## **ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number:** C-20-3034

| Name(s):                         | Jordan Biel  |        |                         |                   |
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| Order Number:                    | C-20-3034-22 | 2-CO02 |                         |                   |
| Effective Date:                  | 4/5/22       |        |                         |                   |
| License Number:                  | NMLS #3490   | 06     |                         |                   |
| License Effect:                  |              |        |                         |                   |
|                                  |              |        |                         |                   |
| Not Apply Until:                 |              |        |                         |                   |
| Not Eligible Until:              |              |        |                         |                   |
| Prohibition/Ban Until:           | 4/5/27       |        |                         |                   |
| Investigation Costs              | \$ 1,000     |        | Paid                    | Date              |
|                                  | \$ 1,000     |        | $\square$ Y $\square$ N | 3/28/2022         |
|                                  |              |        |                         |                   |
| Fine                             | \$ 1,500     | Due    | Paid<br>Y N             | Date<br>3/28/2022 |
|                                  |              |        |                         |                   |
| Assessment(s)                    | \$           | Due    | Paid                    | Date              |
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| Restitution                      | \$           | Due    | Paid<br>Y N             | Date              |
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| Financial Literacy and Education | \$           | Due    | Paid                    | Date              |
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| Cost of Prosecution              | \$           | Due    | Paid<br>Y N             | Date              |
|                                  | No. of       |        |                         |                   |
|                                  | Victims:     |        |                         |                   |

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| 2  |   | ANCIAL INSTITUTIONS<br>ISUMER SERVICES                |
| 3  | IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING<br>Whether there have been violations of the | No.: C-20-3034-22-CO02                                |
| 4  | Consumer Loan Act of Washington by:                                       | CONSENT ORDER AS TO JORDAN<br>KENDALL BIEL            |
| 5  | KELLY MORTGAGE, INC., d/b/a Mortgage<br>Gal, NMLS No. 1594896;            |   |
| 6  | TRACY LYN KELLY, President, Owner, and MLO, NMLS No. 24660;               |   |
| 7  | JORDAN KENDALL BIEL, Division Manager<br>and MLO, NMLS No. 349006; and    |   |
| 8  | DANIEL LOUIS SHERTZER, MLO,<br>NMLS No. 1880812,                          |   |
| 9  | Respondents.  |   |
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| 11 | COMES NOW the Director of the Departn                                     | nent of Financial Institutions (Director), through hi |
| 12 | designee Lucinda Fazio, Division of Consumer Se                           | rvices Director, and Jordan Kendall Biel              |
| 13 | (Respondent Biel), and finding that the issues raise                      | ed in the above-captioned matter may be               |
| 14 | economically and efficiently settled, agree to the e                      | ntry of this Consent Order. This Consent Order is     |
| 15 | entered pursuant to chapter 31.04 of the Revised C                        | code of Washington (RCW), and RCW 34.05.060           |
| 16 | of the Administrative Procedure Act, based on the                         | following:  |
| 17 | AGREEMENT   | Γ AND ORDER   |
| 18 | The Department of Financial Institutions, I                               | Division of Consumer Services (Department), and       |

Respondent Biel have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the matters alleged in Statement of

Charges No. C-20-3034-21-SC01 (Statement of Charges), entered May 28, 2021, (copy attached

Administrative Procedure Act, Respondent Biel hereby agrees to the Department's entry of this

Consent Order and further agrees that the issues raised in the above-captioned matter may be

hereto). Pursuant to chapter 31.04 RCW, the Consumer Loan Act (Act), and RCW 34.05.060 of the

economically and efficiently settled by entry of this Consent Order. The parties intend this Consent

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CONSENT ORDER C-20-3034-22-CO02 JORDAN KENDALL BIEL Order to fully resolve the Statement of Charges solely as to Respondent Biel.

Based upon the foregoing:

**A. Jurisdiction.** It is AGREED that the Department has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the activities discussed herein.

