

STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY TRADITIONAL IRA CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT

The following provisions of Articles I to VII are in the form promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service in Form 5305-A (Rev. April 2017), as most recently updated by Listings of Required Modifications issued June 16, 2010, for use in establishing a Traditional Individual Retirement custodial account. References are to sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Code”).

Article I.

1. Except in the case of a rollover contribution (as permitted by Code §§402(c), 402(e)(6), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 403(b)(10), 408(d)(3) and 457(e)(16)) or a contribution made in accordance with the terms of a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) as described in Code §408(k), no contributions will be accepted unless they are in cash, and the total of such contributions shall not exceed \$5,500 per year for 2013 through 2018. For individuals who have reached the age of 50 by the end of the year, the contribution limit is increased to \$6500 per year for 2013 through 2018. For years after 2018, these limits will be increased to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment, if any.

After 2008, the limit will be adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury for cost-of-living increases under Code §219(b)(5)(D). Such adjustments will be in multiples of \$500.

2. In the case of a Depositor who is 50 or older, the annual cash contribution limit is increased by \$1,000 for any taxable year beginning in 2006 and years thereafter.

3. In addition to the amounts described in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, an individual may make additional contributions specifically authorized by statute—such as repayments of qualified reservist distributions, repayments of certain plan distributions made on account of a federally declared disaster and certain amounts received in connection with the Exxon Valdez litigation.

4. In addition to the amounts described in paragraphs (1) and (3) above, a Depositor who was a participant in a Code §401(k) plan of a certain employer in bankruptcy described in Code §219(b)(5)(C) may contribute up to \$3,000 for taxable years beginning after 2006 and before 2010 only. An individual who makes contributions under this paragraph (4) may not also make contributions under paragraph (2).

5. No contributions will be accepted under a SIMPLE IRA plan established by any employer pursuant to Code §408(p). Also, no transfer or rollover of funds attributable to contributions made by a particular employer under its SIMPLE IRA plan will be accepted from a SIMPLE IRA, that is, an IRA used in conjunction with a SIMPLE IRA plan, prior to the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date the Depositor first participated in that employer's SIMPLE IRA plan.

6. If this is an inherited IRA within the meaning of §408(d)(3)(C), no contributions will be accepted.

Article I.

The Depositor’s interest in the balance in the Custodial Account is non-forfeitable.

Article III.

1. No part of the Custodial Account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the assets of the Custodial Account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund (within the meaning of section 408(a)(5)).

2. No part of the Custodial Account funds may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of section 408(m) except as otherwise permitted by section 408(m)(3) which provides an exception for certain gold, silver and platinum coins, coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

Article IV.

1. Notwithstanding any provisions of this agreement to the contrary, the distribution of the Depositor's interest in the Custodial Account shall be made in accordance with the following requirements and shall otherwise comply with section 408(a)(6) and the regulations thereunder, the provisions of which are herein incorporated by reference. The required minimum distributions calculated for this IRA may be withdrawn from another IRA of the Depositor in accordance with Q&A-9 of § 1.408-8 of the Income Tax Regulations. If this is an inherited IRA within the meaning of Code § 408(d)(3)(C), the preceding sentence and paragraphs (2), and 5(b) and 5(c) below do not apply.

2. The Depositor's entire interest in the Custodial Account must be, or begin to be, distributed by the Depositor's required beginning date, April 1 following the calendar year end in which the Depositor reaches age 70½. By that date, the Depositor may elect, in a manner acceptable to the Custodian, to have the balance in the Custodial Account distributed in:

- (a) A single-sum payment; or
- (b) Payments over a period not longer than the life of the Depositor or the joint lives of the Depositor and his or her designated Beneficiary.

3. If the Depositor dies before his or her entire interest is distributed to him or her, the remaining interest will be distributed as follows:

- (a) If the Depositor dies on or after the required beginning date and:
 - (i) the designated Beneficiary is the Depositor's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the surviving spouse's life expectancy as determined each year until such spouse's death, or over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below if longer. Any interest remaining after the spouse's death will be distributed over such spouse's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year of the spouse's death and reduced by 1 for each subsequent year, or, if distributions are being made over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below, over such period.
 - (ii) the designated Beneficiary is not the Depositor's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the beneficiary's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year following the death of the Depositor and reduced by 1 for each subsequent year, or over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) if longer.
 - (iii) there is no designated Beneficiary, the remaining interest will be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of the Depositor as determined in the year of the Depositor's death and reduced by 1 for each subsequent year.
- (b) If the Depositor dies before the required beginning date, the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with (i) below or, if elected or there is no designated Beneficiary, in accordance with (ii) below:

(i) The remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above (but not over the period in paragraph (a)(iii), even if longer), starting by the end of the calendar year following the year of the Depositor's death. If, however, the designated Beneficiary is the Depositor's surviving spouse, then this distribution is not required to begin before the end of the calendar year in which the Depositor would have reached age 70½. But, in such case, if the Depositor's surviving spouse dies before distributions are required to begin, then the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with (a) (ii) above (but not over the period in paragraph (a) (iii), even if longer), over such spouse's designated Beneficiary's life expectancy, or in accordance with (ii) below if there is no such designated Beneficiary. If this is an inherited IRA within the meaning of Code § 408(d)(3)(C) established for the benefit of a non-spouse designated beneficiary by a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer from a retirement plan of a deceased individual under Code § 402(c)(11), then, notwithstanding any election made by the deceased individual pursuant to the preceding sentence, the non-spouse designated beneficiary may elect to have distributions made under this paragraph (b)(i) if the transfer is made no later than the end of the year following the year of death.

(ii) The remaining interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Depositor's death.

(c) The required minimum distributions payable to a designated beneficiary from this IRA may be withdrawn from another IRA the beneficiary holds from the same decedent in accordance with Treas. Reg. § 1.408-8, Q&A-9.

4. If the Depositor dies before his or her entire interest has been distributed and if the designated Beneficiary is not the Depositor's surviving spouse, no additional contributions may be accepted in the Custodial Account.

5. The minimum amount that must be distributed each year, beginning with the year containing the Depositor's required beginning date, is known as the "required minimum distribution" and is determined as follows:

(a) The required minimum distribution under paragraph 2(b) for any year, beginning with the year the Depositor reaches age 70½, is the value of the Custodial Account at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the distribution period in the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. However, if the Depositor's designated Beneficiary is his or her surviving spouse, the required minimum distribution for a year shall not be more than the value of the Custodial Account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the number in the joint and last survivor table in Regulations section 1.401(a) (9)-9. The required minimum distribution for a year under this paragraph (a) is determined using the Depositor's (or, if applicable, the Depositor and spouse's) attained age (or ages) in the year.

(b) The required minimum distribution under paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i) for a year, beginning with the year following the year of the Depositor's death (or the year the Depositor would have reached age 70½, if applicable under paragraph 3(b)(i)) is the value of the Custodial Account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the life expectancy (in the single life table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9) of the individual specified in such paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i).

(c) The required minimum distribution for the year the Depositor reaches age 70½ can be made as late as April 1 of the following year. The required minimum distribution for any other year must be made by the end of such year.

Article V.

1. The Depositor agrees to provide the Custodian with all information necessary to prepare any reports required by section 408(i) and Regulations sections 1.408-5 and 1.408-6.
2. The Custodian agrees to submit to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Depositor the reports prescribed by the IRS.
3. If this is an inherited IRA within the meaning of Code § 408(d) (3) (C) maintained for the benefit of a designated beneficiary of a deceased Depositor, references in this document to the “Depositor” are to the deceased Depositor.

