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8.2 Licensee agrees that by contacting Licensor for support, Licensee will be authorizing Licensor to access and perform work on its account, computer(s) and/or network(s), including but not limited to software, hardware, peripherals and memory (the "Computer System"). Licensor will not be responsible for the loss of any information or data from Licensee's Computer System (whether related to the Licensed Program or otherwise) or any malfunction or failure of the Computer System. It is Licensee's responsibility to ensure that the Computer System has been backed up.

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9.6 Licensor is not in the business of providing accounting, tax, financial or other professional services or advice. Consult the services of a competent professional when assistance of this nature is needed.

9.7 Neither party hereto shall be held liable for the failure to perform any obligation, or for the delay in performing any obligation, arising out of or connected with this Agreement if such failure or delay results from or is contributed to by any cause beyond the reasonable control of such party including, but not limited to, failures or delays caused by the act or omission of any governmental authority, fire, flood, or other event beyond such party's reasonable control.

9.8 Licensee is required to furnish a debit card, credit card, or authorize ACH drafts for all fees incurred, which will usually be billed weekly. If Licensee's payment is returned unpaid for any reason, Licensor reserves the right to charge a service fee of a minimum of \$15 or the maximum amount permitted by law, and may suspend any further Electronic Filing or customer service until said balance is paid in full.

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9.10 Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to be represented by independent counsel of its choice prior to entering into this Agreement. As a consequence, the parties agree that in construing this Agreement, no provision hereof shall be construed in favor of one party on the ground that such provision was drafted by the other.

9.11 Licensor reserves the right to amend or modify this Agreement at any time, and the changes will be effective when the amended Agreement is posted on Licensor's web site or otherwise delivered to Licensee. Licensee's continued use of the Licensed Product(s) shall represent Licensee's agreement and acceptance of the amendments or modifications.

9.12 Licensor reserves the right, in its sole discretion and without first consulting with Licensee, to discontinue or modify the Licensed Program, Deliverables, or any component thereof for any reason. If the Licensed Program is discontinued during the term of the license granted hereunder, then Licensor will, in its discretion, either: (i) provide a pro-rata refund of any software fees (if applicable) paid for the discontinued Licensed Program; or (ii) provide Licensee with access to a product having substantially similar or greater functionality (with Licensor reserving the right to charge fees or additional fees for any such greater functionality) for the remainder of the then current term.

9.13 Licensor (either itself or through a third party) will make the Licensed Program available for access via the Internet. Licensee shall provide, at Licensee's own expense, all necessary hardware, applications and Internet connectivity necessary to access the Licensed Program. Licensee acknowledges that the Internet is known to be unpredictable in performance and may, from time to time, impede access to the Licensed Program or performance hereunder. Licensee agrees that Licensor is not in any way responsible for any interference with Licensee's use of or access to the Licensed Program arising from or attributable to the Internet and Licensee waives any and all claims against Licensor in connection therewith.

## 10. Term

10.1 This Agreement shall commence on the date set forth below and continue in effect until November 15, 2023.

## 11. Indemnification

11.1 Licensee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Licensor, Manufacturer and their affiliates, directors, agents, officers, employees, successors and assigns, from and against any and all liability (including, but not limited to, damages, recoveries, deficiencies, interest, penalties and reasonable attorney's fees) to third parties (including any taxpayers, clients, IRS, attorneys general, and any taxing authorities) relating to: (i) Licensee's breach of any of its obligations, responsibilities, representations and/or warranties set forth in this Agreement or the BP Guidelines, or (ii) Licensee's use of the Licensed Program(s), electronic filing, Bank Products, Deliverables, and/or any third party software, application or service.

## 12. Contractual Relationship

12.1 At no time will Licensor be, or be deemed to be, an agent for or representative of Licensee, or have any responsibility or liability whatsoever in connection with any tax return or Bank Product. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, or by any third party, as creating the relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, partners, joint ventures, or any other similar such relationship, between the parties hereto. At no time shall Licensor contact or solicit Licensee's clients unless required by law or in order to obtain additional information for the purposes of settling a debt incurred from an obtained Bank Product. Licensee shall not engage in, act as, open, work for, undertake planning, conspire with others to create, or own shares in, any Electronic Filing Service Bureau which directly competes with Licensor or its successors, for a period of two years after this Agreement expires. Licensee also agrees not to employ any Licensor's (or its successors) employee(s) for a period of two years after the termination of this agreement.

## 13. Pricing

**INITIAL** 13.1 Licensee agrees to pay the software License fees as set forth on the order form for the Licensed Programs selected by Licensee as provided by Licensor at time of purchase of the Licensed Programs. Licensee acknowledges and agrees that payment for the second year of the license for the Licensed Program(s) shall be due, in full, on May 1, 2022, and will be charged, without notice, to the payment method then currently on file, if Licensee does not otherwise qualify (as determined in Licensor's sole discretion) for a free license as set forth in Section 15. Licensee also agrees to pay an additional fee (based on purchased package) for each Business return requested, selected, or processed in addition to or exceeding the original amount purchased.

