1	STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS		
2	DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES		
3	IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the		
4	Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: CONSENT ORDER		
5	AMERICA MORTGAGE, INC., and LEE WILLIAM WHITESIDE, President, Owner,		
6	and Designated Broker,		
7	Respondents.		
8	COMESNOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director) through hi		
9	COMES NOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director), through his		
10	designee Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, and America		
11	Mortgage, Inc. (Respondent America Mortgage), and Lee William Whiteside, President, Owner, and		
	Designated Broker (Respondent Whiteside), and finding that the issues raised in the above-captioned		
12	matter may be economically and efficiently settled, agree to the entry of this Consent Order. This		
13	Consent Order is entered pursuant to chapter 19.146 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), and		
14	RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, based on the following:		
15	AGREEMENT AND ORDER		
16	The Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services (Department) and		
17	Respondents have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the matters alleged in Statement of Charges		
18	No. C-05-174-08-SC01 (Statement of Charges), entered September 22, 2010, (copy attached hereto).		
19	Pursuant to chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act) and RCW 34.05.060 of		
20	the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondents hereby agree to the Department's entry of this		
21	Consent Order and further agree that the issues raised in the above-captioned matter may be		
22	economically and efficiently settled by entry of this Consent Order. The parties intend this Consent		
23	Order to fully resolve the Statement of Charges.		

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Based on the Foregoing:

A. Jurisdiction. It is AGREED that the Department has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the activities discussed herein.

B. Waiver of Hearing. It is AGREED that Respondents have been informed of the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge, and hereby waive their right to a hearing and any and all administrative and judicial review of the issues raised in this matter, or of the resolution reached herein. Accordingly, Respondents, by their signatures below, withdraw their appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

9 C. Mortgage Broker License Revocation. It is AGREED that Respondent America
0 Mortgage's license to conduct the business of a mortgage broker is revoked.

D. Loan Originator License Revocation. It is AGREED that Respondent Whiteside's license to conduct the business of a loan originator is revoked.

E. **Prohibition from Mortgage Broker Industry**. It is AGREED that Respondents are prohibited from ever participating in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker licensed by the Department or subject to licensure or regulation by the Department under the Act, in any capacity.

F. **Prohibition from Consumer Loan Industry.** It is AGREED that Respondents are prohibited from ever participating in the conduct of the affairs of any consumer lender licensed by the Department or subject to licensure or regulation by the Department under chapter 31.04 RCW, the Consumer Loan Act, in any capacity.

G. Application for License. It is AGREED that Respondents shall never apply to the Department for any license under any name or on behalf of any person or entity.

H. **Records Retention.** It is AGREED that Respondent Whiteside shall maintain records related to Respondent America Mortgage's mortgage broker business in compliance with the Act.

I. Authority to Execute Order. It is AGREED that the undersigned have represented and warranted that they have the full power and right to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the parties represented.

J. Non-Compliance with Order. It is AGREED that Respondents understand that failure to
abide by the terms and conditions of this Consent Order may result in further legal action by the
Director. In the event of such legal action, Respondents may be responsible to reimburse the Director
for the cost incurred in pursuing such action, including but not limited to, attorney fees.

K. Voluntarily Entered. It is AGREED that the undersigned Respondents have voluntarily entered into this Consent Order, which is effective when signed by the Director's designee.

L. Completely Read, Understood, and Agreed. It is AGREED that Respondents have read this Consent Order in its entirety and fully understand and agree to all of the same.

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RESPONDENTS:

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2 America Mortgage, Inc. By: 3 UT 4 Lee William Whiteside President, Owner, and Designated Broker 5 6 Lee William Whiteside 8/2011 7 Individually 8 Jeffrey C. Mirsepasy, WSBA No. 17247 9 Date Attorney for Respondents 10 DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE 11 THIS ORDER ENTERED THIS _ 4 DAY OF 2011 12 13 14 DEBORAH BORTNER Director 15 Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions 16 17 Presented by: 18 19 MARK T. OLSON Financial Legal Examiner 20 Approved by: 21 22 ww MES R. BRUSSELBACK 23 Enforcement Chief 24 CONSENT ORDER 4 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS C-05-174-11-CO01 Division of Consumer Services America Mortgage, Inc. and Lee William Whiteside 150 Israel Rd SW PO Box 41200 Olympia, WA 98504-1200