Article VI.

Notwithstanding any other articles which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through V and this sentence will be controlling. Any additional articles inconsistent with section 408(a) and the related regulations will be invalid.

Article VII.

This agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the related regulations. Other amendments may be made in accordance with Section 11 of this Custodial Agreement.

Article VIII

1. *Definitions.* As used in this Article VIII the following terms have the following meanings:

“Adoption Agreement” is the application signed by the Depositor to accompany and adopt this Custodial Account. The Adoption Agreement may also be referred to as the “Account Application”.

“Agreement” means this State Street Bank and Trust Company Traditional IRA Custodial Agreement (consisting of this Custodial Agreement and the Adoption Agreement signed by the Depositor).

“Beneficiary” has the meaning assigned in Section 9.

“Custodial Account” means the Traditional Individual Retirement Account established using the terms of this Agreement.

“Custodian” means State Street Bank and Trust Company and any corporation or other entity that by merger, consolidation, purchase or otherwise, assumes the obligations of the Custodian.

“Depositor” means the person signing the Adoption Agreement accompanying this Agreement.

“Distributor” means the entity, which has a contract with the Fund to serve as distributor of the shares of such Fund. In any case where there is no Distributor, the duties assigned hereunder to the Distributor may be performed by the Fund or by an entity that has a contract to perform management or investment advisory services for the Fund.

“Fund” means the Northeast Investors Trust, a mutual fund, which is advised, sponsored or distributed by Sponsor; provided, however, that such a mutual fund must be legally offered for sale in the state of the Depositor’s residence.

“Service Company” means any entity employed by the Custodian or the Distributor, including the transfer agent for the Fund, to perform various administrative duties of either the Custodian or the Distributor. In any case where there is no Service Company, the duties assigned hereunder to the Service Company will be performed by the Distributor (if any) or by an entity specified in the second preceding paragraph.

“Sponsor” means Northeast Investors Trust. Reference to the Sponsor includes reference to any affiliate of Sponsor to which Sponsor has delegated (or which is in fact performing) any duty assigned to Sponsor under this Agreement.

“Spouse” means an individual married to the Depositor under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction. The term “spouse” shall include same-sex individuals whose marriage was validly entered into in a jurisdiction whose laws authorize such marriage even if the couple is domiciled in a jurisdiction that does not recognize the validity of same-sex marriages. The term “spouse” shall not include individuals (whether of the same or opposite sex) who have entered into a registered domestic partnership, civil union, or other similar relationship recognized under the laws of a jurisdiction that is not denominated as marriage under the laws of the jurisdiction. A Depositor and his or her spouse are deemed to be “married” for all purposes of this Agreement.

2. *Revocation.* The Depositor may revoke the Custodial Account established hereunder by mailing or delivering a written notice of revocation to the Custodian within seven days after the Depositor receives the Disclosure Statement related to the Custodial Account. Mailed notice is treated as given to the Custodian on date of the postmark (or on the date of Post Office certification or registration in the case of notice sent by certified or registered mail). Upon timely revocation, the Depositor’s initial contribution will be returned, without adjustment for administrative expenses, commissions or sales charges, fluctuations in market value or other changes.

The Depositor may certify in the Adoption Agreement that the Depositor received the Disclosure Statement related to the Custodial Account at least seven days before the Depositor signed the Adoption Agreement to establish the Custodial Account, and the Sponsor and Custodian may rely upon such certification.

In any instance where it is established that the Depositor has had possession of the Disclosure Statement for more than seven days, it will be conclusively presumed that the Depositor has waived his or her right to revoke under this Section.

3. *Investments.* All contributions to the Custodial Account shall be invested and reinvested in full and fractional shares of Northeast Investors Trust. All such shares shall be held as book entry shares, and no physical shares or share certificate will be held in the Custodial Account. Such investments shall be made in such proportions and/or in such amounts as Depositor from time to time in the Adoption Agreement or by other written notice to the Service Company (in such form as may be acceptable to the Service Company) may direct.

If any other directions or other orders by the Depositor with respect to the sale or purchase of shares of the Fund are unclear or incomplete in the opinion of the Service Company, the Service Company will refrain from carrying out such investment directions or from executing any such sale or purchase,

without liability for loss of income or for appreciation or depreciation of any asset, pending receipt of clarification or completion from the Depositor.

All investment directions by Depositor will be subject to any minimum initial or additional investment or minimum balance rules or other rules (by way of example and not by way of limitation, rules relating to the timing of investment directions or limiting the number of purchases or sales or imposing sales charges on shares sold within a specified period after purchase) applicable to the Fund as described in its prospectus.

All dividends and capital gains or other distributions received on the shares of the Fund shall be reinvested in full and fractional shares of such Fund.

If the Fund held in the Custodial Account is liquidated or is otherwise made unavailable by the Sponsor as a permissible investment for a Custodial Account hereunder, the liquidation or other proceeds of such Fund shall be invested in accordance with the instructions of the Depositor. If the Depositor does not give such instructions, or if such instructions are unclear or incomplete in the opinion of the Service Company, the Service Company may invest such liquidation or other proceeds in such other Fund (including a money market fund) as the Sponsor designates, and provided that the Sponsor gives at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Depositor and the Service Provider. In such case, neither the Service Company nor the Custodian will have any responsibility for such investment.

Alternatively, if the Depositor does not give instructions *and* the Sponsor does not designate such other Fund as described above, then the Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) will be deemed to have directed the Custodian to distribute any amount remaining in the Fund to (i) the Depositor (or to his Beneficiaries as their interests shall appear on file with the Custodian) or, (ii) if the Depositor is deceased with no Beneficiaries on file with the Custodian, then to the Depositor's estate, subject to the Custodian's right to reserve funds as provided in Section 17(b). The Sponsor and the Custodian will be fully protected in making any and all such distributions pursuant to this Section 3, provided that the Sponsor gives at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to the Depositor and the Service Provider. In such case, neither the Service Company nor the Custodian will have any responsibility for such distribution. The Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) shall be fully responsible for any taxes due on such distribution.

4. *Transaction pricing.* Any purchase or redemption of shares of the Fund for or from the Custodial Account will be effected at the public offering price or net asset value of the Fund (as described in the then effective prospectus for the Fund) next established after the Service Company has transmitted the Depositor's investment directions to the transfer agent for the Fund. Any purchase, transfer or redemption of shares of the Fund for or from the Custodial Account will be subject to any applicable sales, redemption or other charge as described in the then effective prospectus for the Fund.

5. *Recordkeeping.* The Service Company shall maintain adequate records of all purchases or sales of shares of the Fund for the Depositor's Custodial Account. Any account maintained in connection herewith shall be in the name of the Custodian for the benefit of the Depositor. All assets of the Custodial Account shall be registered in the name of the Custodian or of a suitable nominee. The books and records of the Custodian shall show that all such investments are part of the Custodial Account.

The Custodian shall maintain or cause to be maintained adequate records reflecting transactions of the Custodial Account. In the discretion of the Custodian, records maintained by the Service Company with respect to the Account hereunder will be deemed to satisfy the Custodian's recordkeeping responsibilities therefor. The Service Company agrees to furnish the Custodian with any information the Custodian requires to carry out the Custodian's recordkeeping responsibilities.

