# **ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-12-1048**

Name(s):	Michael A. Perry; David A. Schmidt; Nick Stanco				
Order Number:	C-12-1048-1	3-FO01			
Effective Date:	July 3, 2013				
License Number: Or NMLS Identifier [U/L] License Effect:		ed, stayed, application denion us specifically note the en			
Not Apply Until:	July 3, 2018				
Not Eligible Until:	July 3, 2018				
Prohibition/Ban Until:	July 3, 2018				
Investigation Costs	\$288	Due	Paid Y N	Date	
Fine	\$3,000	Due	Paid	Date	
Assessment(s)	\$	Due	Paid	Date	
Restitution	\$1,995	Due:	Paid	Date	
Judgment	\$	Due	Paid	Date	
Satisfaction of Judgment Filed? No. of Victims:					

Comments:

#### 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:
AMERICAN HOME RELIEF FOUNDATION, INC.; MICHAEL A. PERRY, Principal; DAVID

A. SCHMIDT, Principal; and NICK STANCO,

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Principal,

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FINAL ORDER MICHAEL A. PERRY DAVID A. SCHMIDT NICK STANCO

Respondent.

#### I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

Default. This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial A. 10 Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services Division 11 Director Deborah Bortner (Director's designee), pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On March 27, 2013, 12 the Director, through the Director's designee, issued a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention 13 to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist Business, Prohibit From Industry, Order, Restitution, Impose 14 Fine, and Collection Investigation Fee (Statement of Charges) against American Home Relief 15 Foundation, Inc., Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco (Respondents). A copy of 16 the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference. The 17 Statement of Charges was accompanied by a cover letter dated March 28, 2013, a Notice of 18 Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and a blank Application for Adjudicative 19 Hearing for Respondents (collectively, accompanying documents). 20

On March 28, 2013, the Department served Respondent Michael A. Perry with the Statement
 of Charges and accompanying documents by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery.
 On March 29, 2013, the documents sent by Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. The

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documents sent by First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service.

On March 28, 2013, the Department served Respondent Nick Stanco with the Statement of
Charges and accompanying documents by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery.
On April 1, 2013, the documents sent by Federal Express overnight delivery were delivered. The
documents sent by First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal
Service.

On March 28, 2013, the Department served Respondent David A. Schmidt with the Statement
of Charges and accompanying documents by First-Class mail and Federal Express overnight delivery.
On April 5, 2013, the Department was notified that the documents sent by Federal Express overnight
delivery were not delivered by Federal Express. The documents sent by First-Class mail were not
returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service.

Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco 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).

16 B. <u>Record Presented</u>. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and
17 for entry of a final decision included the following:

- 1. Statement of Charges,
- 2. Cover letters for Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco dated March 28, 2013,
  - 3. Notices of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing for Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco, and
  - 4. Blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco, with documentation for service.

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1	C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds for Order</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the						
2	Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.						
3	II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>						
4	Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being						
5	otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:						
6	A. <u>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That:</u>						
7	1. Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco cease and desist engaging in the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator.						
8	2. Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco are						
9	prohibited from participation, in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director for a period of five years.						
10	3. Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco jointly and						
11 12	severally pay restitution to consumer M.U. identified by the Department in paragraph 1.2 of the Statement of Charges in the amount of \$1,995.						
12	4. Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco jointly and severally pay a fine in the amount of \$3,000.						
14	5. Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco jointly and severally pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$288.						
15	6. Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco maintain						
16 17	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,						
18	address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.						
19	B. <u>Reconsideration</u> . Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondents Michael A. Perry, David						
20	A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco have the right to file a Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific						
21	grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the	;					
22	Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington						
23	98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days						
24	FINAL ORDER3DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Division of Consumer Services 150 Israel Rd SW PO Box 41200 STANCOFINAL ORDER3DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Division of Consumer Services 150 Israel Rd SW PO Box 41200 (360) 902-8703						

of service of the Final Order upon Respondents Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco. 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. <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 Michael A. Perry, David A. Schmidt, and Nick Stanco
 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.

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

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24 FINAL ORDER C-I2-1048-13-F001 AMERICAN HOME RELIEF FOUNDATION, INC.; MICHAEL A. PERRY; DAVID A. SCHMID; and NICK STANCO

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Division of Consumer Services 150 Israel Rd SW PO Box 41200 Olympia, WA 98504-1200 (360) 902-8703

