

I hereby declare that the following person is my spouse in accordance with the provisions of the Desjardins Group Pension Plan Regulation, as described below:

- a) The spouse is the person who is married to or united in civil union with the member, and:
- i. A person who is legally separated from bed and board from the member; or
 - ii. A person who is legally separated from bed and board from the member, where the separation took place before September 1, 1990.

Notwithstanding the preceding, beginning on January 1, 2001, the spouse is the person who is married to or united in civil union with the member, and a person who is legally separated from bed and board from such member.

- b) If the member is neither married nor civilly united, the spouse is the person who has been living with the member for at least 3 years or, in the following cases, for at least 1 year:
- i. If at least one child is born or will be born out of their union;
 - ii. If they have jointly adopted at least one child during their marital relationship;
 - iii. If one of them has adopted at least one of the other's children during this period;
 - iv. The birth or adoption of a child during a marriage, civil union or a period of marital relationship prior to the marital relationship current on the day the status of spouse is established, may allow a person to be recognized as a spouse.

- c) If no one meets any of the above definitions, the spouse is the person who the member has designated in writing to the Retirement Committee, and who meets one of the following two conditions:
- i. He or she is married to the member but a person who is legally separated from bed and board from the member; and the separation occurred after August 31, 1990;
 - ii. He or she has been living in a marital relationship with the member for at least 1 year.

Notwithstanding the preceding, starting on January 1, 2001, the spouse is the person whom the member has designated in writing to the Retirement Committee and who has been living in a marital relationship with the member for at least one year.

- d) If no one meets any of the above definitions, the member is deemed not to have a spouse for the purposes of the Plan.
- e) In the event that the member dies before retirement, the spouse's status is determined on the day preceding the death. If the member dies after retirement, the spouse's status is determined on the day the pension payments began.

The spouse ceases to be the spouse at such time after retirement that there occurs separation from bed and board, divorce, annulment of marriage or civil union, or termination of marital relationship, except if there has not been an assignment of entitlements between the spouses or if the member notifies the Retirement Committee in writing that this person is to remain the spouse.

Name of spouse: _____

Date of birth of spouse (for identification): _____

Name of member: _____

Date of birth of member (for identification): _____

Signature of member (handwritten signature only): _____ Date signed: _____

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