**B.** Waiver of Hearing. It is AGREED that the Respondent Biel has been informed of the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge, and hereby waive his right to a hearing and any and all administrative and judicial review of the issues raised in this matter, or of the resolution reached herein. Accordingly, Respondent Biel, by his signature below, withdraws his appeal to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

**C. Consumer Loan Activity.** It is AGREED that, for a period of 5 years from the date of entry of this Consent Order, Respondent Biel will not conduct any mortgage loan originator activity or participate in the affairs of any consumer loan company's business in Washington.

**D.** Fine. It is AGREED that Respondent Biel shall pay a fine to the Department in the amount of \$1,500 pursuant to the Payment section of this Order, below.

**E. Investigation Fee.** It is AGREED that Respondent Biel shall pay an investigation fee to the Department in the amount of \$1,000 pursuant to the Payment section of this Order, below.

**F. Payment.** It is AGREED and ORDERED that Respondent Biel shall pay the fine and the investigation fee, a total of \$2,500, upon delivery to the Department of this Order fully executed and dated. Payment shall be made in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer."

**G.** Authority to Execute Order. It is AGREED that the undersigned have represented and warranted that they have the full power and right to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the parties represented.

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**H. Non-Compliance with Order.** It is AGREED that Respondent Biel understands that failure to abide by the terms and conditions of this Consent Order may result in further legal action by the Director. In the event of such legal action, Respondent Biel may be responsible to reimburse the Director for the cost incurred in pursuing such action, including but not limited to, attorney fees.

I. Voluntarily Entered. It is AGREED that Respondent Biel has voluntarily entered into this Consent Order, which is effective when signed by the Director's designee.

**J. Completely Read, Understood, and Agreed.** It is AGREED that Respondent Biel has read this Consent Order in its entirety and fully understand and agree to all of the same.

K. Counterparts and Signatures. It is AGREED that this Order may be executed in one or more separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed an original. Such counterparts shall together constitute a single document. An electronic signature, or a faxed, photocopied, or scanned copy of an original signature, shall be deemed the same as an original signature.

**RESPONDENT:** 

**Respondent Jordan Kendall Biel:** 

/s/ Jordan Kendall Biel, Individually

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

/s/Robert Rhodes, WSBA No. 31089Rhodes Legal Group, PLLCAttorney for Respondent Biel

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<u>3/18/22</u> Date

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CONSENT ORDER C-20-3034-22-CO02 JORDAN KENDALL BIEL DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Division of Consumer Services 150 Israel Rd SW PO Box 41200 Olympia, WA 98504-1200 (360) 902-8703

| 1  | THIS ORDER ENTERI   | ED THIS <u>5th</u> DAY OF <u>April</u> , 2022.  |
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| 3  |   | <u>/s/</u>  |
| 4  |   | LUCINDA FAZIO, Director<br>Division of Consumer Services  |
| 5  |   | Department of Financial Institutions  |
| 6  | Presented by:   |   |
| 7  |   |   |
| 8  | DREW STILLMAN   |   |
| 9  | Financial Legal Examiner                                  |   |
| 10 | Approved by:  |   |
| 11 | / <u>s/</u>   |   |
| 12 | JACK McCLELLAN<br>Enforcement Chief                       |   |
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| 24 | CONSENT ORDER<br>C-20-3034-22-CO02<br>JORDAN KENDALL BIEL | 4 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS<br>Division of Consumer Services<br>150 Israel Rd SW<br>PO Box 41200 |