13.2 Licensee acknowledges that if they have licensed the "Refunds Today Basic" – (Basic), "Refunds Today Online" – (Online), "Refunds Today Standard" – (Standard), "Refunds Today Plus" – (Plus), or "Refunds Today Premier" – (Premier) license, Licensee is required to file a minimum of five (5) federal tax returns by April 15 of the current processing year, through the licensed program or may be required to pay a \$300 "No E-File Fee".

13.3 Licensee agrees to pay to Licensor the following transmission fees as follows: For electronically filed Federal tax returns, the sum of \$9 (Online, Standard, Plus, or Premier Package) or \$11 (Basic Package) for each tax return submitted for filing. This price includes unlimited resubmissions of the same tax return at no additional charge. For electronically filed combined Federal and State tax returns, the sum of \$9 (Online, Standard, Plus or Premier Package) or \$11 (Basic Package) for each combined tax return submitted. For electronically filed extensions, the sum of \$5 for each extension submitted for filing. For each Federal Bank Product, the sum of \$20 will be deducted from the client's refund disbursement. For each State Bank Product, the sum of \$6 will be deducted from the client's refund disbursement. For electronically filed Federal Business tax returns, the sum of \$15 for each tax return submitted for filing. If the IRS accepts the return and does not timely release the client's refund, Licensee will remain liable for the electronic filing fee of \$9 per federal bank product processed.

13.4 Notwithstanding section 13.3, if Licensee's business is located in and conducts business from within the state boundaries of **Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland or Maine**, Section 13.3 will be amended to read as follows: Licensee agrees to pay to Licensor the following transmission fees as follows: For electronically filed Federal tax returns, the sum of \$9 (Online, Standard, Plus, or Premier Package) or \$11 (Basic Package) for each Federal tax return submitted for filing. This price includes unlimited resubmissions of the same tax return at no additional charge. For electronically filed combined Federal and State tax returns, the sum of \$9 (Online, Standard, Plus or Premier Package) or \$11 (Basic Package) for each combined tax return submitted. For electronically filed extensions, the sum of \$5 for each extension submitted for filing. For electronically filed Federal Business tax returns, the sum of \$15 for each tax return submitted for filing.

13.5 Notwithstanding sections 13.3 and 13.4, if Licensee's business is located in and conducts business from within the state boundaries of **New York**, Section 13.3 will be amended to read as follows: Licensee agrees to pay to Licensor the following transmission fees as follows: For electronically filed Federal tax returns, the sum of \$9 (Online, Standard, Plus, or Premier Package) or \$11 (Basic Package) for each tax return submitted for filing. This price includes unlimited resubmissions of the same tax return at no additional charge. For electronically filed combined Federal and State tax returns, the sum of \$9 (Online, Standard, Plus or Premier Package) or \$11 (Basic Package) for each combined tax return submitted. For electronically filed Federal extensions, the sum of \$5 for each extension submitted for filing. For electronically filed Federal Business tax returns, the sum of \$15 for each tax return submitted for filing.

13.6 Licensee agrees to pay the current posted price for each additional Business Pay-Per-Return requested, selected, or processed in addition to or exceeding the original amount purchased.

13.7 If Licensee receives a Licensed Program package/bundle that includes Refunds Today Online Mobile, Licensee agrees to pay to Licensor the following e-file fees as follows: For electronically filed Federal tax returns, the sum of \$11 (Basic Package, Online, Standard, Plus, or Premier Package) for each tax return submitted for filing (regardless of whether mobile was utilized in connection with the submitted tax return). This price includes unlimited resubmissions of the same tax return at no additional charge.

13.8 All amounts payable to Licensor under this Agreement shall be paid to Licensor in full without any setoff, recoupment, counterclaim, deduction or withholding for any reason (other than any deduction or withholding of tax as may be required by applicable law).

## 14. Dispute Resolution

14.1 Except for collection actions which may be brought by Licensor at any time and without limiting claims for indemnification hereunder, any claim or cause of action arising under or otherwise relating to this Agreement, or the subject matter hereof or thereof, whether based on contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise, must be commenced within one year from the date such claim or cause of action first arose.

14.2 Licensee agrees that this Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of New York, without any regard to conflicts of law rules that would require another jurisdiction's law to apply, and shall be treated as if executed and performed in New York, New York. All disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be instituted and prosecuted exclusively in a state or federal court located in New York, New York, with Customer specifically consenting to extraterritorial service of process for that purpose.

14.3 EACH PARTY, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION OR LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF OR THEREOF.