2013 DATED this day of

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS



DEBORAH BORTNER Director Division of Consumer Services

FINAL ORDER C-12-1048-13-FO01 AMERICAN HOME RELIEF FOUNDATION, INC.; MICHAEL A: PERRY; DAVID A. SCHMID; and NICK STANCO

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1	STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES						
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	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	AMERICAN HOME RELIEF FOUNDATION,ORDER TO CEASE AND DESISTINC.; MICHAEL A. PERRY, Principal; DAVID ABUSINESS, PROHIBIT FROMSCHMIDT, Principal; and NICK STANCO,INDUSTRY, ORDER RESTITUTION,						
	Principal, IMPOSE FINE, AND COLLECT						
7	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						
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12	19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant						
13	to RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the						
14	Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes						
	this proceeding and finds as follows:						
15	I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS						
16	1.1 Respondents.						
17	A. American Home Relief Foundation, Inc. (Respondent American Home Relief) has						
18	never been licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington						
19	(Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.						
20	B. Michael A. Perry (Respondent Perry) is or was a principal of American Home Relief						
21	Foundation, Inc. During the relevant time period, Respondent Perry was not licensed by the						
22 23	Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.						
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C. Nick Stanco (Respondent Stanco) is or was a principal of American Home Relief Foundation, Inc. During the relevant time period, Respondent Stanco was not licensed by the Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.

D. David A. Schmidt (Respondent Schmidt) is or was a principal of American Home Relief
Foundation, Inc. During the relevant time period, Respondent Schmidt was not licensed by the
Department to conduct business as a mortgage broker or loan originator.

**1.2 Unlicensed Activity.** Between at least December 2010 and January 2011, Respondents were
 offering residential mortgage loan modification services to Washington consumers on property located
 in Washington State. Respondents entered into a contractual relationship with at least one Washington
 consumer to provide those services and collected an advance fee for the provision of those services.

11 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. Washington consumer M.U. paid Respondent
\$1,995 for those services.

15 **1.3 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.

18 1.4 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the
19 Act by Respondents continues to date.

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### **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
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in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan. Pursuant to WAC 208-660-006, a 2 person "assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan' by, among 3 other things, counseling on loan terms (rates, fees, other costs), [and] preparing loan packages...."

4 2.2 Loan Originator Defined. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(11), "loan originator" means a 5 natural person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or 6 indirect compensation or gain: takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker; 7 offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan; or holds themselves out to the public as able to perform 8 any of these activities.

9 2.3 **Prohibited Acts.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents 10 are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(2) & (3) for engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person and obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation. 11

12 2.4 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Mortgage Broker License. Based on the Factual 13 Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1) 14 for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker for Washington residents or property without first 15 obtaining a license to do so.

2.5 16 **Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Loan Originator License.** Based on the Factual 17 Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.200(1) 18 for engaging in the business of a loan originator without first obtaining and maintaining a license.

2.6 19 **Requirement to Maintain Accurate and Current Books and Records.** Pursuant to RCW 20 19.146.060 and WAC 208-660-450, Respondents are required to keep all books and records in a 21 location that is on file with and readily available to the Department until at least twenty-five months 22 have elapsed following the effective period to which the books and records relate.

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#### **III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS**

3.1 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.

3.2 Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5), the Director may
issue orders prohibiting from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker
any person subject to licensing under the Act for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9) or
(13), or RCW 19.146.200.

9 3.3 Authority to Order Restitution. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2), the Director may order
10 restitution against any person subject to the Act for any violation of the Act.

Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(2), the Director may impose fines
against any person subject to the Act for any violation of the Act.

**3.5** 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 any person subject to the Act.

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## IV. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER

Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as

set forth above constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221,

and RCW 19.146.223. Therefore, it is the Director's intent to ORDER that:

4.1 Respondents cease and desist engaging in the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator.

**4.2** Respondents be prohibited from participation, in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director for a period of five years.

**4.3** Respondents jointly and severally pay restitution to the one consumer identified by the Department in paragraph 1.2 in the amount set forth therein, and that Respondents jointly and severally pay restitution to each Washington consumer with whom they entered into a contract for residential mortgage loan modification services related to real property or consumers

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located in the state of Washington equal to the amount collected from that Washington 1 consumer for those services in an amount to be determined at hearing. 2 4.4 Respondents jointly and severally pay a fine, which as of the date of this Statement of Charges totals \$3,000. 3 **4.5** Respondents jointly and severally pay an investigation fee, which as of the date of this 4 Statement of Charges totals \$288. 5 4.6 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 6 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 7 with the Act. 8 V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE 9 This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 10 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223, and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 11 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as 12 set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING 13 accompanying this Statement of Charges. 14 day of Masch 2013. Dated this / 15 16 DEBORAH BORTNER 17 Director, Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions 18 Presented hv. 19 20 DEPORAH TAELLIOUS Financial Legal Examiner 21 22 Approved by: 23 CHARLES E. CLARK **Enforcement Chief** 24 STATEMENT OF CHARGES 5 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **Division of Consumer Services** PO Box 41200 Olympia, WA 98504-1200 (360) 902-8703