## FINAL ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-10-446

Names:	MJB Communications, Inc. and Micah Jon Burridge, President &	cEO_
Order Number:	C-10-446-13-FO02	
Effective Date:	July 18, 2013	
License Number:	N/A – UL LM NIMI S. ID: 1005751 (Durridge)	
Or <b>NMLS Identifier</b> [U/L] <b>License Effect</b> :	NMLS ID: 1095751 (Burridge) (Revoked, suspended, stayed, application denied or withdrawn) If applicable, you must specifically note the ending dates of terms. N/A	
Not Apply Until:	June 5, 2018	
Not Eligible Until:	June 5, 2018	
Prohibition/Ban Until:	June 5, 2018	
<b>Investigation Costs:</b>	\$293 Due: 30 days Paid: Y N Date	
Fine:	\$114,000 Due: 30 days Paid: Y N Date	
Assessment(s): N/A	\$ Due Paid: Y N Date	
Restitution:	\$3,500 Due: 30 days Paid: Y N Date	
Judgment: N/A Satisfaction of Judgment F		
No.	of Victims: 1	
Comments:		

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON 1 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING No.: C-10-446-13-FO02 Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: ORDER AMENDING FINAL 4 ORDER C-10-446-13-FO01 5 MJB COMMUNICATIONS CORP., d/b/a AMERICAN ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS, and MICAH JON BURRIDGE, President, 6 7 Respondents. 8 I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION 9 This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of 10 Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, 11 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act. Final Order C-10-446-13-FO01, issued on June 5, 2013, had a misspelling of the first name of Respondent Micah J. 12 13 Burridge in the caption. This Order is entered solely to correct that spelling error in the caption. 14 II. ORDER AMENDING FINAL ORDER 15 The Director's designee having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, based 16 upon the foregoing, and NOW, THEREFORE, 17 A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: 1. Final Order C-10-446-13-FO01, attached hereto and incorporated herein by 18 reference as though set out in full, is amended to change the spelling of the first 19 name of Respondent Micah Jon Burridge in the caption from Micha to Micah: and 20 2. All other terms and provisions of Final Order C-10-446-13-FO01 are to be 21 given full force and effect. 2.2 B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondent Burridge has the right to file a

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

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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 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.

- C. Stay of Order. The Director's designee has determined not to consider a Petition 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.
- D. Judicial Review. Respondent Burridge has the right to petition the superior court for judicial 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.
- E. Service. For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service by the Department is effective upon deposit of this Order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.

DATED this day of July, 2013.



STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director, Division of Consumer Services

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES** 

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING 3 Whether there has been a violation of the 4

Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

MJB COMMUNICATIONS CORP., d/b/a AMERICAN ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS, and MICHA JON BURRIDGE, President,

Respondents.

No.: C-10-446-13-FO01

FINAL ORDER

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#### I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

- A. Default. 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 (Director's designee), pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On September 27, 2012, the Director, through the Director's designee, issued a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Produce Records, Cease and Desist Business, Prohibit from Industry, Order Restitution, Impose Fine, and Collect Investigative Fee (Statement of Charges) against MJB Communications Corp. d/b/a American Economic Solutions and Micah Jon Burridge, President (Respondents). A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference.
- B. On October 1, 2012, the Department of Financial Institutions (Department) served Respondents by First-Class mail with the Statement of Charges accompanied by cover letters dated September 27, 2012, Notices of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents. The documents sent by First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service.
- C. Respondents did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after service as provided for in WAC 208-08-050(2).

1	D. Record Presented. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and for
2	entry of a final decision included the Statement of Charges, cover letters dated September 27, 2012,
3	Notices of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for
4	Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents, with documentation for service.
5	E. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds for Order</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the Director's
6	designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges.
7	II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>
8	Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being
9	otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:
10	A. <u>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:</u>
11	1. Respondent MJB Communications Corp. immediately cease and desist engaging in the
12	business of a mortgage broker.
13	2. Respondent Micah Jon Burridge immediately cease and desist engaging in the business of a mortgage loan originator.
14	3. Respondents are prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any
15	mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Department, in any manner, for a period of five years.
16	4. Respondents shall pay, jointly and severally, restitution of \$3,500 to the consumer
17	identified by the Department in paragraph 1.3 of the Statement of Charges.
18	5. Respondents shall pay, jointly and severally, a fine of \$114,000.
	6. Respondents shall pay, jointly and severally, an investigative fee of \$293. The combined
19	fine and investigation fee may be paid together in the form of a cashier's check in the amount of \$114,293 made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer."
20	7. Respondent MJB Communications Corp., its officers, employees, and agents maintain
21	records in compliance with chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act
22	(Act) and provide the Director with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondent's provision of residential mortgage loan modification
23	services in Washington, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
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B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondents have the right to file a 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 Respondents. 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.

