ARKANOVA ENERGY CORPORATION

Audit Committee Charter

I. Purpose of Audit Committee of Arkanova Energy Corporation (the "Corporation")

The purpose of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") is to:

- 1. Assist the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board") in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to:
 - (a) the quality and integrity of the Corporation's financial statements, financial reporting process and systems of internal controls and disclosure controls regarding risk management, finance, accounting, and legal and regulatory compliance;
 - (b) the independence and qualifications of the Corporation's independent accountants and review of the audit efforts of the Corporation's independent accountants and internal auditing department; and
 - (c) the development and implementation of policies and processes regarding corporate governance matters.
- 2. Provide an open avenue of communication between the internal auditing department, the independent accountants, the Corporation's financial and senior management and the Board.
- 3. If required by applicable securities laws, prepare the report required to be prepared by the Committee pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for inclusion in the Corporation's annual proxy statement.

The Committee will primarily fulfill these responsibilities by carrying out the activities enumerated in Section VII below of this Audit Committee Charter (this "Charter").

While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits, or to determine that the Corporation's financial statements are complete and accurate or are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, accounting standards, or applicable laws and regulations. This is the responsibility of management of the Corporation, the Corporation's internal auditing department and the Corporation's independent accountants. Because the primary function of the Committee is oversight, the Committee shall be entitled to rely on the expertise, skills and knowledge of management, the internal auditing department, and the Corporation's independent accountants and the integrity and accuracy of information provided to the Committee by such persons in carrying out its oversight responsibilities. Nothing in this Charter is intended to change the responsibilities of management and the independent accountants.

II. Composition

The Committee shall be composed of at least one (1) director, and each director shall, in the judgment of the Board, meet the independence requirements of (i) Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act") and any other rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC thereunder; and (ii) any applicable stock exchange upon which the Corporation's shares are so listed. One or more members of the Committee shall be, in the judgment of the Board, an "audit committee financial expert," as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-B, and be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements.

III. Authority

The Committee shall have the authority to (i) retain (at the Corporation's expense) its own legal counsel, accountants and other consultants that the Committee believes, in its sole discretion, are needed to carry out its duties and responsibilities; (ii) conduct investigations that it believes, in its sole discretion, are necessary to carry out its responsibilities; and (iii) take whatever actions that it deems appropriate to foster an internal culture that is committed to maintaining quality financial reporting, sound business risk practices and ethical behaviour within the Corporation. In addition, the Committee shall have the authority to request any officer, director or employee of the Corporation, the Corporation's outside legal counsel and the independent accountants to meet with the Committee and any of its advisors and to respond to their inquiries. The Committee shall have full access to the books, records and facilities of the Corporation in carrying out its responsibilities. Finally, the Board shall adopt resolutions which provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for (i) services provided by the independent accountants in rendering or issuing an audit report, (ii) services provided by any adviser employed by the Committee which it believes, in its sole discretion, are needed to carry out its duties and responsibilities, or (iii) ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.

The Committee, in its capacity as a committee of the Board, is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the independent accountants engaged (including resolution of disagreements between the Corporation's management and the independent accountants regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing and issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation.

The independent accountants shall submit to the Corporation annually a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the independent accountants and the Corporation and its subsidiaries, addressing the non-audit services provided to the Corporation or its subsidiaries and the matters set forth in Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1.

The independent accountants shall submit to the Corporation annually a formal written statement of the fees billed for each of the following categories of services rendered by the independent accountants: (i) the audit of the Corporation's annual financial statements for the most recent fiscal year and any reviews of the financial statements; (ii) information technology consulting services for the most recent fiscal year, in the aggregate and by each service (and separately identifying fees for such services relating to financial information systems design and

implementation); and (iii) all other services rendered by the independent accountants for the most recent fiscal years, in the aggregate and by each service.

IV. Appointing Members

The members of the Committee shall be appointed or re-appointed by the Board on an annual basis. Each member of the Committee shall continue to be a member thereof until such member's successor is appointed, unless such member shall resign or be removed by the Board or such member shall cease to be a director of the Corporation. Where a vacancy occurs at any time in the membership of the Committee, it may be filled by the Board and shall be filled by the Board if the membership of the Committee is less than three directors as a result of the vacancy or the Committee no longer has a member who is an "audit committee financial expert" as a result of the vacancy.