14.4 Licensee will pay all of Licensor's attorneys' fees and costs and expenses incurred in the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

14.5 Licensee acknowledges that the Licensed Programs and other proprietary information of Licensor are unique and that, in the event of any breach of this Agreement by Licensee, Licensor may not have an adequate remedy at law, and shall be entitled to enforce its rights hereunder by an action for damages and/or specific performance and/or injunctive or other equitable relief without the necessity of proving actual damages.

14.6 All notices, demands, consents, or requests which may be or are required to be given by any party to another party shall be in writing (which may include email). No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by all the parties hereto.

In the event that any of the provisions, or portions hereof, of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions and portions thereof of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby. No waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any prior, concurrent or subsequent breach of the same or any other provisions hereof, and no waiver shall be effective by Refunds Today unless made in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the waiving party. Notices to Licensor shall be sent by delivery via a third party, nationally recognized tracked express mail service, postage prepaid, addressed to Attn: Legal Department, Refunds Today, LLC, 225 Chastain Meadows Ct. NW, Suite 200, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

**15. Free Software for Life Offer**

15.1 Licensor agrees to provide to Licensee the following tax year Refunds Today software version free of license fee charges provided that Licensee processes and has funded through Licensor's Licensed Program(s) a minimum of 150 Federal Bank Products or a minimum of 300 electronically filed and IRS Accepted Federal tax returns in the current Tax year if Licensee uses the "Refunds Today Premier" software package, a minimum of 100 Federal Bank Products or a minimum of 200 electronically filed and IRS Accepted Federal tax returns in the current Tax year if Licensee uses the "Refunds Today Plus" software package, a minimum of 75 Federal Bank Products or a minimum of 150 electronically filed and IRS Accepted Federal tax returns in the current Tax year if Licensee uses the "Refunds Today Standard" or "Refunds Today Online" software package. Licensee must qualify for the offer by processing the minimum amount of Bank Products or the minimum number of electronically filed and IRS Accepted Federal tax returns specified each tax year. All taxes and shipping fees remain the responsibility of Licensee and will be automatically charged to the specified method of payment on file by May 1st of each year Licensee qualifies for this offer. If a renewal offer is required, Licensee must remit the accepted offer to Licensor no later than May 1st of each year to qualify for this offer.

15.2 Notwithstanding section 15.1, if Licensee's business is located in and conducts business from within the state boundaries of **Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland or New York**, Section 15.1 will be amended to read as follows: Licensor agrees to provide to Licensee the following tax year Refunds Today software version free of license fee charges provided that Licensee processes through Licensor's Licensed Program(s) a minimum of 300 electronically filed and IRS Accepted Federal tax returns in the current Tax year if Licensee uses the "Refunds Today Premier" software package, a minimum of 200 electronically filed and IRS Accepted Federal tax returns in the current Tax year if Licensee uses the "Refunds Today Plus" software package or a minimum of 150 electronically filed and IRS Accepted Federal tax returns in the current Tax year if Licensee uses the "Refunds Today Standard" or "Refunds Today Online" software package. Licensee must qualify for the offer by processing the minimum amount electronically filed Federal tax returns specified each tax year. All taxes and shipping fees remain the responsibility of Licensee and will be automatically charged to the specified method of payment on file by May 1st of each year Licensee qualifies for this offer. If a renewal offer is required, Licensee must remit the accepted offer to Licensor no later than May 1st of each year to qualify for this offer.

**16. Refund Policy**

**INITIAL** 16.1 Signed Agreement. Upon the written request of Licensee received by Licensor within 72 hours of the date of placing the order for Licensed Program(s) with Licensor, Licensor shall refund all license fees paid by Licensee under this Agreement, less an 18% order processing fee. Subsequent to refund approval by Licensor (but prior to Licensor's issuing of refund credit), all Licensed Program(s) must be returned to Licensor in their original package along with a written statement that Licensee has retained no copies of any Licensed Program(s) and has not made available any Licensed Program(s) to any party other than Licensee. Licensee understands and agrees that the Licensor shall have incurred expenses in anticipation of its performance under this Agreement and that no refund shall be made for any reason more than 72 hours after the date of placing the order for Licensed Program(s) with Licensor.

Click here to accept and agree to the Refund Policy listed in section in Section 16.1.

**INITIAL** 16.2 Licensee acknowledges that due to customization of the Licensed Program(s), the Licensed Program(s) will not be made available to Licensee immediately upon payment. The Licensed Program(s) will be made available upon IRS approval, typically before December 22, for the then current tax year.

16.3 All other refunds shall be granted in the sole discretion of the Licensor.

Click here to accept and agree to the future availability of the licensed product listed in section in Section 16.2.

**I agree to use an electronic signature**

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Licensee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE RECORD**

RECORD ID: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED AS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE/TIME STAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

IP ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_