6. *Allocation of Responsibility.* Neither the Custodian nor any other party providing services to the Custodial Account will have any responsibility for rendering advice with respect to the investment and reinvestment of the Custodial Account, nor shall such parties be liable for any loss or diminution in value which results from Depositor's exercise of investment control over his Custodial Account. Depositor shall have and exercise exclusive responsibility for and control over the investment of the assets of his Custodial Account, and neither Custodian nor any other such party shall have any duty to question his or her directions in that regard or to advise him or her regarding the purchase, retention or sale of shares of the Fund for the Custodial Account.

(a) *Distributions.* Distribution of the assets of the Custodial Account shall be made at such time and in such form as Depositor (or the Beneficiary if Depositor is deceased) shall elect by written order to the Custodian. It is the responsibility of the Depositor (or the Beneficiary) by appropriate distribution instructions to the Custodian to insure that any applicable distribution requirements of Code Section 401(a) (9) and Article IV above are met. If the Depositor (or Beneficiary) does not direct the Custodian to make distributions from the Custodial Account by the time that such distributions are required to commence in accordance with such distribution requirements, the Custodian (and Service Company) shall assume that the Depositor (or Beneficiary) is meeting any applicable minimum distribution requirements from another individual retirement arrangement maintained by the Depositor (or Beneficiary) and the Custodian and Service Company shall be fully protected in so doing. Depositor acknowledges that any distribution of a taxable amount from the Custodial Account (except for distribution on account of Depositor's disability or death, return of an "excess contribution" referred to in Code Section 4973, or a "rollover" from this Custodial Account) made earlier than age 59½ may subject Depositor to an "additional tax on early distributions" under Code Section 72(t) unless an exception to such additional tax is applicable. For that purpose, Depositor will be considered disabled if Depositor can prove, as provided in Code Section 72(m)(7), that Depositor is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or be of long-continued and indefinite duration.

(b) *Taxability of distributions.* The Depositor acknowledges (i) that any withdrawal from the Custodial Account will be reported by the Custodian in accordance with applicable IRS requirements (currently, on Form 1099-R), (ii) that the information reported by the Custodian will be based on the amounts in the Custodial Account and will not reflect any other individual retirement accounts the Depositor may own and that, consequently, the tax treatment of the withdrawal may be different than if the Depositor had no other individual retirement accounts, and (iii) that, accordingly, it is the responsibility of the Depositor to maintain appropriate records so that the Depositor (or other person ordering the distribution) can correctly compute all taxes due. Neither the Custodian nor any other party providing services to the Custodial Account assumes any responsibility for the tax treatment of any distribution from the Custodial Account; such responsibility rests solely with the person ordering the distribution.

7. *Distribution instructions.* The Custodian assumes (and shall have) no responsibility to make any distribution except upon the written order of Depositor (or Beneficiary if Depositor is deceased) containing such information as the Custodian may reasonably request. Also, before making any distribution from or honoring any assignment of the Custodial Account, Custodian shall be furnished with any and all applications, certificates, tax waivers, signature guarantees, releases, indemnification agreements, and other documents (including proof of any legal representative's authority) deemed necessary or advisable by Custodian, but Custodian shall not be responsible for complying with any

order or instruction which appears on its face to be genuine, or for refusing to comply if not satisfied it is genuine, and Custodian has no duty of further inquiry. Any distributions from the Custodial Account may be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the last known address of the person who is to receive such distribution, as shown on the Custodian's records, and such distribution shall to the extent thereof completely discharge the Custodian's liability for such payment.

(a) *Designated Beneficiary.* The term "Beneficiary" means the person or persons designated as such by the "designating person" (as defined below) on a form acceptable to the Custodian for use in connection with the Custodial Account, signed by the designating person, and filed with the Custodian. If, in the opinion of the Custodian or Service Company, any designation of beneficiary is unclear or incomplete, in addition to any documents or assurances the Custodian may request under Section 8, the Custodian or Service Company shall be entitled to request and receive such clarification or additional instructions as the Custodian in its discretion deems necessary to determine the correct Beneficiary(ies) following the Depositor's death. The form designating the Beneficiary(ies) may name individuals, trusts, estates, or other entities as either primary or contingent beneficiaries. However, if the designation does not effectively dispose of the entire Custodial Account as of the time distribution is to commence, the term "Beneficiary" shall then mean the designating person's estate, with respect to the assets of the Custodial Account not disposed of by the designation form. The form last accepted by the Custodian, or its designee, before such distribution is to commence, provided it was received by the Custodian, or its designee, (or deposited in the U.S. Mail or with a reputable delivery service) during the designating person's lifetime, shall be controlling and, whether or not fully dispositive of the Custodial Account, thereupon shall revoke all such forms previously filed by that person. The term "designating person" means Depositor during his/her lifetime; only after Depositor's death, it also means Depositor's spouse if the spouse is a Beneficiary and elects to transfer assets from the Custodial Account to the spouse's own Custodial Account in accordance with applicable provisions of the Code. (*Note: Married Depositors who reside in a community property or marital property state (Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington or Wisconsin), may need to obtain spousal consent if they have not designated their spouse as the primary Beneficiary for at least half of their Custodial Account. Consult a lawyer or other tax professional for additional information and advice.*)

(b) *Rights of Inheriting Beneficiary.* Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, when and after the distribution from the Custodial Account to Depositor's Beneficiary commences, all rights and obligations assigned to Depositor hereunder shall inure to, and be enjoyed and exercised by, Beneficiary instead of Depositor.

(c) *Election by Spouse.* Notwithstanding Section 3 of Article IV of Part Two above, if the Depositor's spouse is the sole Beneficiary on the Depositor's date of death, the spouse will not be treated as the Depositor if the spouse elects not to be so treated. In such event, the Custodial Account will be distributed in accordance with the other provisions of such Article IV, except that distributions to the Depositor's spouse are not required to commence until December 31 of the year in which the Depositor would have turned age 70½.

8. *Tax reporting responsibilities.*

(a) The Depositor agrees to provide information to the Custodian at such time and in such manner as may be necessary for the Custodian to prepare any reports required under Section 408(i) or Section 408A(d)(3)(E) of the Code and the regulations thereunder or otherwise.

(b) The Custodian or the Service Company will submit reports to the Internal Revenue Service and the Depositor at such time and manner and containing such information as is prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service.

(c) The Depositor, Custodian and Service Company shall furnish to each other such information relevant to the Custodial Account as may be required under the Code and any regulations issued or forms adopted by the Treasury Department thereunder or as may otherwise be necessary for the administration of the Custodial Account.

(d) The Depositor shall file any reports to the Internal Revenue Service which are required of him by law (including Form 5329), and neither the Custodian nor Service Company shall have any duty to advise Depositor concerning or monitor Depositor's compliance with such requirement.

9. *Amendments.*

(a) Depositor retains the right to amend this Agreement in any respect at any time, effective on a stated date which shall be at least 60 days after giving written notice of the amendment (including its exact terms) to Custodian by registered or certified mail, unless Custodian waives notice as to such amendment. If the Custodian does not wish to continue serving as such under this Custodial Account document as so amended, it may resign in accordance with Section 15 below.