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	STATE OF WASHINGTON				
2	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES				
3	IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING	NO. C-05-174-08-SC01			
4	Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:				
5	AMERICA MORTGAGE, INC., and	STATEMENT OF CHARGES and			
6	LEE WILLIAM WHITESIDE, President, Owner, and Designated Broker,	NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO REVOKE LICENSES,			
7	Respondents.	PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, IMPOSE FINE, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE			
8		AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION TEE			
9	INTRO	DUCTION			
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11	Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial				
12	Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the				
i3		nducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.235, and			
14	based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee,				
15	Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:				
16	I. FACTUAI	ALLEGATIONS			
17	1.1 Respondents.				
18	-	at America Mortgage) was licensed by the Department			
		epartment) to conduct business as a mortgage broker on			
19	or about February 25, 2003, and continued to be licens				
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21		t Whiteside) is President, Owner, and Designated Broker			
22	of Respondent America Mortgage. Respondent White	side was named Designated Broker of Respondent			
23	¹ The Act, effective in 1994, was amended in 2006, with the referenced in this Statement of Charges that occurred in 200				
24	occurred in 2007 or later are cited as violating the 2007 Act ² Respondent America Mortgage's mortgage broker license				
25	Balance Finance," as a sole proprietorship. Respondent Whiteside amended his sole proprietorship's license to "d/b/a America Mortgage" in or around May 2003, and further amended the form of his licensed entity to the corporation "America Mortgage, Inc." in or around January 2005.				
	STATEMENT OF CHARGES I C-05-174-08-SC01 America Mortgage, Inc., and Lee William Whiteside	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Division of Consumer Services 150 Israel Rd SW PO Box 41200 Olympia, WA 98504-1200			
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America Mortgage on or about February 25, 2003, and continued as Designated Broker until Respondent América Mortgage's mortgage broker license expired on December 31, 2008. Respondent Whiteside's Designated Broker license also expired on December 31, 2008.

1.2 Prohibited Acts. From in or around April 2005 through in or around June 2006, Christopher G. 4 Brooks and Amani R. Moss a/k/a Amani R. Brooks (the Brookses) originated at least 18 residential mortgage 5 loans, totaling at least \$5,890,000 and involving 9 properties, under Respondent America Mortgage's mortgage 6 broker license. In these transactions, the Brookses misrepresented borrowers' information to lenders in order to 7 obtain the residential mortgage loans, and directed closing agents to disburse over \$1,600,000 of seller proceeds 8 at closing to Peachtree Development, an entity the Brookses owned or controlled, without disclosure to the 9 lenders. Respondent America Mortgage received over \$45,000 in mortgage broker fees at the closing of these 10 transactions, and Respondent Whiteside was the borrower in one of these transactions. The lenders foreclosed on all 9 of the subject properties when the borrowers (including Respondent Whiteside) stopped making 12 payments on the underlying residential mortgage loans, resulting in losses to the lenders of over \$1,900,000.³

A. Respondent Whiteside as Borrower. In or around February 2006, the Brookses assisted 14 Respondent Whiteside in obtaining two residential mortgage loans totaling \$1,685,000 to purchase property 15 located at 6507 240th Way NE, Redmond, Washington (240th property). In this transaction, the Brookses and 16 Respondent Whiteside misrepresented Respondent Whiteside's information to the lender, including Respondent 17 Whiteside's income and intent to occupy the 240th property as his primary residence. The Brookses directed the 18 closing agent to disburse over \$778,000 of the seller's proceeds to Peachtree Development at the closing of the 19 transaction. In or around November 2006, a Notice of Trustee's Sale was recorded scheduling a Trustee's Sale 20 for the 240th property and indicating Respondent Whiteside had not made payments totaling over \$76,000 on 21 the underlying residential mortgage loans since at least March 1, 2006 (first payment default). In or around 22 March 2007, the 240th property was sold at a Trustee's Sale for \$1,347,360, resulting in a loss to the lender of 23 over \$413,000. 24

³ In 2009, the Brookses pleaded guilty to a federal criminal indictment for their role in at least 18 residential mortgage loan transactions, including at least five of the transactions discussed in this Statement of Charges.