| 1  | STATE OF WASHINGTON  |   |  |
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| 2  | DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS<br>DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES                                  |   |  |
|    | DIVISION OF CO   | NSUIVIER SERVICES   |  |
| 3  | IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING<br>Whether there have been violations of the                              | No. C-20-3034-21-SC01   |  |
| 4  | Consumer Loan Act of Washington by:  | STATEMENT OF CHARGES and  |  |
| 5  | KELLY MORTGAGE, INC., d/b/a Mortgage Gal,  | NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER<br>TO REVOKE LICENSES, PROHIBIT FROM |  |
| 5  | NMLS No. 1594896;  | INDUSTRY, IMPOSE FINE, COLLECT  |  |
| 6  | TRACY LYN KELLY, President, Owner, and MLO, NMLS No. 24660;  | INVESTIGATION FEE, and RECOVER COSTS<br>AND EXPENSES OF PROSECUTION     |  |
| 7  | JORDAN KENDALL BIEL, Division Manager  | AND EATENSES OF TROSECOTION   |  |
| 0  | and MLO, NMLS No. 349006; and  |   |  |
| 8  | DANIEL LOUIS SHERTZER, MLO,<br>NMLS No. 1880812,   |   |  |
| 9  |  |   |  |
| 10 | Respondents.   |   |  |
| 11 | INTRO  | DUCTION   |  |
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| 12 | Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093 and RCW 31.04.165, the Director of the Department of Financial               |   |  |
| 13 | Institutions (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 31.04 RCW, the Consumer Loan  |   |  |
| 14 | Act (Act). Having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 31.04.145, and based on the facts         |   |  |
| 15 | available as of the date of this Statement of Charges (Charges), the Director, through his designee,   |   |  |
| 16 | Division of Consumer Services Director Lucinda Fazio, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows: |   |  |
| 17 | I. FACTUAL   | ALLEGATIONS   |  |
| 18 | 1.1 Respondents.   |   |  |
| 19 | A. Respondent Kelly Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a N  | lortgage Gal (Respondent KMI). The Department                           |  |
|    |  |   |  |
| 20 | of Financial Institutions (Department) licensed Respondent KMI to conduct business in Washington as a  |   |  |
| 21 | consumer loan company on or about July 10, 2017, and annually approved renewal of that license         |   |  |
| 22 | through December 31, 2020. During the Relevant Po  | eriod (January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020),                          |  |
| 23 | Respondent KMI was licensed in Washington. How   | ever, Respondent KMI surrendered it's Washington                        |  |
| 24 | consumer loan company license effective January 1, 2021.   |   |  |
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**B.** Respondent Tracy Lyn Kelly (Respondent Kelly). Respondent Kelly is the President and sole owner, officer, and director of Respondent KMI. On or about August 3, 2017, the Department licensed Respondent Kelly as a Mortgage Loan Originator (MLO) sponsored by Respondent KMI, and the Department has annually approved renewal of her MLO license through December 31, 2020. During the Relevant Period, Respondent Kelly was licensed in Washington. However, Respondent Kelly did not renew her MLO license by December 31, 2020, and as of January 1, 2021, Respondent Kelly's Washington MLO license is expired. Hereinafter, Respondent KMI and Respondent Kelly are referred to as the Kelly Respondents.

C. Respondent Jordan Kendall Biel (Respondent Biel). On or about June 14, 2014, the
Department licensed Respondent Biel as a MLO. On or about June 4, 2019, Respondent KMI hired
Respondent Biel, and on or about June 5, 2019, sponsored Respondent Biel as a MLO authorized to work
in Washington. During the Relevant Period (January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020), Respondent Biel
was licensed in Washington. However, Respondent Biel did not renew his MLO license by December 31, 2020, and as of January 1, 2021, Respondent Biel's Washington MLO license in Washington is expired.

D. Respondent Daniel Louis Shertzer (Respondent Shertzer). On or about December 17, 2019, the Department licensed Respondent Shertzer as a Washington MLO sponsored by another consumer loan company. On or about January 8, 2020, Respondent Shertzer left that company, and his Washington MLO license became inactive. Respondent Shertzer did not renew his Washington MLO license, and as of January 1, 2021, Respondent Shertzer's MLO license in Washington is expired.

On or about June 1, 2020, Respondent KMI hired Respondent Shertzer, but never sponsored Respondent Shertzer as a MLO authorized to work in Washington.