(b) Depositor delegates to the Custodian the Depositor's right so to amend, provided (i) the Custodian does not change the investments available under this Custodial Agreement, and (ii) the Custodian amends in the same manner all agreements comparable to this one, having the same Custodian, permitting comparable investments, and under which such power has been delegated to it; this includes the power to amend retroactively if necessary or appropriate in the opinion of the Custodian in order to conform this Custodial Account to pertinent provisions of the Code and other laws or successor provisions of law, or to obtain a governmental ruling that such requirements are met, to adopt a prototype or master form of agreement in substitution for this Agreement, or as otherwise may be advisable in the opinion of the Custodian. Such an amendment by the Custodian shall be communicated in writing to Depositor, and Depositor shall be deemed to have consented thereto unless, within 30 days after such communication to Depositor is mailed, Depositor either (i) gives Custodian a written order for a complete distribution or transfer of the Custodial Account, or (ii) removes the Custodian and appoints a successor under Section 15 below.

Pending the adoption of any amendment necessary or desirable to conform this Agreement to the requirements of any amendment to any applicable provision of the Code or regulations or rulings issued thereunder (including any amendment to Form 5305-A), the Custodian and the Service Company may operate the Custodial Account in accordance with such requirements to the extent that the Custodian and/or the Service Company deem necessary to preserve the tax benefits of the Account.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) above, no amendment shall increase the responsibilities or duties of Custodian without its prior written consent.

(d) This Section 11 shall not be construed to restrict the Custodian's right to substitute fee schedules in the manner provided by Section 14 below, and no such substitution shall be deemed to be an amendment of this Agreement.

10. Terminations

(a) This Agreement shall terminate and have no further force and effect upon a complete distribution of the Custodial Account to the Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) or to a successor custodian or trustee in accordance with the instructions provided to the Custodian by the Depositor. In addition, the Sponsor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and instruct the Custodian to distribute the Custodial Account upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Custodian and the Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries if the Depositor is deceased). In the event of such termination by the Sponsor, the Custodian shall transfer the entire amount in the Custodial Account to a successor custodian or trustee as the Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) shall instruct or shall distribute the Custodial Account to the Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) if so directed. If, at the end of such thirty (30) day period, the Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) has not directed the Custodian to transfer or distribute the amount in the Custodial Account as described above then the Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) will be deemed to have directed the Custodian to distribute any amount remaining in the Custodial Account to (i) the Depositor (or to his Beneficiaries as their interests shall appear on file with the Custodian) or, (ii) if the Depositor is deceased with no Beneficiaries on file with the Custodian, then to the Depositor's estate, subject to the Custodian's right to reserve funds as provided in Section 15(b). The Sponsor and the Custodian will be fully protected in making any and all such distributions pursuant to this Section 12(a). The Depositor (or his or her Beneficiaries) shall be fully responsible for any taxes due on such distribution.

(b) Sections 13(f), 15(b) and 15(c) hereof shall survive the termination of the Custodial Account and this Agreement. Upon termination of the Custodial Account and this Agreement, the Custodian shall be relieved from all further liability hereunder or with respect to the Custodial Account and all assets thereof so distributed.

3. Responsibilities of Custodian and service providers

(a) In its discretion, the Custodian may appoint one or more contractors or service providers to carry out any of its functions and may compensate them from the Custodial Account for expenses attendant to those functions. In the event of such appointment, all rights and privileges of the Custodian under this Agreement shall pass through to such contractors or service providers who shall be entitled to enforce them as if a named party.

(b) The Service Company shall be responsible for receiving all instructions, notices, forms and remittances from Depositor and for dealing with or forwarding the same to the transfer agent for the Fund.

(c) The parties do not intend to confer any fiduciary duties on Custodian or Service Company (or any other party providing services to the Custodial Account), and none shall be implied. Neither shall be liable (or assumes any responsibility) for the collection of contributions, the proper amount, time or tax treatment of any contribution to the Custodial Account or the propriety of any contributions under this Agreement, or the purpose, time, amount (including any minimum distribution amounts), tax treatment or propriety of any distribution hereunder, which matters are the sole responsibility of Depositor and Depositor's Beneficiary.

(d) Not later than 60 days after the close of each calendar year (or after the Custodian's resignation or removal), the Custodian or Service Company shall file with Depositor a written report or reports reflecting the transactions effected by it during such period and the assets of the Custodial Account at its close. Upon the expiration of 60 days after such a report is sent to

Depositor (or Beneficiary), the Custodian or Service Company shall be forever released and discharged from all liability and accountability to anyone with respect to transactions shown in or reflected by such report except with respect to any such acts or transactions as to which Depositor shall have filed written objections with the Custodian or Service Company within such 60 day period.

(e) The Service Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Depositor all notices, prospectuses, financial statements and other reports to shareholders, proxies and proxy soliciting materials relating to the shares of the Fund credited to the Custodial Account. No shares shall be voted, and no other action shall be taken pursuant to such documents, except upon receipt of adequate written instructions from Depositor.

(f) Depositor shall always fully indemnify Service Company, Distributor, the Fund(s), Sponsor and Custodian and save them harmless from any and all liability whatsoever which may arise either (i) in connection with this Agreement and the matters which it contemplates, except that which arises directly out of the Service Company's, Distributor's, Fund's, Sponsor's or Custodian's bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct, (ii) with respect to making or failing to make any distribution, other than for failure to make distribution in accordance with an order therefor which is in full compliance with Section 8, or (iii) actions taken or omitted in good faith by such parties. Neither Service Company nor Custodian shall be obligated or expected to commence or defend any legal action or proceeding in connection with this Agreement or such matters unless agreed upon by that party and Depositor, and unless fully indemnified for so doing to that party's satisfaction.

(g) The Custodian and Service Company shall each be responsible solely for performance of those duties expressly assigned to it in this Agreement, and neither assumes any responsibility as to duties assigned to anyone else hereunder or by operation of law.

(h) The Custodian and Service Company may each conclusively rely upon and shall be protected in acting upon any written order from Depositor or Beneficiary, or any other notice, request, consent, certificate or other instrument or paper believed by it to be genuine and to have been properly executed, and so long as it acts in good faith, in taking or omitting to take any other action in reliance thereon. In addition, Custodian will carry out the requirements of any apparently valid court order relating to the Custodial Account and will incur no liability or responsibility for so doing.

12. Fees and Expenses.

(a) The Custodian or its designee, in consideration of its services under this Agreement, shall receive the fees specified on the applicable fee schedule. The fee schedule originally applicable shall be the one specified in the Adoption Agreement or Disclosure Statement, as applicable. The Custodian may substitute a different fee schedule at any time upon 30 days' written notice to Depositor. The Custodian, or its designee, shall also receive reasonable fees for any services not contemplated by any applicable fee schedule and either deemed by it to be necessary or desirable or requested by Depositor.

(b) Any income, gift, estate and inheritance taxes and other taxes of any kind whatsoever, including transfer taxes incurred in connection with the investment or reinvestment of the assets of the Custodial Account, that may be levied or assessed in respect to such assets, and all other administrative expenses incurred by the Custodian in the performance of its duties (including fees for legal services rendered to it in connection with the Custodial Account) shall

be charged to the Custodial Account. If the Custodian is required to pay any such amount, the Depositor (or Beneficiary) shall promptly upon notice thereof reimburse the Custodian.