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1	B. Borrower B.F. (BF). In or around April 2005, the Brookses assisted BF in obtaining at least
2	eight residential mortgage loans totaling \$1,805,000 to purchase at least the following four subject properties.
3	• 838 NE 86 th St, Seattle, Washington (2 loans totaling \$475,000)
4	 915 S 304th St, Federal Way, Washington (2 loans totaling \$465,000) 31016 230th PI SE, Black Diamond, Washington (2 loans totaling \$430,000)
5	 4613 SW Wildwood Pl, Seattle, Washington (2 loans totaling \$435,000)
6	In these transactions, the Brookses misrepresented BF's information to lenders, including BF's employment,
7	income, assets, liabilities, and intent to occupy each subject property as BF's primary residence. The Brookses
8	directed the closing agents to disburse over \$181,000 of the sellers' proceeds to Peachtree Development at the
9	closing of these transactions. Between in or around March 2006 and in or around June 2006, Notices of
10	Trustee's Sale were recorded scheduling Trustee's Sales for all four properties and indicating BF had not made
11	payments totaling over \$62,000 on the underlying residential mortgage loans. From in or around June 2006
12	through in or around November 2006, all four properties were foreclosed and sold for a total of approximately
13	\$1,518,000, resulting in losses to the lenders of over \$349,000.
14	C. Borrower C.R. (CR). From in or around January 2006 through in or around June 2006, the
15	Brookses assisted CR in obtaining at least eight residential mortgage loans totaling \$2,400,000 to purchase at
16	least the following four subject properties.
17	• 7316 California Ave SW, Seattle, Washington (2 loans totaling \$635,000)
18	 13133 166th Ave SE, Renton, Washington (2 loans totaling \$290,000) 11044 Woodward Ave S, Seattle, Washington (2 loans totaling \$375,000)
	 17006 SE 12th Pl, Bellevue, Washington (2 loans totaling \$1,100,000)
19	In these transactions, the Brookses misrepresented CR's information to lenders, including CR's employment,
.20	income, assets, liabilities, and intent to occupy each subject property as CR's primary residence. The Brookses
21	directed the closing agents to disburse over \$666,000 of the sellers' proceeds to Peachtree Development at the
22	closing of these transactions. Between in or around July 2006 and in or around May 2009, Notices of Trustee's
23	Sale were recorded scheduling Trustee's Sales for all four properties and indicating CR had not made payments
24	totaling over \$258,000 on the underlying residential mortgage loans. From in or around February 2007 through
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1	in or around September 2009, all four properties were foreclosed and sold for a total of approximately			
2	\$1,450,000, resulting in losses to the lenders of over \$1,200,000.			
3	1.3 Failure to Maintain Funds in Trust. At the time of initial licensure, Respondent Whiteside provided			
4	the Department with a notarized "Mortgage Broker Trust Monies Alternative Certificate of Compliance"			
5	containing the following language:			
6	"I, the undersigned, designated broker of the above listed entity, an applicant for licensing under chapter 10, 146 PCW. The Mortgage Broker Practices Act (the "Act"), certify that I have read and			
7	chapter 19.146 RCW, The Mortgage Broker Practices Act (the "Act"), certify that I have read and understand RCW 19.146.050 and WAC 208-660-08010 through -08040, containing the requirements			
8	for the management of borrowers' funds. I realize that any violation of this section of the Act is a Clas C Felony.			
9	I further warrant that the above company and its principals, mortgage brokers, employees, loan			
10	originators, and independent contractors will not, at any time, up to and including the closing of a loa and disbursement of any monies associated with the loan, accept monies from a borrower, or from a			
11	third-party (e.g., and escrow agent) on behalf of a borrower, for the purposes of payment for services (e.g., an appraisal or credit report) provided by third parties."			
12	Respondent America Mortgage received trust funds from or on behalf of borrowers for the payment of third-			
13	party provider services, usually from the closing agent at the closing of the related residential mortgage loans, in			
14	at least two of the transactions discussed in paragraph 1.2 above.			
15	1.4 Failure to Respond to Directives and Subpoenas. On or about April 30, 2008, and on or about May			
16	1, 2008, the Department sent directives related to two consumer complaints to Respondent America Mortgage's			
17	licensed location by First-Class mail. These directives were not returned by the United States Post Office. On			
18	or about June 9, 2008, the Department sent subpoenas related to these consumer complaints to Respondent			
19	America Mortgage's licensed location by Federal Express overnight delivery. On or about June 11, 2008, both			
20	subpoenas were delivered to Respondents via Federal Express, signed for by Respondent Whiteside. To date,			
21	the Department has not received a response to any of these directives and subpoenas.			
22	1.5 Failure to Submit Mortgage Broker Closure Form and Annual Report. Respondent America			
23	Mortgage did not renew its mortgage broker license by December 31, 2008. To date, Respondents have not			
24	provided the Department with the Mortgage Broker Closure Form and Annual Report required within twenty			
25	days after a licensed mortgage broker ceases doing business in the State of Washington.			