1.2 Background

A. Direct Mail Solicitation. On or around August 13, 2020, the Kelly Respondents and Respondent Biel caused to be distributed in Washington at least 500 copies of a direct mail "Current Loan"

| 1      | solicitation (Solicitation) offering Washington consumers the opportunity to refinance their existing FHA  |
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| 2      | residential mortgage loans for 30 years at an interest rate of 2.49% with an APR of 2.650. The   |
| 3      | Solicitation is incorporated herein in full as Exhibit A.  |
| 4      | <b>B.</b> Complaint Investigation. On or about September 2, 2020, the Department received a complaint  |
| 5      | relating to the Solicitation, and determined the Solicitation violated the Act, associated rules contained in  |
| 6      | WAC 208-620 (Rules), and applicable federal advertising laws and regulations, including by:  |
| 7<br>8 | <ol> <li>Misrepresenting the advertised loan was available for "\$0 out of pocket expenses."</li> <li>Omitting to disclose the terms required to obtain a "\$0 Appraisal."</li> <li>Misrepresenting that "homeowners that call and compare us, always choose us."</li> </ol> |
| 9      | <ol> <li>Misrepresenting that Respondent KMI would make the "Best Offer Guaranteed."</li> <li>Misrepresenting that Respondent KMI offers the best interest rates and mortgage loan fees.</li> </ol>  |
| 10     | <ul> <li>6. Misrepresenting that Respondent KMI shops numerous banks daily for the best rates.</li> <li>7. Making false, misleading, or deceptive representations regarding the rates, points, terms, or</li> </ul>  |
| 11     | <ul><li>conditions for the advertised mortgage loans.</li><li>8. Advertising a discounted interest rate without clearly and conspicuously disclosing that the</li></ul>  |
| 12     | rate was discounted, and the cost to the borrower to obtain the discounted rate.<br>9. Failing to clearly and conspicuously disclose whether the advertised monthly mortgage   |
| 13     | payment included amounts for taxes, insurance, or other products, and that the actual payment obligation would be greater.   |
| 14     | 10. Failing to clearly and conspicuously disclose the required additional credit disclosures<br>when advertising credit triggering terms.  |
| 15     | C. Directive to Respondent KMI. On or about October 1, 2020, the Department served Respondent  |
| 16     | KMI with Directive No. 052707-20-DI01 (KMI Directive) seeking detailed written explanations and  |
| 17     | documents related to the Solicitation. On or about October 28, 2020, the Department received an initial  |
| 18     | response to the Directive from the Kelly Respondents. The response provided incomplete, false, and   |
| 19     | misleading answers to the requests for written explanations, produced only one document in response to   |
| 20     | numerous requests for production of documents, and omitted numerous explanations and documents. In   |
| 21     | addition, the Kelly Respondents failed to certify, under penalty of perjury, that the responsive   |
| 22     | explanations and document were true and correct.   |
| 23     | Due to the Kelly Respondents' incomplete initial response, the Department immediately requested  |
| 24     | the Kelly Respondents provide a more complete response to the KMI Directive. In addition, the  |
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1 Department specifically requested the name, address, and phone number of the marketing firm(s) that 2 developed and mailed the Solicitation; the name, address, and phone number of the vendor that 3 purportedly promised that the Solicitation was in compliance with TILA, Regulation Z, and all other 4 relevant guidelines; and the name, address, and phone number of *Optimal Blue*, the company purportedly 5 providing the Kelly Respondents with the names of lenders with "the most aggressive pricing...."

6 On or about October 29, 2020, the Department received the Kelly Respondents' follow-up response to the Directive. As with the initial response, the follow-up response provided incomplete, false, and misleading answers to the requests for written explanations, produced only one additional document, and 8 9 omitted numerous explanations and documents. The Kelly Respondents omitted to identify the marketing 10 firm(s) that developed and mailed the Solicitation; the identity of the vendor that purportedly promised the Solicitation was in compliance with TILA, Regulation Z, and all other relevant guidelines; and the 12 contact information for Optimal Blue. In addition, the Kelly Respondents again failed to certify, under 13 penalty of perjury, that the responsive explanations and documents were true and correct.

