## DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND OTHER IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY INFORMATION PFM Financial Advisors LLC

#### I. <u>Introduction</u>

PFM Financial Advisors LLC and PFM Swap Advisors LLC (hereinafter, referred to as "We," "Us," or "Our") are registered municipal advisors with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"), pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 15Ba1-2. In accordance with MSRB rules, this disclosure statement is provided by Us to each client prior to the execution of its advisory agreement with written disclosures of all material conflicts of interests and legal or disciplinary events that are required to be disclosed with respect to providing financial advisory services pursuant to MSRB Rule G-42(b) and (c) (ii). We employ a number of resources to identify and subsequently manage actual or potential conflicts of interest in addition to disclosing actual and potential conflicts of interest provided herein.

#### How We Identify and Manage Conflicts of Interest

**Code of Ethics.** The Code requires that all employees conduct all aspects of Our business with the highest standards of integrity, honesty and fair dealing. All employees are required to avoid even the appearance of misconduct or impropriety and avoid actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships that would or could interfere with an employee's independent exercise of judgment in performing the obligations and responsibilities owed to a municipal advisor and Our clients.

**Policies and Procedures.** We have adopted policies and procedures that include specific rules and standards for conduct. Some of these policies and procedures provide guidance and reporting requirements about matters that allows Us to monitor behavior that might give rise to a conflict of interest. These include policies concerning the making of gifts and charitable contributions, entertaining clients, and engaging in outside activities, all of which may involve relationships with clients and others that are important to Our analysis of potential conflicts of interest.

**Supervisory Structure**. We have both a compliance and supervisory structure in place that enables Us to identify and monitor employees' activities, both on a transaction and Firm-wide basis, to ensure compliance with appropriate standards. Prior to undertaking any engagement with a new client or an additional engagement with an existing client, appropriate municipal advisory personnel will review the possible intersection of the client's interests, the proposed engagement, Our engagement personnel, experience and existing obligations to other clients and related parties. This review, together with employing the resources described above, allows Us to evaluate any situations that may be an actual or potential conflict of interest.

**Disclosures.** We will disclose to clients those situations that We believe would create a material conflict of interest, such as: 1) any advice, service or product that any affiliate may provide to a client that is directly related to the municipal advisory work We perform for such client; 2) any payment made to obtain or retain a municipal advisory engagement with a client; 3) any fee-splitting arrangement with any provider of an investment or services to a client; 4) any conflict that may arise from the type of compensation arrangement We may have with a client; and 5) any other actual or potential situation that We are or become aware of that might constitute a material conflict of interest that could reasonably expect to impair Our ability to provide advice to or on behalf of clients consistent with regulatory requirements. If We identify such situations or circumstances, We will prepare meaningful disclosure that will describe the implications of the situation and how We intend to manage the situation. We will also disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's evaluation or the integrity of Our management or advisory personnel. We will provide this disclosure (or a means to access this information) in writing prior to starting Our proposed engagement, and will provide such additional information or clarification as the client may request. We will also advise Our clients in writing of any subsequent material conflict of interest that may arise, as well as the related implications, Our plan to manage that situation, and any additional information such client may arise, as well as the related implications.

#### II. <u>General Conflict of Interest Disclosures</u>

#### Disclosure of Conflicts Concerning the Firm's Affiliates

Our affiliates offer a wide variety of financial services, and Our clients may be interested in pursuing services separately provided by an affiliate. The affiliate's business with the client could create an incentive for Us to recommend a course of action designed to increase the level of the client's business activities with the affiliate or to recommend against a course of

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action that would reduce the client's business activities with the affiliate. In either instance, We may be perceived as recommending services for a client that are not in the best interests of Our clients, but rather are in Our interests or the interests of Our affiliates. Accordingly, We mitigate any perceived conflict of interest that may arise in this situation by disclosing it to the client, and by requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, after reasonable inquiry, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances. Further, We receive no compensation from Our affiliates with respect to a client introduction or referral. If a client chooses to work with an affiliate, We require that the client consult and enter into a separate agreement for services, so that the client can make an independent, informed, evaluation of the services offered.

