FINAL ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-08-115

Name(s)	Peter Alexander Whitney				
. ,	Final Order (Default)				
Order Number	C-08-115-09-FO01				
Effective Date	January 13, 2009				
License Number	(Revoked suspen	ded stayed application denied or v	withdrawn)		
License Effect	(Revoked, suspended, stayed, application denied or withdrawn) If applicable, you must specifically note the ending dates of terms. Application denied. Prohibition from industry for 10 years from the date of the Default Order				
Not Apply until					
Prohibition/Ban until	10 years				
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Investigation Costs	\$3,552.	Due	Paid Y N	Date	
investigation costs			11	<u> </u>	
Assessment(s)	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date	
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Monetary Penalty	\$20,926.04	Due	Paid Y N	Date	
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Other	Restitution for unlicensed practice of a loan originator – Total amount \$48,206.10				
Special Instructions					
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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Whether there has been a violation of the

Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

FLEET HOME MORTGAGE dba FLEET HOME

LOANS, and MICHAEL NORMAN BURNS,

President, Owner and Designated Broker, and PETER

ALEXANDER WHITNEY, Loan Originator,

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FINAL ORDER – PETER ALEXANDER WHITNEY C-08-115-09-F001 NO. C-08-115-09-FO01

FINAL ORDER

PETER ALEXANDER WHITNEY

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

Respondents.

A. <u>Default.</u> This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On December 4, 2008, the Director, through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Deny Loan Originator License Application, Revoke or Suspend Mortgage Broker License, Prohibit from Industry, Impose Fine, Order Restitution and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges). A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference. The Statement of Charges was accompanied by a cover letter dated December 5, 2008, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for each Respondent. The Department served the Statement of Charges, cover letter, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing on each Respondent on December 5, 2008 by first class mail and by Federal Express overnight delivery. On December 8, 2008, the documents sent via Federal

Express overnight delivery to Peter Alexander Whitney were delivered successfully. The documents sent via first class mail to Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney were not returned to the Department by the United States Post Office.

Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served him with the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided for in WAC 208-08-050(2).

- B. <u>Record Presented</u>. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and for entry of a final decision included the Statement of Charges, cover letter dated December 5, 2008, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney, with documentation of service.
- C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds For Order</u>. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.

II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>

Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:

A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:

- 1. Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney's application for a license to conduct the business of a loan originator is denied; and
- 2. Respondent Peter A. Whitney is banned 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 (10) years; and
- 3. Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney shall pay a fine of \$20,926.04.

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4. Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney shall pay a total of \$48,206.10 in restitution to the consumers listed in the attached Restitution Schedule, for engaging in the business of a loan originator without a loan originator license issued by the Department.

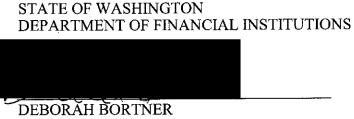
5. Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney shall pay an investigation fee of \$3,552.

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondent has the right to file a B. Reconsideration. Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondent. The Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

A timely Petition for Reconsideration is deemed denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on a petition.

- The Director's designee has determined not to consider a Petition C. Stav of Order. to Stay the effectiveness of this order. Any such requests should be made in connection with a Petition for Judicial Review made under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 34.05.550.
- Respondent has the right to petition the superior court for judicial D. Judicial Review. review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.05.510 and sections following.
- Non-compliance with Order. If you do not comply with the terms of this order, the E. Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of Attorney General to include the collection of the fines, fees and restitution imposed herein.

For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for F. Service. Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.



DIRECTOR DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

Restitution Schedule- Peter Alexander Whitney

Name	Loan	Refund
Name	Number	Amount
A.C		\$9,280.39
J.C		\$5,599.50
S.C		\$3,353.70
M.R.		\$10,989.25
G.G.		\$6,187.00
K.H		\$5,262.25
C.Y.		\$7,534.01

TOTAL= \$48,206.10

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: NO. C-08-115-08-SC01

FLEET HOME MORTGAGE dba FLEET HOME LOANS, and MICHAEL NORMAN BURNS, President, Owner and Designated Broker, and PETER ALEXANDER WHITNEY, Loan Originator,

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO DENY LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION, REVOKE OR SUSPEND MORTGAGE BROKER LICENSE, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, IMPOSE FINE, ORDER RESTITUTION, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE

Respondents.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act)¹. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.210 and RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1.1 Respondents.

A. Fleet Home Mortgage dba Fleet Home Loans (Respondent Fleet) was licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker on July 13, 2004, and has continued to be licensed to date. Respondent Fleet is licensed to conduct the business of a mortgage broker at one location in Seattle, Washington.

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1 RCW 19.146 (2007)

STATEMENT OF CHARGES C-08-115-08-SC01 Fleet Home Mortgage dba Fleet Home Loans, Michael Norman Burns, and Peter Alexander Whitney DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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1.9 Between April 1, 2007 and November 9, 2007, Respondent Whitney assisted at least ten (10) borrowers in applying to obtain or obtaining residential mortgage loans on property located in the State of Washington from Respondent Fleet's office.