V. Chairperson

The Board, or in the event of its failure to do so, the members of the Committee, must appoint a chairperson from the members of the Committee (the "Chairperson"). If the Chairperson of the Committee is not present at any meeting of the Committee, an acting Chairperson for the meeting shall be chosen by majority vote of the Committee from among the members present. In the case of a deadlock on any matter or vote, the Chairperson shall refer the matter to the Board. The Committee shall also appoint a secretary who need not be a director. All requests for information from the Corporation or the independent accountants shall be made through the Chairperson.

VI. Meetings

The time and place of meetings of the Committee and the procedure at such meetings shall be determined from time to time by the members thereof provided that:

- 1. A quorum for meetings shall be two members, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak and hear each other.
- 2. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly (or more frequently as circumstances dictate).
- 3. Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing or facsimile communication to each member of the Committee and the external auditors of the Corporation at least 48 hours prior to the time of such meeting.

While the Committee is expected to communicate regularly with management, the Committee shall exercise a high degree of independence in establishing its meeting agenda and in carrying out its responsibilities. The Committee shall submit the minutes of all meetings of the Committee to, or discuss the matters discussed at each Committee meeting with, the Board.

VII. Specific Duties

In meeting its responsibilities, the Committee is expected to:

- 1. Select the independent accountants, considering independence and effectiveness, approve all audit and non-audit services in advance of the provision of such services and the fees and other compensation to be paid to the independent accountants, and oversee the services rendered by the independent accountants (including the resolution of disagreements between management and the independent accountants regarding preparation of financial statements) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work, and the independent accountants shall report directly to the Committee.
- 2. Review the performance of the independent accountants, including the lead partner of the independent accountants, and, in its sole discretion, approve any proposed discharge of the independent accountants when circumstances warrant, and appoint any new independent accountants.
- 3. Periodically review and discuss with the independent accountants all significant relationships the independent accountants have with the Corporation to determine the independence of the independent accountants, including a review of service fees for audit and non-audit services.
- 4. Inquire of management, the internal auditing department and the independent accountants and evaluate the effectiveness of the Corporation's process for assessing significant risks or exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor, control and minimize such risks to the Corporation. Obtain annually, in writing, the letters of the independent accountants as to the adequacy of such controls.
- 5. Consider, in consultation with the independent accountants and the internal auditing department, the audit scope and plan of the independent accountants and internal auditing department.
- 6. Review with the independent accountants the coordination of audit effort to assure completeness of coverage, and the effective use of audit resources.
- 7. Consider and review with the independent accountants and internal auditing department, out of the presence of management:
 - (a) the adequacy of the Corporation's internal controls and disclosure controls including the adequacy of computerized information systems and security;
 - (b) the truthfulness and accuracy of the Corporation's financial statements; and

- (c) any related significant findings and recommendations of the independent accountants and internal auditing department together with management's responses thereto.
- 8. Following completion of the annual audit, review with management, the independent accountants and the internal auditing department:
 - (a) the Corporation's annual financial statements and related notes;
 - (b) the independent accountants' audit of the financial statements and the report thereon;
 - (c) any significant changes required in the independent accountants' audit plan; and
 - (d) other matters related to the conduct of the audit which are to be communicated to the Committee in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).
- 9. Following completion of the annual audit, review separately with each of management, the independent accountants and the internal auditing department any significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information.
- 10. Establish regular and separate systems of reporting to the Committee by each of management, the independent accountants and internal auditing department regarding any significant judgments made in management's preparation of the financial statements and the view of each as to appropriateness of such judgments.
- 11. In consultation with the independent accountants, review any significant disagreement among management and the independent accountants in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including management's responses.
- 12. Consider and review with management and the internal auditing department:
 - (a) significant findings during the year and management's responses thereto;
 - (b) any changes required in the planned scope of their audit plan;
 - (c) the internal auditing department budget and staffing; and
 - (d) internal auditor's compliance with the appropriate internal auditing standards.
- 13. Review filings with the SEC and other published documents containing the Corporation's financial statements, including any certification, report, opinion or review rendered by the independent accountants, or any press releases announcing

earnings (especially the use of "pro forma" or "adjusted" information not prepared in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles) and all financial information and earnings guidance intended to be provided to analysts and the public or to rating agencies, and consider whether the information contained in these documents is consistent with the information contained in the financial statements.

