The Tribe and (_____) desire to prevent disagreements and violations whenever possible, and to quickly and effectively resolve disagreements and violations when they arise. To the extent possible, the parties will use informal methods of dispute resolution before engaging in the formal processes provided by this Part.

As used in this Part "days" means calendar days, unless otherwise specified. The parties may, by mutual agreement, extend any of the time deadlines stated in this Part.

1. Notification of Violation

   If either party believes a violation of the agreement has occurred or has concerns about an auditor's report which the parties have been unable to resolve through the joint audit review process, it shall notify the other party in writing. The notice shall state the nature of the alleged violation and any proposed corrective action or remedy. The parties will meet within 14 days of receipt of the notice, unless the parties mutually select a different date. The purpose of the meeting will be to attempt to resolve between them the issues raised by the notice of violation, and provide an opportunity to implement any agreed corrective action.

   The parties recognize that disagreements and violations of the terms of the agreement involving Tribal member retailers may take longer to resolve. With respect to any disagreement or dispute involving a member retailer, the parties must wait at least 45 days after the sending of the notice of violation before delivering a mediation demand with the intent to reach a mutually agreeable solution during this time.

2. Mediation

   If the parties are unable to resolve the disputed issues through joint discussions under section 1 of this Part, either party may request mediation by giving a written mediation demand to the other party. The parties shall first attempt to mutually select a mediator. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator within 30 days of written demand, the parties shall use a mediator selected by the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Service's ("J.A.M.S.") Seattle office.

   Each party shall bear its own attorney's costs and expenses but shall share equally in the costs of mediation, including the costs of the mediator.

3. Termination of Agreement

   If, after no more than twelve (12) months from the initial Notice of Violation or notice of other disagreement, the parties are unable to resolve the disagreement or alleged violation and/or the appropriate corrective action using the dispute resolution methods authorized in this section, or if a party continues to violate the Agreement term after the completion of the mediation process authorized in this section, the Agreement may be terminated.