#### Disclosure of Conflicts Related to the Firm's Compensation

From time to time, We may be compensated by a municipal advisory fee that is or will be set forth in an agreement with the client to be, or that has been, negotiated and entered into in connection with a municipal advisory service. Payment of such fee may be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal or par amount of municipal securities or municipal financial product. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it may be deemed to present a conflict of interest since We may appear to have an incentive to recommend to the client a transaction that is larger in size than is necessary. Further, We may also receive compensation in the form of a fixed fee arrangement. While this form of compensation is customary, it may also present a potential conflict of interest, if the transaction requires more work than contemplated and We are perceived as recommending a less time consuming alternative contrary to the client's best interest so as not to sustain a loss. Finally, We may contract with clients on an hourly fee basis. If We do not agree on a maximum amount of hours at the outset of the engagement, this arrangement may pose a conflict of interest as We would not have a financial incentive to recommend an alternative that would result in fewer hours. We manage and mitigate all of these types of conflicts by disclosing the fee structure to the client, and by requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, after reasonable inquiry, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances.

**Disclosure of Conflicts Related to the Firm's Compensation Structure for Our Registered Advisors.** Pursuant to various employee compensation structures, from time to time We offer certain of Our registered municipal advisors ("Registered Advisors") financial benefits based on his or her business plan, client base, performance, and/or transactions closed. This provides an incentive for such Registered Advisors to seek to retain additional clients and/or transactions or services from clients. While this form of compensation may be customary in some segments of the municipal advisory market, provision of such financial benefits may be deemed to present a conflict of interest. We manage and mitigate these types of conflicts by Registered Advisor's adherence to Our Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures, and by requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, after reasonable inquiry, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances.

#### Disclosure Concerning Provision of Services to State and Local Government, and Non-Profit Clients

We regularly provide financial advisory services to state and local governments, their agencies, and instrumentalities, and nonprofit clients. While Our clients have expressed that this experience in providing services to a wide variety of clients generally provides great benefit for all of Our clients, there may be or may have been clients with interests that are different from (and adverse to) other clients. If for some reason any client sees Our engagement with any other particular client as a conflict, We will mitigate this conflict by engaging in a broad range of conduct, if and as applicable. Such conduct may include one or any combination of the following: 1) disclosing the conflict to the client; 2) requiring that there be a review of the municipal securities transaction or municipal financial product to ensure that it is suitable for the client in light of various factors, including the client's needs, objectives and financial circumstances; 3) implementing procedures that establishes an "Informational Bubble" that creates physical, technological and procedural barriers and/or separations to ensure that non-public information is isolated to particular area such that certain governmental transaction team members and supporting functions operate separately during the course of work performed; and 4) in the rare event that a conflict cannot be resolved, We will withdraw from the engagement.

#### Disclosure Related to Legal and Disciplinary Events

As registered municipal advisors with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"), pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 15Ba1-2, Our legal, disciplinary and judicial events are required to be disclosed on Our forms MA and MA-I filed with the SEC, in **'Item 9 Disclosure Information**' of form MA, **'Item 6 Disclosure Information**' of form MA-I, and if applicable, the corresponding disclosure reporting page(s) ("DRP"). To review the foregoing disclosure items and material change(s) or amendment(s), if any, clients may electronically Revised 06/13/2024

access PFM Financial Advisors LLC filed forms MA and MA-I on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system, listed by date of filing starting with the most recently filed, at: PFM Financial Advisors LLC – http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?company=PFM+Financial&owner=exclude&action=getcompany

# III. Specific Conflicts of Interest Disclosures – Polk Regional Water Cooperative – Financial Advisory Services Agreement

To Our knowledge, following reasonable inquiry, we are not aware of any other actual or potential conflict of interest that could reasonably be anticipated to impair Our ability to provide advice to or on behalf of the client in accordance with applicable standards of conduct of MSRB Rule G-42.

### IV. <u>Municipal Advisory Complaint and Client Education Disclosure</u>

The MSRB protects state and local governments and other municipal entities and the public interest by promoting fair and efficient municipal securities markets. To that end, MSRB rules are designed to govern the professional conduct of brokers, dealers, municipal securities dealers and municipal advisors. Accordingly, if you as municipal advisory customer have a complaint about any of these financial professionals, please contact the MSRB's website at <u>www.msrb.org</u>, and consult the MSRB's Municipal Advisory Client brochure. The MSRB's Municipal Advisory Client brochure describes the protections available to municipal advisory clients under MSRB rules, and describes the process for filing a complaint with the appropriate regulatory authority.

PFM's Financial Advisory services are provided by PFM Financial Advisors LLC. PFM's Swap Advisory services are provided by PFM Swap Advisors LLC. Both entities are registered municipal advisors with the MSRB and SEC under the Dodd Frank Act of 2010.