- 14. Review the regular internal reports to management prepared by the internal auditing department and management's response.
- 15. If required, prepare and include in the Corporation's annual proxy statement or other filings of the SEC any report from the Committee or other disclosures as required by applicable laws and regulations.
- 16. Review with management the adequacy of the insurance and fidelity bond coverages, reported contingent liabilities, and management's assessment of contingency planning. Review management's plans regarding any changes in accounting practices or policies and the financial impact of such changes, any major areas in management's judgment that have a significant effect upon the financial statements of the Corporation, and any litigation or claim, including tax assessments, that could have a material effect upon the financial position or operating results of the Corporation.
- 17. Review with management, the internal auditing department and the independent accountants, each annual, quarterly and other periodic report prior to its filing with the SEC or other regulators or prior to the release of earnings.
- 18. Review policies and procedures with respect to officers' expense accounts and prerequisites, including their use of corporate assets, and consider the results of any review of these areas by the internal auditing department and the independent accountants.
- 19. Review and update periodically a Code of Ethics for employees, officers and directors of the Corporation and ensure that management has established a system to enforce the Code of Ethics.
- 20. Review management's monitoring of the Corporation's compliance with the Corporation's Code of Ethics.
- 21. Review, with the Corporation's counsel, any legal, tax or regulatory matter that may have a material impact on the Corporation's financial statements, operations, related Corporation compliance policies, and programs and reports received from regulators.
- 22. Evaluate and review with management the Corporation's guidelines and policies governing the process of risk assessment and risk management.

- 23. Consider questions of possible conflicts of interest of Board members and of the corporate officers and approve in advance all related party transactions.
- 24. Provide advice on changes in Board compensation.
- 25. Meet with the independent accountants, internal auditing department and management in separate executive sessions to discuss any matters that the Committee or these groups believe should be discussed privately with the Committee.
- 26. Report Committee actions to the Board with such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate.
- 27. Maintain, review and update the procedures for (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, as set forth in <u>Annex A</u> attached to this Charter.
- 28. Review and update this Charter periodically and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval, in accordance with the requirements of the 1934 Act.
- 29. Perform such other functions consistent with this Charter, the Corporation's Bylaws and governing law, as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate.

ANNEX A

PROCEDURES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS REGARDING ACCOUNTING, INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS OR AUDITING MATTERS

- 1. Arkanova Energy Corporation (the "Corporation") has designated its Audit Committee of its Board of Directors (the "Committee") to be responsible for administering these procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation or the Committee directly regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters.
- 2. Any employee of the Corporation may on a confidential and anonymous basis submit concerns regarding questionable accounting controls or auditing matters to the Committee by setting forth such concerns in a letter addressed directly to the Committee with a legend on the envelope such as "Confidential" or "To be opened by Committee only". If an employee would like to discuss the matter directly with a member of the Committee, the employee should include a return telephone number in his or her submission to the Committee at which he or she can be contacted. All submissions by letter to the Committee can be sent to:

Arkanova Energy Corporation c/o Audit Committee Attn: Chairperson Suite 300 – 21 Waterway Avenue The Woodlands, Texas 77381

- 3. Any complaints received by the Corporation that are submitted as set forth herein will be forwarded directly to the Committee and will be treated as confidential if so indicated.
- 4. At each meeting of the Committee, or any special meetings called by the Chairperson of the Committee, the members of the Committee will review and consider any complaints or concerns submitted by employees as set forth herein and take any action it deems necessary in order to respond thereto.
- 5. All complaints and concerns submitted as set forth herein will be retained by the Committee for a period of seven (7) years.