1.6 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents continues to date.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

2.1 Responsibility for Conduct of Loan Originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.245, a licensed mortgage broker is liable for any conduct violating the Act by the designated broker or a loan originator while employed or engaged by the licensed mortgage broker. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.200(1) [1994 Act], a person who independently contracts with a licensed mortgage broker need not be licensed if the licensed mortgage broker and the independent contractor have on file with the Director a binding written agreement under which the licensed mortgage broker assumes responsibility for the independent contractor's violations of any provision of the Act.

2.2 Responsibility of Designated Broker. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.200(4) [2007 Act], every licensed 11 mortgage broker must at all times have a designated broker responsible for all activities of the mortgage broker 12 in conducting the business of a mortgage broker. A designated broker, principal, or owner who has supervisory 13 14 authority over a mortgage broker is responsible for a licensee's, employee's, or independent contractor's violations of the Act if: the designated broker, principal, or owner directs or instructs the conduct or, with 15 knowledge of the specific conduct, approves or allows the conduct; or the designated broker, principal, or 16 owner who has supervisory authority over the licensed mortgage broker knows or by the exercise of reasonable 17 18 care and inquiry should have known of the conduct, at a time when its consequences can be avoided or mitigated and fails to take reasonable remedial action. 19

2.3 Prohibited Acts. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in
 apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1), (2) and (3) for directly or indirectly employing a scheme, device or
 artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or lenders or any person, engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice
 toward any person, and obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation.

24 25 2.4 Requirement to Maintain Funds From Borrower for Payment of Third-Party Providers in Trust. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW

19.146.050 for failing to deposit funds received from a borrower or on behalf of a borrower for payment of 1 2 third-party provider services in a trust account of a federally insured financial institution located in this state, prior to the end of the third business day following receipt of such monies, and for commingling operating 3 funds with trust account funds. 4

5 2.5 Requirement to Comply with Directives and Subpoenas. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth 6 in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.235 for failing to comply with 7 Department directives and subpoenas.

Requirement to Submit a Mortgage Broker Closure Form and Annual Report. Based on the 2.6 8 Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of WAC 208-660-9 $163(19)^4$ and WAC 208-660-400(14)⁵ for failing to submit a mortgage broker closure form and annual report 10 within 20 days after ceasing operations in Washington. 11

2.7 Requirement to Maintain Accurate and Current Books and Records. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.060 12 [2007 Act] and WAC 208-660-450(4), Respondents are required to keep all books and records in a location that 14 is on file with and readily available to the Department until at least twenty-five months have elapsed following the effective period to which the books and records relate. 15

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III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

3.1 Authority to Revoke License. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2)(b)(iv) [1994 Act], the Director may 17 revoke a license for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9), or RCW 19.146.050. Pursuant to RCW 18 19.146.220(2)(d) & (e) [2007 Act], the Director may revoke licenses for: failure to comply with any directive, 19 order, or subpoena of the Director; or any violation of the Act. 20

3.2 Authority to Prohibit from the Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2)(e)(i) [1994 Act], the 21 22 Director may issue orders removing from office or prohibiting from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker, or both, any officer, principal, employee, or loan originator of any licensed 23 mortgage broker or any person subject to licensing under the Act for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) 24

⁴ WAC 208-660-163(18) as of the date of this Statement of Charges. ⁵ WAC 208-660-400(12) as of the date of this Statement of Charges.

through (9). Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5)(a) & (d) [2007 Act], the Director may issue orders removing from
office or prohibiting from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker, or both, any
officer, principal, employee, or loan originator of any licensed mortgage broker or any person subject to
licensing under the Act for: any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9); or failure to comply with any
directive or order of the Director.

