# STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING whether there has been a violation of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of Washington by:	)	Order No.: S-17-2349-17-CO01 CONSENT ORDER
Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC; and Wow Wow, Inc.; Respondents	)	

Pursuant to the Franchise Investment Protection Act of Washington, RCW 19.100, the Securities Division and the Respondents Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC and Wow Wow, Inc. do hereby enter into this Consent Order in settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondents neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law as stated below.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

#### Respondents

- 1. Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC is a Nevada limited liability company formed on November 10, 2016. Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC has a principal place of business in Queen Creek, Arizona. Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC offers franchises that sell Hawaiian-style lemonades, limeade, iced tea, and other branded merchandise. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC is Todd Casselberry.
- 2. Wow Wow, Inc. is a Nevada corporation formed on December 4, 2015. Wow Wow, Inc. is the parent corporation of Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC.

## Nature of the Conduct

3. In January 2017, Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC filed an initial application to register its franchise in Washington (Franchise Registration Application File No. 70016178) pursuant to CONSENT ORDER

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Washington's Franchise Investment Protection Act.

As part of its franchise application, Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC 4. submitted its proposed Franchise Disclosure Document (FDD), which disclosed that prior to the date of its application, its parent corporation, Wow Wow Inc., previously entered into a written licensing agreement with a married couple that resided in Kirkland, Washington.

- Under the terms of an agreement that was entered on March 14, 2016, the Washington residents had the right to operate a café and retail location in Kirkland, Washington and use the company's intellectual property, including its trademarks and service marks. The agreement specified that the Washington residents could use the Wow Wow Lemonade System, which included methods and procedures for preparing and serving beverage and food products; beverage and food menu items; confidential recipes and recipe training; a manual containing current operating procedures; and marketing, advertising, and promotional techniques and materials. The company also agreed to provide advertising and marketing support, a Brand Book, branded merchandise, and menu and recipe training.
- 6. Under the five-year agreement, the Washington residents were to required to pay a \$25,000 fee, an annual administration fee of \$1,000, and quarterly royalty fees of three percent (3%) of gross sales. The Respondents did not provide the Washington residents with a Franchise Disclosure Document for this transaction.
- In September 2016, the Washington residents entered into a similar five-year licensing 7. agreement for another retail location in Palm Springs, California region. Under the agreement, the Washington residents were required to pay a \$20,000 fee, an annual administration fee of \$1,000, and quarterly royalty fees of 2.5% of gross sales. The Respondents did not provide the Washington residents with a Franchise Disclosure Document for this transaction.

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### **Registration Status**

8. Respondents Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC and Wow Wow, Inc. are not currently registered to sell franchises in the state of Washington and have not previously been so registered. There is no notification of exemption on file with the state of Washington. In January 2017, Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC filed a franchise registration application with the Washington Securities Division. To date, the franchise registration application has not been approved.

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

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The offer or sale of franchises as described above constitutes the offer or sale of a franchise as defined in RCW 19.100.010(6), RCW 19.100.010(12), and RCW 19.100.010(17).
- 2. The offer or sale of said franchises was in violation of RCW 19.100.020 because no registration for such offer or sale is on file with the Securities Administrator.
- 3. The offer or sale of said franchises was in violation of RCW 19.100.080 because the Respondents failed to provide the franchisees with a franchise disclosure document prior to the sale of the franchises.

### CONSENT ORDER

Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest:

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents Wow Wow Hawaiian Lemonade Franchising, LLC and Wow Wow, Inc. and their agents and employees shall each cease and desist from offering or selling franchises in violation of RCW 19.100.020, the registration section of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of the state of Washington.

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