14 **D.** Investigative Subpoena to Kelly Respondents. On or about November 2, 2020, the Department 15 opened an investigation into the Kelly Respondents, and on or about November 17, 2020, served them 16 with Subpoena No. C-20-3034-20-SB01 (KMI Subpoena). On or about November 20, 2020, the KMI 17 Subpoena was delivered to Respondent KMI and signed for by George A. Taylor, the Director of Operations for Respondent KMI. Similar to the KMI Directive, the KMI Subpoena sought written 18 19 explanations and documents related to their advertising and other business practices. On or about December 11, 2020, the Department received a response to the KMI Subpoena. As with the response to 20 the KMI Directive, the Kelly Respondents' response to the KMI Subpoena provided incomplete, false, 22 and misleading answers to the requests for written explanations, produced only one document in response 23 to the requests for production of documents, and omitted numerous explanations and documents. In 24 addition, the Kelly Respondents again failed to certify, under penalty of perjury, that the responsive

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explanations and documents were true and correct. The Kelly Respondents did finally identify RedstonePrint and Mail, Inc. (Redstone) as the California firm responsible for the distribution of the Solicitation inWashington.

E. Investigative Subpoena to Redstone. On or about January 22, 2021, the Department served Redstone with witness Subpoena No. C-20-3034-21-SB02 (Redstone Subpoena). On or about March 30, 2021, the Department received explanations and documents from Redstone in response to the Redstone Subpoena. The explanations and documents indicated that on or about July 15, 2020, and again on or about August 14, 2020, Respondent Biel, on behalf of the Kelly Respondents and Respondent Shertzer, personally requested that Redstone prepare and deliver the Solicitation to consumers in Washington.

F. Investigative Subpoena to Respondent Biel. On or about April 1, 2021, the Department served Respondent Biel with Subpoena No. C-20-3034-21-SB03 (Biel Subpoena). On or about April 7, 2021, the Biel Subpoena was delivered to Respondent KMI and signed for by George A. Taylor. The Biel Subpoena sought written explanations and documents related to Respondent Biel's involvement with the Redstone Solicitations. Though Respondent Biel timely contacted the Department to arrange to provide a response, Respondent Biel never responded to the subpoena by the due date, Friday, April 23, 2021.

G. Investigative Subpoena to Respondent Shertzer. On or about April 2, 2021, the Department served Respondent Shertzer with Subpoena No. C-20-3034-21-SB04 (Shertzer Subpoena). On or about April 7, 2021, the Shertzer Subpoena was delivered to and signed for by Respondent Shertzer at his home address. (The Shertzer Subpoena was also delivered the same day to Respondent KMI and signed for by George A. Taylor.) Like the Biel Subpoena, the Shertzer Subpoena sought written explanations and documents related to Respondent Shertzer's involvement with the Redstone Solicitations. Respondent Shertzer never responded to the subpoena by the due date, Monday, April 26, 2021.

H. Subpoena Duces Tecum and to Testify to Respondent Kelly. On or about April 8, 2021, the
 Department served Respondent Kelly with Subpoena No. C-20-3034-21-SD01 (Kelly SDT). On or about

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1 April 9, 2021, the Kelly SDT was delivered to and signed for by Respondent Kelly at her home address. 2 (The Kelly SDT was also delivered the same day to Respondent KMI and signed for by George A. 3 Taylor.) Among other items, the Kelly SDT sought documents related to the Kelly Respondent's 4 involvement with the Redstone Solicitations distributed in Washington. In particular, the Kelly SDT 5 sough production of all e-mails related to the Redstone Solicitations that were sent by, or received by, 6 Respondent KMI, Respondent Kelly, or Respondent Biel.

