STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:

S-02-305-03-FO01

GREGORY L. HAGEN,

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ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER SUSPENDING SECURITIES SALESPERSON REGISTRATION AND IMPOSING FINE

Case No. S-02-305

Respondent.

Responder

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Gregory L. Hagen, CRD #2483125

On January 2, 2003, the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington issued Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order Suspending Securities Salesperson Registration and Imposing Fines S-02-305-02-SC01, hereinafter referred to as the "Statement of Charges", against Respondent Gregory L. Hagen. On January 6, 2003, the Statement of Charges, together with a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing (hereinafter referred to as "Notice of Opportunity for Hearing") and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing (hereinafter referred to as "Application for Hearing"), was served via certified mail on Gregory L. Hagen. The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing advised Gregory L. Hagen that he had twenty days from the date he received the notice to file a written application for an adjudicative hearing on the Statement of Charges. The Statement of Charges further advised that if Respondent did not request a hearing, the Securities Administrator intended to adopt the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth in the Statement of Charges as final, suspend Respondent's securities salesperson registration, and impose the fine sought.

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Gregory L. Hagen failed to request an adjudicative hearing within twenty days of his receipt of the Statement of Charges and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, either on the Application for Hearing provided or otherwise.

The Securities Administrator therefore adopts as final the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the Statement of Charges.

The Securities Administrator finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

I. Respondents

1. **GREGORY L. HAGEN** ("Hagen") has been registered with the state of Washington as a securities salesperson since April of 1994. Hagen has been employed by Public Securities, Inc. ("Public Securities") since March of 2002. Hagen was employed by Smith Barney, Inc. from April of 1994 through March of 1996, by Piper Jaffray, Inc., from March of 1996 through March of 1998, by KMS Financial Services, Inc. ("KMS") from March of 1998 through August of 1999, and by Commonwealth Financial Network ("Commonwealth") from September of 1999 through December of 2001. Hagen resides in Spokane, Washington.

II. Nature of the Conduct

2. Mr. M.¹, a Washington resident, had been a client of Hagen's since 1998 while Hagen was employed by KMS. Mr. M. transferred his investment accounts from KMS to Commonwealth when Hagen began working for Commonwealth.

¹ The person's full name is omitted for the purposes of privacy protection.

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Inc. call option contracts on April 5, 2000.

July Cell Pathway, Inc. call option contracts.

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In March of 2000, Hagen told Mr. M. that Cell Pathways, Inc. would be getting final approval

Upon Hagen's recommendation, Mr. M. sold all fifteen of the April Cell Pathways, Inc. call

In July of 2000, Hagen told Mr. M. that the FDA approval for Aptosyn might not occur in July

from the FDA for a cancer treatment drug called Aptosyn. Hagen recommended that Mr. M. buy call option

contracts on the stock. Upon Hagen's recommendation, Mr. M. purchased five April Cell Pathways, Inc.

call option contracts on March 2, 2000, ten April Cell Pathways, Inc call option contracts on March 20,

2000, eight July Cell Pathways, Inc. call option contracts on April 3, 2000, and seven July Cell Pathways,

option contracts on April 6, 2000, realizing a short-term loss of \$8,183.96. Mr. M. continued to hold his

and therefore it would be better to "roll over" his call position in Cell Pathways, Inc. by buying August

contracts. Hagen recommended that Mr. M. sell the July Cell Pathways, Inc. call option contracts and

purchase August Cell Pathways, Inc. call option contracts. Mr. M. agreed and Hagen purchased ten August

Cell Pathways, Inc. call option contracts on July 14, 2000. Hagen then misled Mr. M. by telling him that

the July Cell Pathway, Inc. option contracts had been sold at favorable prices as agreed upon. In fact, Hagen

had not sold the July Cell Pathways, Inc. option contracts and they expired worthless on July 25, 2000. As a

result, Mr. M. realized a short-term loss of \$10,236.32. Mr. M. agreed to let the August option contracts

Mr. M. discovered that Hagen had not sold the July Cell Pathways, Inc. option contracts as Hagen had

represented, but had let them expire worthless. Mr. M. asked Hagen for an explanation. Hagen told Mr. M.

Upon an initial review of his July 2000 Commonwealth account statement in October of 2000,

expire on August 22, 2000, at which time he realized a short-term loss of \$1,727.75.

that there had been a mistake made by the trading desk in finalizing the trade. Hagen told Mr. M. that he would be compensated by Commonwealth's errors and omissions insurance for the mistake.

- 7. In December of 2000, Hagen told Mr. M. that the mistake made in not processing the trade to sell Mr. M.'s July Cell Pathway, Inc. option contracts had resulted in a loss of approximately \$8,250. Hagen was not able to provide Mr. M. with an exact day on which the trade should have occurred. Nonetheless, Hagen represented that \$8,250 was the approximate compensatory amount based on an estimate of when the trade should have occurred. Mr. M. requested that Commonwealth send him a check for that amount and Hagen agreed to process this request. Commonwealth issued a check to Mr. M. on December 8, 2000 for \$8,250. Hagen misled Mr. M. by telling him that Commonwealth had compensated him for his loss. In fact, Hagen had executed an unauthorized margin loan from Mr. M.'s account and represented that Mr. M.'s loan proceeds were compensation from Commonwealth.
- 8. In September of 2001, upon an initial review of his December 2000 Commonwealth account statement, Mr. M. realized that the check for \$8,250 had been drawn from his own account on margin. On September 30, 2001, Mr. M.'s margin debit balance was \$6,728.30 and his total loss was \$16,964.62. The total loss represented Mr. M.'s margin debit balance plus his realized loss when the July option contracts expired. Mr. M. confronted Hagen and asked him to sign a promissory note to resolve the dispute.
- 9. On January 4, 2002, Hagen executed a promissory note whereby Hagen promised to pay Mr. M. \$8,800 with interest at ten percent per annum. In the event of a default, Hagen promised to pay Mr. M. \$8,800 with interest at fifteen percent per annum. The principal amount due under the note represented the \$8,250 check plus the approximate accrued margin interest in Hagen's account to date.

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20 21 The promissory note was due on March 31, 2002. To date, Hagen has not fulfilled his obligation under the promissory note.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Hagen, as described above, engaged in one or more dishonest or unethical practices in the securities business, as defined by WAC 460-22B-090(1), by engaging in the practice of borrowing money from a customer. Such practice is grounds for the suspension of his salesperson registration pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1)(g).
- 2. Hagen, as described above, engaged in one or more dishonest or unethical practices in the securities business, as defined by WAC 460-22B-090(8), by executing a transaction on behalf of customer without authorization to do so. Such practice is grounds for the suspension of his salesperson registration pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1)(g).
- 3. Hagen, as described above, in connection with the offer and sale of securities, made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in violation of RCW 21.20.010. Such practice is grounds for the suspension of his salesperson registration pursuant to RCW 21.20.110(1)(b).

FINAL ORDER

Based on the foregoing, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Gregory L. Hagen's securities salesperson licenses shall be suspended for a period of 90 (ninety) days from the date of entry of this Order.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to RCW 21.20.110, Gregory L. Hagen shall pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000. Such payment shall be: (a) made by United States postal money order, certified check, bank cashier's check or bank money order; (b) made payable to the Washington State Treasurer; (c) delivered by certified mail to Deborah R. Bortner, Securities Administrator, Department of Financial Institutions, PO Box 9033, Olympia, Washington 98507-9033; and (d) submitted with a cover letter that identifies Gregory L. Hagen as a Respondent under these proceedings, and the Order and case number of these proceedings.

AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Order is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 21.20.110 and is subject to the provisions of RCW 21.20.120 and Chapter 34.05 RCW. Pursuant to RCW 21.20.110, a certified copy of this order may be filed in Superior Court. If so filed, the clerk shall treat the order in the same manner as a Superior Court judgment as to the fine, and the fine may be recorded, enforced, or satisfied in like manner.

DATED this 9 day of April, 2003.

Approved by:

Michael E. Stevenson

Chief of Enforcement

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