3.3 Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2)(c)(i) [1994 Act], the Director may impose 6 7 fines on a licensee, employee or loan originator of the licensee, or other person subject to the Act for any violations of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9), or RCW 19.146.030 through RCW 19.146.080. Pursuant to 8 RCW 19.146.220(2)(d) & (e) [2007 Act], the Director may impose fines against licensees or other persons 9 subject to the Act for: failure to comply with any directive, order, or subpoena of the Director; or any violation 10 of the Act. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(3) [2007 Act], the Director may impose fines on an employee, 11 independent contractor, or agent of the licensee, or other person subject to the Act for: any violation of RCW 12 13 19.146.0201(1) through (9), or RCW 19.146.030 through RCW 19.146.080; or failure to comply with any 14 directive or order of the Director.

Authority to Collect Investigation Fee. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.228(2) and WAC 208-660-550(4)(a),
the Department will charge forty-eight dollars per hour for an examiner's time devoted to an investigation of the
books and records of a licensee or other person subject to the Act.

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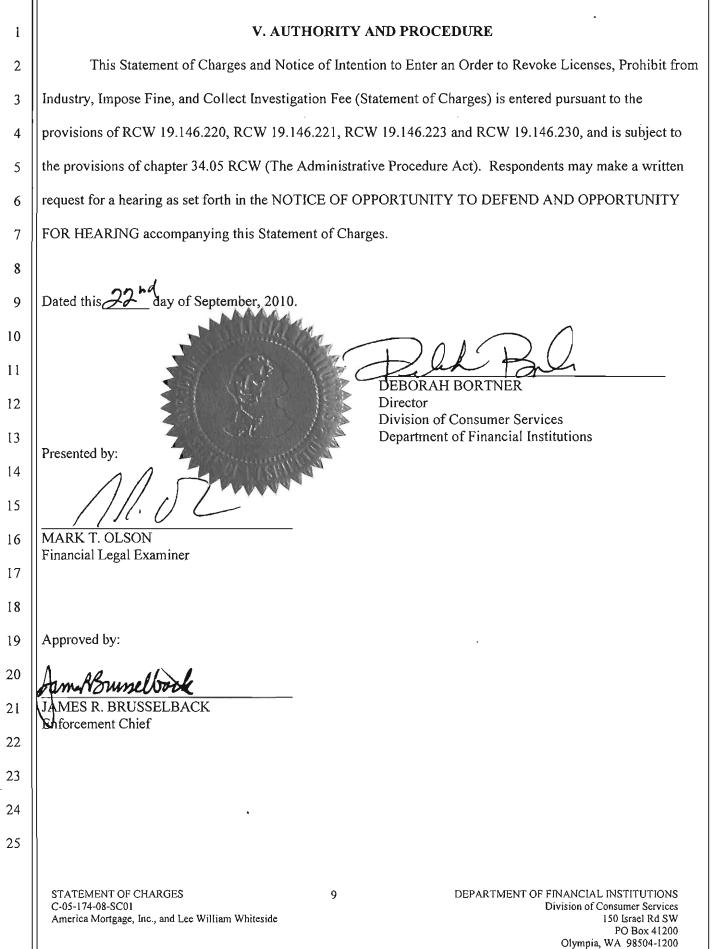
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1	IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER					
2	Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as set forth					
3	in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions, constitute a basis					
4	for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221 and RCW 19.146.223. Therefore, it is the					
5		or's intention to ORDER that:				
6		Respondent America Mortgage, Inc.'s license to conduct the business of a mortgage broker be revoked.				
7	4.2	Respondent Lee William Whiteside's license to conduct the business of a loan originator be revoked.				
8 9	4.3 Respondent America Mortgage, Inc. be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of ten years.					
10	4.4	Respondent Lee William Whiteside be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of ten years.				
11	4.5	Respondents America Mortgage, Inc. and Lee William Whiteside jointly and severally pay a fine. As of the date of this Statement of Charges, the fine totals \$100,000.				
12	4.6	Respondents America Mortgage, Inc. and Lee William Whiteside jointly and severally pay an investigation				
13		fee. As of the date of this Statement of Charges, the investigation fee totals \$12,000.				
14	Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to					
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