ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-11-0635

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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING:

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Whether there has been a violation of the

Check Cashers and Sellers Act of Washington by:

FIRST NATIONAL SERVICES LLC d/b/a ABC PAYDAY LOAN d/b/a PAYDAY LOAN YES

VINCENT VENTRIGLIA, Managing Member,

Respondents.

No.: C-11-0635-13-FO01

FINAL ORDER

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

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 (Director's designee), pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On February 5, 2013, the Director, through the Director's designee, issued a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist, Impose Fine, Order Restitution, Ban From Industry, and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) against Respondent First National Services LLC and Respondent Vincent Ventriglia (Respondents). 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 February 5, 2013, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and a blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondent (collectively, accompanying documents).

On February 5, 2013, the Department served Respondents with the Statement of Charges and accompanying documents by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. The documents sent by Federal Express overnight delivery to Respondent Ventriglia at 12 S. Marion

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Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey, 08406 were undeliverable. The documents sent by First-Class mail to this address were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service. The United States Postal Service provided the Department with address verification stating that "mail is delivered to the address given" for Respondent Ventriglia.

On February 5, 2013, the Department served the Statement of Charges and accompanying documents on Respondents' Registered Agent, Incorporating Services Ltd., by sending a package containing the documents to 3500 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover, Delaware 19901 via First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. On February 8, 2013, the documents set via Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. The documents sent via First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Post Office.

Respondents did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served 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 following:
 - 1. Statement of Charges,
 - 2. Cover letter dated February 5, 2013,
 - 3. Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing,
 - 4. Blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondent, with documentation for service, and
 - 5. Post Office Address Verification Request form completed by the 5006 Wellington Avenue, Ventnor, New Jersey 08406, Branch Office of the United States Post Office received by the Department on March 11, 2013.
 - C. Factual Findings and Grounds for Order. 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. <u>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:</u>

- 1. Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia cease and desist from offering or making small loans without a proper license from the Department.
- 2. Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia jointly and severally pay a fine is \$249,000.
- 3. Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia pay restitution to all affected borrowers for:
 - i. Any interest or fees collected on small loans originated without a license from January 1, 2007, through April 11, 2012;
 - ii. Any fees collected related to delinquent small loans originated without a license from January 1, 2007, through April 11, 2012; and
 - iii. Any fees collected related to payment plans on small loans originated without a license from January 1, 2007, through April 11, 2012.
- 4. Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia are banned from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any check casher or check casher with a small loan endorsement or check seller subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five (5) years; and
- 5. Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia jointly and severally pay investigation fee in the amount of \$5,175.
- 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.

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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. <u>Stay of Order</u>. 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. <u>Judicial Review</u>. 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. <u>Non-compliance with Order</u>. If you do not comply with the terms of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of the Attorney General to include the collection of the fines, fees, and restitution imposed herein. The Department also may assign the amounts owed to a collection agency for collection.
- F. <u>Service</u>. For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail, declaration of service attached hereto.

DATED this 22rd day of March, 2013



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER Director

Division of Consumer Services

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Whether there has been a violation of the Check

Cashers and Sellers Act of Washington by:

FIRST NATIONAL SERVICES LLC d/b/a ABC PAYDAY LOAN d/b/a PAYDAY LOAN YES and

VINCENT VENTRIGLIA, Managing Member,

Respondents.

No.: C-11-0635-12-SC01

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, IMPOSE FINE, ORDER RESTITUTION, BAN FROM INDUSTRY, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110 and RCW 31.45.200, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 31.45 RCW, the Check Cashers and Sellers Act (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 31.45.100, 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. Respondent First National Services LLC d/b/a ABC Payday Loan d/b/a Payday Loan Yes (First National) is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with its principle place of business believed to be located at 333 Naamans Road, Claymont, Delaware. Respondent First National has never obtained a license in accordance with the Act to make loans. Respondent First National is not registered with the Washington State Secretary of State or the Washington State Department of Revenue.

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1.4 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 Definition of Check Casher.** Pursuant to RCW 31.45.010(5), a "Check Casher" is defined as an individual, partnership, unincorporated association, or corporation that, for compensation, engages, in whole or in part, in the business of cashing checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper serving the same purpose.
- **2.2 Definition of Licensee.** Pursuant to RCW 31.45.010(13), "Licensee" means a check casher or seller licensed by the director to engage in business in accordance with this chapter. "Licensee" also means a check casher or seller, whether located within or outside of this state, who fails to obtain the license or small loan endorsement required by this chapter.
- **2.3 Definition of Small Loan**. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.010(21),"Small loan" means a loan of up to the maximum amount and for a period of time up to the maximum term specified in RCW 31.45.073.
- **2.4** Requirement to Obtain a License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.45.030(1) for engaging in the business of making small loans without first obtaining a license from the Director.
- **2.5 Requirement to Obtain a Small Loan Endorsement**. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.45.070 and RCW 31.45.073 for engaging in the business of making small loans without first obtaining a small loan endorsement from the Director.
- **2.6 Statutory Maximum Interest or Fees on Small Loans**. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.45.073(5) for charging

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| 1 | interest or fees in the aggregate exceeding fifteen percent (15%) of the first five hundred dollars |
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| 2 | (\$500.00) of principal and ten percent (10%) of the next two hundred dollars (\$200.00) of principal |
| 3 | of the small loans. |
| 4 | 2.7 Authority to Issue Cease and Desist Order. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110(2)(b), the Director |
| 5 | may order a licensee to cease and desist from practices in violation of the Act or practices that |
| 6 | constitute unsafe and unsound financial practices. |
| 7 | 2.8 Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110(2)(c), the Director may impose a |
| 8 | fine, not to exceed one hundred dollars per day for each day's violation of the Act, on any licensee or |
| 9 | applicant, or any director, officer, sole proprietor, partner, controlling person, or employee of a |
| 0 | licensee or applicant, that is violating or has violated the Act. |
| 11 | 2.9 Authority to Order Restitution. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110(2)(d), the Director may order |
| 12 | restitution to borrowers damaged by the licensee's violation of the Act. |
| 13 | 2.10 Authority to Remove and Ban from the Industry. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.110(2)(e), the |
| 14 | Director may remove from office or ban from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any |
| 15 | licensee any director, officer, sole proprietor, partner, controlling person, or employee of a licensee |
| 16 | that is violating or has violated the Act. |
| 17 | 2.11 Authority to Collect Investigation Fee. Pursuant to RCW 31.45.050(1), RCW 31.45.100, |
| 18 | WAC 208-630-360, WAC 208-630-380, and WAC 208-630-390, the Director shall collect from the |
| 19 | licensee the actual cost of an investigation of the business, books, accounts, records, files, or other |
| 20 | information of a licensee or person who the Director has reason to believe is engaging in the business |
| 21 | governed by the Act. The investigation charge will be calculated at the rate of sixty-nine dollars |
| 22 | (\$69) per hour that each staff person devoted to the investigation, plus actual expenses. |
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III. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 31.45 RCW and chapter 208-630 WAC, as set forth in the above Factual Allegations and Grounds for Entry of Order, constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 31.45.110 and RCW 31.45.200. Therefore, it is the Director's intention to ORDER that:

- 3.1 Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia cease and desist from offering or making small loans without a proper license from the Department.
- 3.2 Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia jointly and severally pay a fine is \$249,000.
- 3.3 Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia pay restitution to all affected borrowers for:
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- 3.4 Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia be banned from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any check casher or check casher with a small loan endorsement or check seller subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five (5) years; and
- 3.5 Respondents First National Services LLC and Vincent Ventriglia jointly and severally pay investigation fee in the amount of \$5,175, calculated at \$69 per hour for staff time devoted to the investigation.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist, Impose Fine, Order Restitution, Ban From Industry, and Collect Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 31.45.110 and RCW 31.45.200, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may

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make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND 1 2 AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges. 3 day of February, 2013 4 5 6 DEBORAH BORTNER 7 Director Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions 8 Presented by: 9 10 DEBORAH TAELLIOUS Financial Legal Examiner 11 12 Approved by: 13 CHARLES CLARK 14 Enforcement Chief 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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