On or about April 26, 2021, the Department received an initial response to the Kelly SDT. The response failed to produce any responsive e-mails. Instead, the Kelly Respondents produced one e-mail related to completely different solicitations requested by Respondent Biel and Respondent Shertzer on or about July 30, 2020, neither of which were delivered to Washington consumers. Though no written explanations were requested, Respondent Kelly provided an explanation related to those solicitations, and completely failed to address the Redstone Solicitations specifically referenced in the Kelly SDT. However, the written explanation did provide that "any orders placed [with Redstone] by Mr. Biel were done only with my authorization and direction."

Due to the incomplete initial response, the Department immediately requested that Respondent Kelly produce all responsive e-mails. To date, Respondent Kelly has not produced any emails responsive to the Kelly SDT, necessitating the cancellation of Respondent Kelly's scheduled testimony.

18 I. Prior State Regulatory Action. On or about June 24, 2016, the Nevada Department of Business 19 and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (Nevada), issued a Notice of Intent to Impose 20 Administrative Fine and Assess Investigative Costs (Notice) against Respondent Kelly and her prior business. The Notice alleged that Respondent Kelly had failed to disclose, on required monthly loan 22 activity reports, at least six loans made in Nevada during the period of September 2014 to April 2015. 23 The Notice advised Respondent Kelly of Nevada's intent to impose sanctions on Respondent Kelly and 24 her prior business, including a \$5,000 fine and \$3,765 in investigative costs. Respondent Kelly never

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| 1                | requested an administrative hearing on the Notice; instead, on or about July 1, 2016, Respondent Kelly   |
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| 2                | simply paid the proposed sanctions. On or about July 20, 2016, Nevada issued a Final Order (Nevada   |
| 3                | Order) against Respondent Kelly and her prior business imposing the proposed sanctions.  |
| 4                | The Nevada Order found the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Notice to be   |
| 5                | true and correct, including that:  |
| 6<br>7<br>8<br>9 | <ol> <li>Respondent Kelly had failed to submit accurate monthly activity reports for five<br/>months, including three months in 2014 and two months in 2015.</li> <li>Respondent Kelly, despite being advised to correct those monthly activity reports, had<br/>failed to submit corrected monthly activity reports for those five months.</li> <li>Respondent Kelly, by failing to provide the corrected monthly activity reports, had<br/>made a false representation that she and her prior business had not arranged or closed<br/>any loans in Nevada during those five months.</li> </ol> |
| 10               | Though Respondent Kelly had an on-going obligation to expediently update her answers on her  |
| 11               | NMLS MU4, particularly the State Regulatory Action disclosure questions related to the Nevada Order,   |
| 12               | Respondent Kelly failed to properly answer the State Regulatory Action disclosure questions related to   |
| 13               | the Nevada Order on her NMLS MU4 Individual Filing Form. In addition, Respondent Kelly repeatedly  |
| 14               | swore (or affirmed) that to the best of her knowledge and belief, her answers to the NMLS State  |
| 15               | Regulatory Action disclosure questions in her NMLS record were true, accurate and complete.  |
| 16               | <b>1.3 On-Going Investigation</b> . The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by   |
| 17               | the Kelly Respondents, Respondent Biel, and Respondent Shertzer continues to date.   |
| 18               | II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER   |
| 19               | 2.1 Requirement to Comply with Investigative Authority. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth   |
| 20               | in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents, Respondent Biel, and Respondent Shertzer are all in apparent  |
| 21               | violation of RCW 31.04.145(1) for failing to comply with the Department's investigation authority. In  |
| 22               | addition, based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents,  |
| 23               | Respondent Biel, and Respondent Shertzer are all in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(b) for  |
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directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice toward any person by being in apparent
 violation of WAC 208-620-550(14).