(c) All such fees and taxes and other administrative expenses charged to the Custodial Account shall be collected either from the amount of any contribution or distribution to or from the Custodial Account, or (at the option of the person entitled to collect such amounts) to the extent possible under the circumstances by the conversion into cash of sufficient shares of the Fund held in the Custodial Account (without liability for any loss incurred thereby). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Custodian or Service Company may make demand upon the Depositor for payment of the amount of such fees, taxes and other administrative expenses. Fees which remain outstanding after 60 days may be subject to a collection charge.

13. *Resignation or Replacement of Custodian.*

(a) Upon 90 days' prior written notice to the Custodian, Depositor or Sponsor, as the case may be, may remove it from its office hereunder. Such notice, to be effective, shall designate a successor custodian and shall be accompanied by the successor's written acceptance. The Custodian also may at any time resign upon 90 days' prior written notice to Sponsor, whereupon the Sponsor shall notify the Depositor (or Beneficiary) and shall appoint a successor to the Custodian. In connection with its removal or resignation hereunder, the Custodian may, but is not required to, designate a successor custodian by written notice to the Sponsor or Depositor (or Beneficiary) if neither the Sponsor nor Depositor (or Beneficiary) designate a successor custodian, and the Sponsor or Depositor (or Beneficiary) will be deemed to have consented to such successor unless the Sponsor or Depositor (or Beneficiary) designates a different successor custodian and provides written notice thereof together with such a different successor's written acceptance by such date as the Custodian specifies in its original notice to the Sponsor or Depositor (or Beneficiary) (provided that the Sponsor or Depositor (or Beneficiary) will have a minimum of 30 days to designate a different successor).

(b) The successor custodian shall be a bank, insured credit union, or other person satisfactory to the Secretary of the Treasury under Code Section 408(a)(2). Upon receipt by Custodian of written acceptance by its successor of such successor's appointment, Custodian shall transfer and pay over to such successor the assets of the Custodial Account and all records (or copies thereof) of Custodian pertaining thereto, provided that the successor custodian agrees not to dispose of any such records without the Custodian's consent. Custodian is authorized, however, to reserve such sum of money or property as it may deem advisable for payment of all its fees, compensation, costs, and expenses, or for payment of any other liabilities constituting a charge on or against the assets of the Custodial Account or on or against the Custodian, with any balance of such reserve remaining after the payment of all such items to be paid over to the successor custodian.

(c) No custodian shall be liable for the acts or omissions of its predecessor or its successor.

14. *Applicable Code.* References herein to the "Code" and sections thereof shall mean the same as amended from time to time, including successors to such sections.

15. *Delivery of notices.* Except where otherwise specifically required in this Agreement, any notice from Custodian to any person provided for in this Agreement shall be effective if sent by first-class mail to such person at that person's last address on the Custodian's records.

16. *Exclusive benefit.* Depositor or Depositor's Beneficiary shall not have the right or power to anticipate any part of the Custodial Account or to sell, assign, transfer, pledge or hypothecate any part thereof. The Custodial Account shall not be liable for the debts of Depositor or Depositor's Beneficiary or subject to any seizure, attachment, execution or other legal process in respect thereof except to the extent required by law. At no time shall it be possible for any part of the assets of the Custodial Account to be used for or diverted to purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of the Depositor or his/her Beneficiary except to the extent required by law.

17. *Applicable law/Interpretation.* When accepted by the Custodian, this Agreement is accepted in and shall be construed and administered in accordance with the laws of the state where the principal offices of the Custodian are located. Any action involving the Custodian brought by any other party must be brought in a state or federal court in such state.

This Agreement is intended to qualify under the Code as an individual retirement account and entitle Depositor to the retirement savings deduction under section 219 if available. If any provision of this Agreement is subject to more than one interpretation or any term used herein is subject to more than one construction, such ambiguity shall be resolved in favor of that interpretation or construction which is consistent with the intent expressed in the preceding sentence.

However, the Custodian shall not be responsible for whether or not such intentions are achieved through use of this Agreement, and Depositor is referred to Depositor's attorney for any such assurances.

18. *Professional advice.* Depositor is advised to seek advice from Depositor's attorney regarding the legal consequences (including but not limited to federal and state tax matters) of entering into this Agreement, contributing to the Custodial Account, and ordering Custodian to make distributions from the Custodial Account. Depositor acknowledges that Custodian, Service Company, and Sponsor (and any company associated therewith) are prohibited by law from rendering such advice.

19. *Definition of written notice.* If any provision of any document governing the Custodial Account provides for notice, instructions or other communications from one party to another in writing, to the extent provided for in the procedures of the Custodian, Service Company or another party, any such notice, instructions or other communications may be given by telephonic, computer, other electronic or other means, and the requirement for written notice will be deemed satisfied.

20. *Governing documents.* The legal documents governing the Custodial Account are as follows:

(a) For a Traditional IRA under Code Section 408(a), the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Adoption Agreement are the legal documents governing the Custodial Account.

(b) The Depositor acknowledges that the Sponsor and/or Service Company may require the establishment of different Traditional IRA accounts to hold pre-tax amounts and any after-tax amounts.

21. *Conformity to IRS Requirements.* This Agreement and the Adoption Agreement signed by the Depositor (as either may be amended) are the documents governing the Custodial Account. Articles I through VII of this Agreement are in the form promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service as Form 5305-A, as modified by subsequent guidance. It is anticipated that, if and when the Internal Revenue Service promulgates further changes to Form 5305-A, the Custodian will amend this Agreement correspondingly.

22. *Recharacterization.* In accordance with the requirements of section 408A(d)(6) and regulations thereunder, the Depositor may recharacterize a contribution to a Roth IRA as a contribution to a Traditional IRA. The Depositor agrees to observe any limitations imposed by the Service Company on the number of such transactions in any year (or any such limitations or other restrictions that may be imposed by the Service Company or the IRS).

23. *Representations by Depositor.* The Depositor acknowledges that he or she has received and read the current prospectus for the Fund in which his or her Custodial Account is invested and the Individual Retirement Account Disclosure Statement related to the Custodial Account. The Depositor represents under penalties of perjury that his or her Social Security number (or other Taxpayer Identification Number) as stated in the Adoption Agreement is correct.

24. *Custodial Acceptance.* If all required forms and information are properly submitted, State Street Bank and Trust Company will accept appointment as Custodian of the Custodial Account. However, this Agreement (and the Adoption Agreement) is not binding upon the Custodian until the Depositor has received a statement confirming the initial transaction for the Custodial Account. Receipt by the Depositor of a confirmation of the purchase of the Fund shares indicated in the Depositor's Adoption Agreement will serve as notification of State Street Bank and Trust Company's acceptance of appointment as Custodian of the Custodial Account.

25. *Minor Depositor.* If the Depositor is a minor under the laws of his or her state of residence, then a parent or guardian shall exercise all powers and duties of the Depositor, as indicated herein, and shall sign the Adoption Agreement on behalf of the minor. The Custodian's acceptance of the Custodial Account on behalf of any Depositor who is a minor is expressly conditioned upon the agreement of the parent or guardian to accept the responsibility to exercise all such powers and duties, and all parties hereto so acknowledge. Upon attainment of the age of majority under the laws of the Depositor's state of residence at such time, the Depositor may advise the Custodian in writing (accompanied by such documentation as the Custodian may require) that he or she is assuming sole responsibility to exercise all rights, powers, obligations, responsibilities, authorities or requirements associated with the Custodial Account. Upon such notice to the Custodian, the Depositor shall have and shall be responsible for all of the foregoing, the Custodian will deal solely with the Depositor as the person controlling the administration of the Custodial Account, and the Depositor's parent or guardian thereafter shall not have or exercise any of the foregoing. (Absent such written notice from the Depositor, Custodian shall be under no obligation to acknowledge the Depositor's right to exercise such powers and authority and may continue to rely on the parent or guardian to exercise such powers and authority until notified to the contrary by the Depositor.)

26. *Depositor's responsibilities.* Depositor acknowledges that it is his/her sole responsibility to report all contributions to or withdrawals from the Custodial Account correctly on his or her tax returns, and to keep necessary records of all the Depositor's IRAs (including any that may be held by another custodian or trustee) for tax purposes. All forms must be acceptable to the Custodian and dated and signed by the Depositor.

NORTHEAST INVESTORS TRUST TRADITIONAL IRA ADOPTION AGREEMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account.

What this means for you: When you open an account, we ask for your name, address, date of birth, social security number and other information that will allow us to identify you. Until you provide the requested information and we have verified your identity, we will be unable to open an account for you or to effect any transaction on your behalf.

ESCHEATMENT: Your property may be transferred to the appropriate state (i.e. escheated) if no activity occurs in the account within the time period specified by state law. For more details, consult your state's website or call your state government's escheatment customer service number.

1 Depositor Information

Please print clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Social Security Number	Date of Birth	
Street Address	Apartment or Box Number	
Mailing Address (if different from above)		
City	State	Zip Code
Daytime Telephone Number	Evening Telephone Number	
E-mail address		

2 Type of IRA, Amount of Investment, and Related Certifications

Please indicate the type of IRA that is to be opened by checking the appropriate box, writing the amount of your investment, and, if applicable, the Tax Year to which your contribution applies. Please be sure to read the related certifications and be sure that the certifications accurately reflect your circumstances.

- Traditional IRA Contribution of \$ _____ for _____ Tax Year**
Should not exceed your IRA annual contribution limit for the year. (See the Disclosure Statement for the limits in effect for different years.). The minimum initial investment is \$500.
- SEP IRA Contribution of \$ _____ for _____ Tax Year**

Simplified employee pension plan ("SEP") contribution. Attach a copy of your employer's IRS Form 5305-SEP to your Adoption Agreement.

Check as applicable: Employer contribution Employee contribution

Spousal Traditional IRA Contribution of \$_____ for _____ Tax Year

If your spouse has less compensation or earned income than you, you may establish spousal Traditional IRAs (one for you and one for your spouse) and contribute up to the IRA annual contribution limit in effect for the year to each spouse's IRA if you have this much compensation or earned income. Complete a separate Adoption Agreement Form for each spousal Traditional IRA.

Transfer or Rollover of Existing IRA

Transfer of existing Traditional IRA of \$_____ directly from current custodian or trustee or a rollover within 60 days after withdrawing from existing Traditional IRA.

Transfer or Rollover of Employer Plan, 403(b) Account or Eligible 457 Plan

Transfer ("direct rollover") of existing qualified employer plan, 403(b) account or eligible governmental 457 deferred compensation plan, or a regular rollover of account of \$_____ within 60 days after distribution to you.

Transfer or Rollover of SIMPLE IRA

Transfer or regular rollover (within 60 days after distribution to you) of \$_____ from existing SIMPLE IRA. Caution: Do not transfer to this Traditional IRA from a SIMPLE IRA during the first two years after the SIMPLE IRA was established.

Recharacterization of Existing Roth IRA

Undoing a conversion of a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA by reconverting the Roth IRA back into a Northeast Investors Trust Traditional IRA.

Give current Roth IRA Account No.: _____

Indicate amount recharacterized, if less than entire account balance: \$_____

(If no amount is inserted here, we will recharacterize the entire account balance.)

With another custodian or trustee: Complete the Northeast Investors Trust Traditional IRA Transfer/Direct Rollover of Current Retirement Assets Form.

Inherited IRA**

Check this box if the IRA you are establishing will hold inherited assets (assets that you are receiving as a beneficiary of a deceased IRA owner or plan participant). If you do not check this box, you are certifying that you are the owner of this IRA in your own right and are not subject to the special rules for an inheriting beneficiary of a deceased IRA owner or plan participant.

I am transferring inherited/beneficiary assets from another IRA or an employer plan account in accordance with applicable tax law requirements, and I am the
(check applicable box) surviving spouse or a non-spousal beneficiary. [For a non-spousal beneficiary, the account will be registered as a decedent IRA.]

If a surviving spouse, register my IRA as an

inherited IRA or IRA in my name (i.e., not an inherited IRA).

The date of the deceased IRA account owner/plan participant's death: _____.

Note: If the participant had started to receive required minimum distributions from an employer plan or IRA, the surviving spouse must receive required minimum distributions from the inherited Traditional IRA.

See Disclosure Statement for more information on the tax implications of the above choice.

3 Designation of Beneficiary

If you do not choose to designate a beneficiary for your Traditional IRA or if no designated beneficiary survives you, your Traditional IRA will go to your estate (unless otherwise provided by the laws of your state of residence). You may change your designation of beneficiary or beneficiaries by filing a new designation of beneficiary with Northeast Investors Trust. Any such subsequent designation will revoke all prior designation(s), even if the subsequent designation does not dispose of your entire account.

Please note that the selection of a beneficiary can have important estate and tax planning consequences. Accordingly, consult a competent professional if needed. Also, consult your attorney if you are a resident of a community or marital property state for legal requirements.

As depositor, I hereby designate the person(s) named below as the primary beneficiary(ies) in the event of my death before my account has been paid to me in full. If any, but fewer than all, of the primary beneficiaries predecease me, the share of the deceased primary beneficiary(ies) will be divided among the surviving primary beneficiary(ies) in proportion to the percentage otherwise payable to each surviving primary beneficiary. If all primary beneficiaries predecease me, the value of my account shall be distributed to the contingent beneficiary(ies) designated below who survive me. If any, but fewer than all, of the contingent beneficiaries predecease me, the share of the deceased contingent beneficiary(ies) will be divided among the surviving contingent beneficiary(ies) in proportion to the percentage otherwise payable to each such surviving contingent beneficiary. If two or more persons are named as primary or contingent beneficiaries, and no percentage is indicated, I intend that the surviving persons listed shall receive equal portions. (If the beneficiary is a trust, please indicate the name, address, and date of the trust).

[Designation of Beneficiary Form on next page.]

Primary Beneficiary or Beneficiaries:

Pay my account to the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries named below who are living at my death:

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		Social Security Number	
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Relationship	Date of Birth	Percentage*	

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		Social Security Number	
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Relationship	Date of Birth	Percentage*	

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		Social Security Number	
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Relationship	Date of Birth	Percentage*	

Contingent Beneficiary or Beneficiaries:

If no primary beneficiary is living at my death, pay the Account to the contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries named below who are living at my death:

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		Social Security Number	
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Relationship	Date of Birth	Percentage*	

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		Social Security Number	
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Relationship	Date of Birth	Percentage*	

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		Social Security Number	
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Relationship	Date of Birth	Percentage	

***Shares for each IRA's beneficiary must add up to 100%. Please do not indicate fractional percentages (for example, if there are three beneficiaries, indicate 33%, 33% and 34%).**

4 Certifications & Signature

I hereby adopt with the Custodian this Northeast Investors Traditional Individual Retirement Account under Internal Revenue Code Section 408(a), using the State Street Bank and Trust Company Traditional IRA Custodial Agreement (which is incorporated by reference). I have received and read the Northeast Investors Trust Traditional IRA Disclosure Statement and the prospectus of the fund. I certify under penalties of perjury that my Social Security number above is correct. I further certify that I am a U.S. Person (a U.S. citizen or a resident alien).

With respect to an Inherited IRA, if applicable, I further certify the following:

- For a regular rollover within 60 days, I certify that (i) I have not made another rollover within the one-year period immediately preceding this rollover, (ii) such distribution was received within 60 days of making the rollover to this Account, and (iii) no portion of the amount to be rolled over is a required minimum distribution under the required distribution rules or a hardship distribution for an employer plan under Code sections 401(a), 403(b) or a 457 eligible governmental plan.
- If I am an electing surviving spouse or non-spouse beneficiary, I acknowledge that (i) the required minimum distribution rules for a beneficiary apply to the Account, (ii) I am responsible for providing the Custodian with appropriate withdrawal instructions in order to satisfy such rules, and (iii) failure to withdraw amounts as needed to satisfy such rules may result in significant penalty taxes.

Depositor Signature

Date

Custodian Acceptance. State Street Bank and Trust Company will accept appointment as Custodian of the Depositor's Account. However, this Agreement is not binding upon the Custodian until the Depositor has received a statement confirming the initial transaction for the Account. Receipt by the Depositor of a confirmation of the purchase of the Fund shares indicated above will serve as notification of State Street Bank and Trust Company's acceptance of appointment as Custodian of the Depositor's Account.

STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, CUSTODIAN

If the above Depositor is a minor under the laws of the Depositor's state of residence, a parent or guardian must also sign the Adoption Agreement in the space provided below. Until the Depositor reaches the age of majority, the parent or guardian will exercise the powers and duties of Depositor.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Date

Residential Address of Parent or Guardian:

If you wish to receive periodic withdrawals, please complete the enclosed Universal Withdrawal Authorization Form and return it with this Adoption Agreement. A signature guarantee is not required when a request for periodic withdrawals accompanies an Adoption Agreement for a new account.

Note: Please send all checks, a completed Adoption Agreement and any other forms and/or related documents to the following address:

Northeast Investors Trust
125 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

If you have any questions please call us at 1-800-225-6704.

RETAIN A PHOTOCOPY OF THE COMPLETED ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

**NORTHEAST INVESTORS TRUST
TRADITIONAL IRA TRANSFER/DIRECT ROLLOVER OF
CURRENT RETIREMENT ASSETS FORM**

Instructions:

To transfer an existing IRA or to make a direct rollover of eligible funds from your employer's qualified plan, 403(b) arrangement or governmental employer eligible deferred compensation plan, complete this authorization form and send it to Northeast Investors Trust with the other documents establishing your Northeast Investors Trust Traditional IRA. **IMPORTANT:** If you are now receiving minimum distributions in accordance with the age 70½ rules, be sure that the amount to be transferred does not include any amounts which are required to be distributed to you; also, you should be sure to file a Universal Withdrawal Authorization Form with Northeast Investors Trust indicating the amount that should be distributed to you annually under the age 70½ rules to avoid possible penalties.

To:

Name of Current Trustee/Custodian/Plan Administrator

Address

Telephone Number

Re:

Name Appearing on Your Current Account

Your Address

Your Current Account Number

INSTRUCTIONS TO CURRENT TRUSTEE/CUSTODIAN/PLAN ADMINISTRATOR:

Please transfer or direct rollover (if qualified plan, 403(b) or 457 assets) the following amount to my Northeast Investors Trust Traditional IRA (payee and address directions are at the bottom of this form):

- Liquidate all assets and transfer the proceeds
- Liquidate _____ shares and transfer the proceeds
- Transfer \$ _____

This transfer is to be executed from fiduciary to fiduciary in a manner that will not place me in actual or constructive receipt of any of the transferred assets. (However, please note that direct rollovers are subject to IRS reporting.) A completed IRA Adoption Agreement must accompany this form unless you already have a Northeast Investors Trust Traditional IRA.

Your Signature

Date

If you want the funds transferred directly to your existing Traditional IRA with Northeast Investors Trust, please indicate your account number: _____

*Please ask your present trustee or custodian if a signature guarantee is required. If required, the following signature guarantee should be completed. Your signature may be guaranteed by a bank, a member of a stock exchange, or other eligible guarantor. Notarizations are not acceptable.

Name of Bank or Firm

Signature of Authorized Officer or Signatory

Print name of Officer or other Authorized Signatory and Title

CURRENT ACCOUNT TYPE:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rollover IRA | <input type="checkbox"/> SIMPLE IRA | <input type="checkbox"/> 403(b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional IRA | <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible 457 Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEP-IRA | <input type="checkbox"/> Inherited IRA/Employer Plan | |

Below Line for Bank Use

State Street Bank and Trust Company, as custodian of the above individual's Northeast Investors Trust Traditional IRA retirement account, requests the transfer or direct rollover of assets as indicated above. The Northeast Investors Traditional IRA meets the requirements of Code Section 408(a) and is qualified to receive the transfer or direct rollover requested above.

State Street Bank and Trust Company, Custodian

Date:

By:

To Current Trustee/Custodian: Please return a copy of this form with your response. Make checks payable to Northeast Investors Trust. Address for checks, forms, etc.:

Northeast Investors Trust
125 High Street
Boston, MA 02110.

If you have any questions please call 1-800-225-6704.

**NORTHEAST INVESTORS TRUST
UNIVERSAL IRA WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM**

1 Depositor Information

Please print clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Social Security Number	Date of Birth	
Street Address	Apartment or Box Number	
City	State	Zip Code
Daytime Telephone Number	Evening Telephone Number	
E-mail address		

2 Type of Withdrawal

<input type="checkbox"/>	Normal	Individual is over age 59½.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Required	Individual is age 70½ or older (Non-Roth IRAs only).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability	Individual certifies that the individual is disabled and therefore unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to be of long continued or indefinite duration or to result in death.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Premature	Individual is under age 59½ and not disabled. The individual acknowledges that this withdrawal may involve a 10% Federal penalty tax on the taxable amount withdrawn, in addition to the inclusion of the taxable amount in income for the year the withdrawal is received. Consult with your tax advisor for additional information.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conversion to Roth IRA	Conversion of the Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Death	Each beneficiary of a deceased individual must complete this form, have his or her signature guaranteed, and enclose a certified copy of the death certificate. If the beneficiary is not a named individual, the legal representative must complete this form, have his or her signature guaranteed, and enclose a copy of his or her court appointment and a certified copy of the death certificate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Premature/ Life Expectancy	Individual is under age 59½ and elects substantially equal periodic payments over his or her life expectancy or joint life expectancy of individual and designated beneficiary. If the individual changes the payment method prior to the later of attaining age 59½ or five (5) years from the date of the first payment, the IRS may impose a 10% penalty on all payments received prior to age 59½.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

3**Method of Withdrawal (Check One):**

- Total Withdrawal (Account Termination)
- Quarterly Dividends
- Partial Withdrawal of \$ _____
- Periodic Withdrawal of \$ _____
- Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- Transfer of RMD to non-retirement acct
Account number _____

Frequency (Check Applicable Boxes):

- State Date of Periodic Transaction _____
- Date of Withdrawal _____
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Semi-Annually
- Annually

If you wish to receive distributions based upon your life expectancy, please call our office at 1-800-225-6704 and we will send you IRS-approved life expectancy tables. We also recommend that you consult with your tax advisor to determine the required dollar amount of your distribution. Once you have determined the correct dollar amount, submit a completed Universal IRA Withdrawal Authorization Form to us at least 30 days prior to your desired withdrawal date.

4**Form of Withdrawal (Check One):**

(See the Tax Information below)

- CHECK to the address of record
- IN KIND (Shares of Northeast Investors Trust will be re-registered to you). For new accounts, enclose completed Adoption Agreement. For existing accounts, please include A/C# _____
- Electronic Funds Transfer/ACH. To have funds electronically transferred please complete the information below. Your bank must be an Automated Clearing House (ACH) member and you must attach a voided check.
 - Checking Account
 - Savings AccountBank Name _____
ABA Routing Number _____
Account Number _____

5**Withholding Election (Check One):**

(See the Tax Information below)

- I do not want to have Federal Income Tax and applicable State Income Tax withheld from my withdrawal.
- I do want to have Federal Income Tax (10%) and applicable State Income Tax withheld from my withdrawal.
- Please withhold _____ % from each withdrawal for Federal Income Tax.

6**Tax Information:**

Withdrawals from an IRA (other than non-taxable direct transfers to another IRA, nontaxable rollovers to another IRA or plan, or withdrawals of nondeductible contribution amounts) are subject to federal income tax withholding unless you elect no withholding when completing this withdrawal authorization form. Qualifying withdrawals from a Roth IRA are not subject to federal income tax (see the Northeast Investors Trust Roth IRA Disclosure Statement for an explanation of the circumstances when qualifying withdrawals are tax-free); therefore, for such withdrawals, you may wish to elect no withholding. Unless you elect no withholding, 10% of each distribution will be withheld as Federal income taxes. In addition, there may be withholding of state income taxes depending on your state of residence.

If you elect no withholding, your election will remain in effect until revoked. You may revoke your no withholding election in writing at any time. Please note that, if you elect no withholding or have an insufficient amount withheld from your withdrawal, you may have to pay estimated tax. Insufficient payments of estimated tax may result in penalties.

If you have a Massachusetts address and have federal withholding, we are required to withhold Massachusetts income taxes also. Complete Massachusetts Form M-4P so that your Massachusetts income taxes may be calculated correctly. Depending on your number of exemptions and the amount of your IRA withdrawals, there may be no actual withholding. If your legal residence is not Massachusetts (even though you have a Massachusetts address), check the box in item 5 of the Form M-4P to avoid Massachusetts income tax withholding.

Please contact Northeast Investors Trust if you wish to have us send you IRS Form W-4P or Massachusetts Form M-4P.

The undersigned individual authorizes the withdrawal specified above and the withholding election completed above. The undersigned acknowledges that proper income tax reporting depends on the correct completion of this form and certifies that the box checked under Type of Withdrawal (above) is correct; and that it is the undersigned's responsibility to determine correctly the amount of tax that may be due based on all IRA accounts the undersigned may own (including those unknown by or not under the control of the Custodian); the undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Custodian and its agents and service providers (including Northeast Investors Trust) from any losses or expenses

incurred if such information is not correct. The undersigned acknowledges that it is his or her responsibility to properly calculate, report, and pay all taxes due with respect to the withdrawal specified above.

Signature

Date

Signature must be guaranteed for distributions over \$25,000 by a bank or trust company, securities broker or dealer, credit union, securities exchange or association, securities clearing agency or savings association. Notarizing or witnessing will not suffice.

Name of Bank or Firm

Signature of Authorized Officer or Signatory

Print name of Officer or other Authorized Signatory and Title

Note: Please send this completed Northeast Investors Universal IRA Withdrawal Authorization Form and any related documents to the following address:

Northeast Investors Trust
125 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

If you have any questions please call us at 1-800-225-6704.

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NORTHEAST INVESTORS TRUST PRIVACY POLICY STATEMENT

Northeast Investors Trust (the 'Trust') recognizes and respects the privacy of its shareholders and to that end is committed to safeguarding your personal information.

Why do we collect personal information? The Trust collects, retains and uses shareholder information for the purpose of administering its operations, providing shareholder service, and complying with legal and regulatory requirements.

How do we collect personal information? The Trust collects personal information during the account opening process. The Trust will collect and share (if necessary) name, street address, social security number and date of birth. We make every effort to maintain the most up to date, complete and accurate shareholder and account information. If you believe any information is inaccurate please call us at 800-225-6704. We will investigate the problem, and if it is determined that the information is incorrect, we will take appropriate action quickly and according to industry practices and applicable law.

How does the Trust protect personal information? Shareholder information is accessible only by authorized individuals or as set forth below. Our employees are responsible to protect the confidentiality of shareholder information and are subject to appropriate disciplinary measures to enforce that responsibility.

The Trust maintains appropriate safeguards regarding shareholders information. This includes use of security procedures to prevent revealing shareholder information to inappropriate or unauthorized sources. These measures also include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.

Does the Trust share personal information? We do not sell shareholder information to anyone, nor do we exchange or share shareholder information with outside organizations unless the third party is essential in administering our operations; this sharing is permitted by law and cannot be limited by shareholders. For example, we work with our custodian bank, State Street Bank & Trust Company, to assist in providing payments to shareholders. The Trust does not reveal specific information about shareholders or their accounts to unaffiliated third parties with the following exceptions:

1. If the shareholder requests it;
2. If the information is required by or allowed by law (for example, a subpoena or court order to produce records regarding the shareholder's account with the Trust). In such instances, information provided is limited to that required by the specific law;
3. If the information is required by a Trust auditor or examiner for the purpose of completing an audit or regulatory examination of the Trust;
4. To make available products or services to us, such as computer programming services, but excluding marketing activities, that are offered by a third party who is under agreement to provide these services. These companies or vendors must agree to respect the privacy of any shareholder information provided and will be authorized to use such information only to perform the services required by the Trust.

These policies also apply, to the extent applicable, to persons who visit our website and provide us with any personal information other than their name, address and general area of investment interest.

FACTS

WHAT DOES STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY (STATE STREET) DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Why?

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

What?

The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number
- account balances
- account transactions
- payment history
- transaction history
- retirement assets.

When you are *no longer* our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

How?

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons State Street chooses to share and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does State Street share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes — such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes — to offer our products and services to you	No	We don't share
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes — information about your transactions and experiences	No	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes — information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
For non-affiliates to market to you	No	We don't share

Questions?

Call 1 816-871-4100



What we do

<p>How does State Street protect my personal information?</p>	<p>To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.</p>
<p>How does State Street collect my personal information?</p>	<p>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ open an account ▪ pay us by check ▪ make deposits and withdrawals from your account ▪ provide account information ▪ give us your contact information.
<p>Why can't I limit all sharing?</p>	<p>Federal law gives you the right to limit only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness ▪ affiliates from using your information to market to you ▪ sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you. <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>

Definitions

<p>Affiliates</p>	<p>Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and non-financial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>State Street does not share with affiliates.</i>
<p>Non-affiliates</p>	<p>Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and non-financial companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>State Street does not share with non-affiliates so they can market to you.</i>
<p>Joint marketing</p>	<p>A formal agreement between non-affiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>State Street doesn't jointly market.</i>