## **CONFIRMATION OF MEDIATION AGREEMENT**

The undersigned parties hereby agree that Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service will mediate their dispute concerning:

<u>Mediation Procedures</u>: Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service will administer the mediation in accordance with its Mediation Procedures. All parties recognize that mediation is a voluntary settlement process and that the mediator has no authority to impose a settlement on the parties.

## Mediator:

The parties recognize that the mediator is an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service. Before accepting this appointment, the mediator has conducted the inquiry required by RCW 7.07.080 and disclosed any applicable facts or relationships.

<u>Fees</u>: The parties have agreed to an allocation of the mediation fees to be charged in accordance with the WAMS fee schedule. All attorneys of record in this case either 1) agree to be responsible for payment of their clients' mediation fees as a condition for receiving WAMS mediation services or 2) have affirmatively notified WAMS that they are not responsible for paying their clients' mediation fees and have pre-paid the required fees.

<u>Confidentiality</u>: The parties and their legal representatives understand and agree that all information provided in conjunction with WAMS mediation sessions is privileged and neither subject to discovery nor admissible as evidence in a proceeding unless waived or precluded by RCW 7.07.040. The parties will neither subpoena nor require the mediator to testify or produce records, notes, or work product in any future proceedings.

<u>Representation</u>: The parties recognize that neither Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service nor the mediator is giving legal advice or counsel concerning any party's legal rights. Any party not represented by an attorney is encouraged to consult with an attorney before, during, and after the mediation session and before finalizing an agreement affecting the party's legal rights and obligations.

Date:	
Parties:	Representatives: