STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

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FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, DENY REGISTRATION, AND IMPOSE FINES AND COSTS

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Northwest Financial Group; Timothy Morris;

whether there has been a violation

of the Securities Act of the State

of Washington by:

Order Number S-05-136-07-FO01

FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, DENY REGISTRATION, AND IMPOSE FINES AND COSTS

THIS MATTER having come before Scott Jarvis, Director ("Director") of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") under RCW 34.05.440 and RCW 34.05.464, the Director does hereby enter the following final order pursuant to his authority under RCW 21.20.390, and is subject to the provisions of RCW 21.20.395 and Chapter 34.05 RCW:

Respondents.

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

A. Default. On March 15, 2006, the Director through his designee Securities Administrator, Michael E. Stevenson, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter Order to Cease and Desist, Deny Registration, and To Impose Fines and Costs ("Statement of Charges") against Northwest Financial Group and Timothy Morris ("Respondents"). A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by reference.

On March 24, 2006, the Department served the Statement of Charges together with a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice of Opportunity for Hearing") and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing ("Application for Hearing") via personal service on Respondents.

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The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing advised Respondents that they had twenty days from the date that the notice was received to file a written application for an adjudicative hearing on the Statement of Charges. The Statement of Charges further advised that if Respondents 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, enter a permanent order to cease and desist and impose the

On April 5, 2006, the Department received Respondents' Application for hearing.

fine costs, and other relief sought in the Statement of Charges.

On June 2, 2006, the Department assigned this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a hearing. The Office of Administrative Hearings set this matter for a pre-hearing conference on and sent written notice to the Department and to the Respondents by United States Mail. In the Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference by Telephone, the parties were advised that the failure to participate in the pre-hearing conference, hearing, or any other schedule stage of these proceedings might result in the loss of the right to a hearing as described in RCW 34.05.440.

On November 17, 2006, the Office of Administrative Hearings issued a Pre-hearing Order and Notice of Hearing setting the deadline for completion of discovery on January 31, 2007. The Order advised that any party failing to appear, attend, or otherwise participate at any stage of this proceeding might be held in default and a decision may be entered against their interest.

On November 29, 2006, Respondents were sent Department's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production. Respondents were advised that their answers, documents, and other responses were due no later than thirty (30) days from the date the document was served upon them. Respondents failed to provide their responses within the thirty (30) days.

sent to Respondents and to the Office of Administrative Hearings. Respondents were consulted on the

date and time of a telephonic conference regarding the Motion and the conference was set for January

30, 2007. On January 30, 2007, the Office of Administrative Hearings held the telephonic conference

on the Motion. The Department appeared at the telephonic conference; however, Respondents failed to

appear for the telephonic conference.

On January 31, 2007, the Office of Administrative Hearings issued an Order Compelling Responses to Department's Discovery Requests to Northwest Financial Solutions and Timothy Morris instructing Respondents to deliver responses to the Department's First Interrogatories and Requests for Production to Respondents by February 6, 2007. The Order further advised that in the event that Respondents failed to produce said discovery responses, they may be deemed to be in contempt and subject to immediate dismissal of their appeal. Respondents failed to produce said discovery responses.

On February 16, 2007, the Office of Administrative Hearings issued a Default Order ordering Respondents in default pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(2) and dismissing the Respondents' appeal. The Default Order advised Respondents that a request to vacate the order must be filed within seven days of service of the order. Absent a timely petition for review, the Default Order would become the Final Order. Respondent did not file a request to vacate the order.

B. Record Presented. The record presented to the Director for his review and for entry of a final decision included the Statement of Charges, Notice of Opportunity to Defend, and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing served on Respondents; proof of service; Respondents' Application for Adjudicative Hearing; Letter to the Office of Administrative Hearings dated June 2, 2006; Department's Motion to Compel Responses to Discovery Requests dated January 12, 2007; Office of Administrative

1	Hearings' Order Compelling Responses to Department's Discovery Requests dated January 31, 2007	;
2	and Office of Administrative Hearings' Default Order dated February 16, 2007.	
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4	C. Factual Findings and Grounds For Order. The Director hereby adopts the Findings of Fact and	d
5	Conclusions of Law as set forth in the Statement of Charges which is attached hereto.	
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7	II. <u>FINAL ORDER</u>	
8	Based upon the foregoing, which incorporates the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as se	t
9	forth in the Statement of Charges:	
10	A. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:	
11	1. Respondents Northwest Financial Group and Timothy Morris shall cease and desis	st
12	from violations of RCW 21.20.010, RCW 21.20.040, and RCW 21.20.140.	
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14	2. Respondent Timothy Morris shall be denied registration as a securities salesperson	ı,
15	broker-dealer, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative for a period	d
16	of ten (10) years.	
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18	3. Respondents Northwest Financial Group and Timothy Morris shall pay a fine in the	e
19	amount of \$10,000. Such payment shall be: (a) made by United States postal money	y
20	order, certified check, bank cashier's check or bank money order; (b) made payable	e
21	to the Washington State Treasurer; (c) delivered by certified mail to Michael E	
22	Stevenson, Securities Administrator, Department of Financial Institutions, PO Box	X
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9033, Olympia, Washington 98507; and (d) submitted with a cover letter that identifies Northwest Financial Group and Timothy Morris as respondents under these proceedings and an order number of these proceedings.

- Respondents Northwest Financial Group and Timothy Morris shall pay the costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in the conduct of the administrative investigation of this matter in the amount of \$3,950.
- 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, WA 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504, 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. <u>Stay of Order</u>. The Director 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.

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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 34.050.510 and the sections following.

E. <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 28 day of February, 2007.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSITUTIONS

SCOTT JARVIS

Director

STATE OF WASHINGTON)

) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

COUNTY OF THURSTON

I, SUSAN PUTZIER, hereby certify that on the day of mach 2007, I served by depositing in the mails of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, at Tumwater, Washington, a copy of the foregoing Final Order to the following parties:

Michael E. Stevenson

Securities Administrator

Department of Financial Institutions

Securities Division

P.O. Box 9033

Olympia, WA 98507

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1	Timothy Morris 1402 Auburn Way N, #442	
2	Auburn, WA 98002	
3	Dated at Tumwater, Washington, this day of 2007.	
4	Susan Putier	
5	Susan Putzier, Executive Assistant Department of Financial Institutions	
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