records with respect to the filings with the MSRB using EMMA, including, but not limited to, EMMA posting receipts showing the dates and nature or contents of all filings for each issue of Obligations of any Norman Issuer outstanding during each fiscal year.

# EVENTS FOR WHICH LISTED EVENT NOTICES ARE REQUIRED

- 1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies.
- 2. Nonpayment-related defaults, if material.
- 3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties.
- 4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties.
- 5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.
- 6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security.
- 7. Modifications to rights of security holders, if material.
- 8. Bond calls, if material.
- 9. Defeasances.
- 10. Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material.
- 11. Rating changes.
- 12. Tender offers.
- 13. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Authority<sup>†</sup>.
- 14. The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Authority or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Authority, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.

15. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>This event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Authority in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Authority, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the Authority.