Prohibited Acts. Between June 15, 2007 and July 31, 2007, Respondents submitted three loan 1.10 applications for two 'primary residences' for Borrower S.F. to two different lenders. The income listed in at least two of the applications was inflated, and Borrower S.F. was purchasing the properties for investment purposes.

Failure to Respond to Directives. On October 26, 2007, the Department served a directive on Respondent Whitney by Federal Express overnight mail. The directive was sent to 7919 Cyrus Place, Edmonds, WA¹ and was signed for by Respondent Whitney. Respondent Whitney was directed to respond within fifteen days of the date of the directive. On or about November 27, 2007, the Department sent a subpoena to Respondent Whitney by Federal Express overnight mail to the same address as the October 26, 2007 directive. On December 6, 2007, the subpoena was returned as "customer not available or business closed". On February 11, 2008, the Department served a subpoena by Federal Express overnight delivery on Respondent Whitney at Respondent Fleet's last known address². On or about February 20, 2008 Respondent Whitney contacted a Department Representative acknowledging he had received the Department's directive. Mr. Whitney was instructed to respond immediately. To date, the Department has not received any response from Respondent Whitney.

1.12 **Failure to Timely Respond to Directives.** On March 18, 2008, the Department sent a directive to Respondent Fleet and Respondent Whitney to the attention of "designated broker" at Respondent Fleet's last known address via first class mail. This directive was not returned. The directives required Respondents to provide a list of all residential mortgage loans made by Respondent Whitney between September 2005 and the

Respondent Whitney submitted this address as his current residential address on his loan originator application. ² The subpoena was signed for by R. Gaston on February 12, 2008. On April 11, 2008, R. Gaston also signed for a subpoena served on Fleet Mortgage and Peter Whitney addressed to the attention of Respondent Burns at Respondent Fleet's last known address. On April 22, 2008, Respondent Burns provided a list of loans that Respondent Whitney originated while working for Respondent Fleet in 2007. (See paragraph 1.12)

mortgage loan or (b) holds himself or herself out as being able to make a residential mortgage loan or assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan.

- **2.2 Definition of Loan Originator.** Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(10) and WAC 208-660-006, "Loan Originator" means a natural person who (a) takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker, or (b) offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan, for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain. "Loan Originator" also includes a person who holds themselves out to the public as able to perform any of these activities.
- **2.3 Definition of Borrower.** Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(2), a "Borrower" is defined as any person who consults with or retains a mortgage broker or loan originator in an effort to obtain or seek advice or information on obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan for himself, herself, or persons including himself or herself, regardless of whether the person actually obtains such a loan.
- 2.4 Requirement to Obtain or Maintain Loan Originator License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Whitney is in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) and (3), RCW 19.146.200(1), and WAC 208-660-350(3) for engaging in the business of a loan originator without first obtaining and maintaining a license under the Act.
- 2.5 Requirement of No Prior Convictions. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Whitney fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(d) and (g) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(a) and (c) by having been convicted of a felony within seven years of the filing of the present application.
- Requirement to Comply with Chapter or Rules. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Whitney is in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.310(f) and WAC 208-660-500(3)(i) for negligently making any false statement or willfully making any omission of material fact in connection with any application or any information filed by a licensee in connection with any application, examination or investigation conducted by the department.

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2.7	Requirement to Provide Information on License Application. Based on the Factual Allegations set
forth in	Section I above, Respondent Whitney fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.300(1) and (2) and
RCW 1	9.146.310(1)(b) by failing to provide an accurate and complete license application in the form
prescril	bed by the Director.

- 2.8 Requirement to Demonstrate Character and General Fitness. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Whitney fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(g) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(a) by failing to demonstrate character and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly within the purposes of the Act.
- 2.9 Responsibility for Conduct of Loan Originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.245 and WAC 208-660-155(3), a licensed mortgage broker is liable for any conduct violating the Act by the designated broker or loan originator employed or engaged by the licensed mortgage broker. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.200(4)(a) and (b), a designated broker or principal of a licensed mortgage broker is liable for an employee's violations of the act if the designated broker or principal directs or instructs the conduct or with knowledge of the specific conduct approves or allows the conduct, or knows or by the exercise of reasonable care and inquiry should have known of the conduct at the time when its consequences can be avoided or mitigated and fails to take reasonable remedial action.
- 2.10 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), (3), (6), (7), (13) and (15) 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, obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation, failing to make disclosures to loan applicants as required by RCW 19.146.030 and any other applicable state or federal law, making, in any manner, any false or deceptive statement or representation with regard to the rates, points, or other financing terms or conditions for a residential mortgage loan, collecting, charging, attempting to collect or

Director shall not issue a loan originator license if the conditions of RCW 19.146.310(1) have not been met by

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¹ WAC 208-660-430(12) was recodified as WAC 208-660-430(13) effective 3/24/2008

the Department will furnish to the licensee or other person subject to the Act a billing to cover the cost of the

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