- C. Stay of Order. The Director's designee has determined not to consider a Petition 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.
- D. Judicial Review. Respondents have the right to petition the superior court for judicial 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.
- E. Non-compliance with Order. If Respondents do not comply with the terms of this Final Order, including payment of any amounts owed within 30 days of receipt of this Final Order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General to include the collection of the restitution, fines, and investigation fees imposed herein. The Department also may assign the amounts owed to a collection agency for collection.

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1	F. <u>Service</u> . For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial
2	Review, service is effective upon deposit of this Final Order in the U.S. mail by the Department,
3	declaration of service attached hereto.
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5	DATED this 5 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.
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7	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
8	<u>/S/</u> DEBORAH BORTNER
9	Director, Division of Consumer Services
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# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

2 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING No. C-10-446-12-SC01 Whether there has been a violation of the 4 Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN 5 MJB COMMUNICATIONS, INC., D/B/A ORDER TO PRODUCE RECORDS, AMERICAN ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS, and CEASE AND DESIST BUSINESS, MICAH JON BURRIDGE, President and CEO, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, ORDER 6 RESTITUTION, IMPOSE FINE, AND 7 COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE Respondents. 8 INTRODUCTION 9 Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial 10 Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 11 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices (Act). After having conducted an investigation 12 pursuant to RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of 13 Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah 14 Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows: 15 I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS 1.1 16 Respondent MJB Communications, Inc., d/b/a American Economic Solutions (Respondent 17 Economic Solutions) has never been licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State 18 of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator. 19 1.2 Respondent Micah Jon Burridge (Respondent Burridge) is President and CEO of 20 Respondent Economic Solutions. During the relevant time period, Respondent Burridge was not 21 licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator. 22 1.3 Unlicensed Activity. On or about June 23, 2009, Respondents Economic Solutions and

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Washington consumers on property located in Washington State. Respondents entered into a

Burridge (Respondents) were offering residential mortgage loan modification services to

contractual relationship with at least one Washington consumer to provide those services and collected an advance fee for the provision of those services. The Department has received at least one complaint from a Washington consumer alleging Respondents provided or offered to provide residential mortgage loan modification services while not licensed by the Department to provide those services. Consumer paid Respondents a fee of \$3,500.

- **1.4 Misrepresentations and Omissions.** Respondents represented that they were licensed to provide the residential mortgage loan modification services or omitted disclosing that they were not licensed to provide those services.
- 1.5 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 Mortgage Broker Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(14) and WAC 208-660-006, "Mortgage Broker" means any person who, for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain (a) assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential 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. Pursuant to WAC 208-660-006, a person "assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan' by, among other things, counseling on loan terms (rates, fees, other costs), [and] preparing loan packages..."
- 2.2 Loan Originator Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(11), "loan originator" means a natural person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain: takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker; offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan; or holds themselves out to the public as able to perform any of these activities.

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2.3	<b>Prohibited Acts.</b> Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents
are in	apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) & (3) for engaging in an unfair or deceptive
practio	ce toward any person and obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation.

- 2.4 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Mortgage Broker License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1) for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker for Washington residents or property without first obtaining a license to do so.
- 2.5 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Loan Originator License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1) for engaging in the business of a loan originator without first obtaining and maintaining a license.
- 2.6 Requirement to Maintain Accurate and Current Books and Records. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.060 and WAC 208-660-450, Respondents are required to keep all books and records in a location that 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.

### III. AUTHORITY TO ORDER PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

3.1 Authority to Order Production of Records. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.223, RCW 19.146. 235(2), and WAC 208-660-520, the Director may issue orders directing any person to produce books, accounts, records, files, and any other documents the director or designated person deems relevant to an investigation.

#### IV. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

**4.1** Authority to Issue an Order to Cease and Desist. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(4), the Director may issue orders directing any person subject to the Act to cease and desist from conducting business.

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- 5.5 Respondents jointly and severally pay a fine of \$3,000 for each residential loan modification transaction entered into with Washington consumers. As of the date of this Statement of Charges, the fine totals \$114,000.
- **5.6** Respondents jointly and severally pay an investigation fee at the rate of \$48.00 per hour. As of the date of this Statement of Charges, the investigation fee totals \$293.
- 5.7 Respondents maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondents' provision of residential mortgage loan modification services in Washington, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.

#### VI. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223, and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

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Dated this day of September, 2012.

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director, Division of Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions

Presented by:

ANTHONY W CARTER
Financial Legal Examiner

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CHARLES E. CLARK Enforcement Chief