2.2 False Statements to the Department. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I
above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(h) for negligently making
any false statement in connection with any investigation conducted by the Department. In addition, based
on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of
RCW 31.04.027(1)(b) for directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice toward any
person by being in apparent violation of WAC 208-620-550(6).

9 2.3 Omissions of Material Facts. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, the
10 Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(h) for knowingly and willfully make
11 any omission of material fact in connection with any investigation conducted by the Department. In
12 addition, based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in
13 apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(b) for directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive
14 practice toward any person by being in apparent violation of WAC 208-620-550(6).

2.4 False, Misleading, or Deceptive Advertising. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section
I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.135 for advertising, in any
manner, any statement or representation with regard to the rates, terms, or conditions for the lending of
money that is false, misleading, or deceptive. In addition, based on the Factual Allegations set forth in
Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(b) for directly or
indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice toward any person by being in apparent violation
of WAC 208-620-550(22) and WAC 208-620-640.

22 2.5 False or Deceptive Statements or Representations in Advertising. Based on the Factual
 23 Allegations set forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW

24 31.04.027(1)(g) for making, in any manner, any false or deceptive statement or representation with regard

1 to the rates, points, or other financing terms for a residential mortgage loan in advertising. In addition, 2 based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent 3 violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(b) for directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice 4 toward any person by being in apparent violation of WAC 208-620-550(22) and WAC 208-620-640. 5 2.6 **Unfair or Deceptive Advertising.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, the 6 Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(b) for directly or indirectly engaging 7 in any unfair or deceptive practice toward any person, and by being in apparent violation of WAC 208-8 620-550(5); WAC 208-620-550(9); WAC 208-620-550(22), WAC 208-620-630(5); WAC 208-620-

9 630(7); WAC 208-620-630(9), and WAC 208-620-640.

10 **Requirement to Comply with Applicable Federal Law.** Based on the Factual Allegations set 2.7 forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.027(1)(m) for 11 12 violating any applicable federal laws relating to the activities governed by the Act, including the Federal 13 Trade Commission Act; the Truth in Lending Act and Regulation Z; the Mortgage Acts and Practices -14 Advertising (MAP) rule, Regulation N; and the S.A.F.E. Act, Regulations G and H. In addition, based on 15 the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of 16 RCW 31.04.027(1)(b) for directly or indirectly engaging in any unfair or deceptive practice toward any 17 person by being in apparent violation of WAC 208-620-505.

18 2.8 Requirement to Maintain and Preserve Books and Records. Based on the Factual Allegations
19 set forth in Section I above, the Kelly Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 31.04.155 and
20 WAC 208-620-520 for failing to maintain and preserve records related to advertising, including
21 communications with vendors involved in the creation and distribution of the Solicitation.

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

3.1 Authority to Revoke Licenses. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(3), the Director may revoke licenses
issued under the Act for (b) knowingly or without the exercise of due care violating any provision of the
Act or any rule adopted thereunder, or for (d), failing to comply with a subpoena issued under the Act.
3.2 Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(6)(e), the Director may issue an

6 order prohibiting from participation in the affairs of any licensee any officer, principal, or mortgage loan
7 originator of a licensee for a violation of RCW 31.04.027.

8 **3.3** Authority to Impose Fine. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.093(4), the Director may impose fines of up to
9 one hundred dollars per day, per violation, upon licensees for any violation of the Act.

Authority to Recover Costs and Expenses of Prosecution. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.205(2), the
 Director may recover the Department's costs and expenses for prosecuting violations of the Act.

**3.5** Authority to Charge and Collect Investigation Fees. Pursuant to RCW 31.04.145(3) and WAC
208-620-590, every licensee investigated by the Director shall pay for the cost of the investigation,
calculated at the rate of \$69.01 per staff hour devoted to the investigation.

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## IV. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER

The violations of the provisions of chapter 31.04 RCW and chapter 208-620 WAC by Respondent KMI, Respondent Kelly, Respondent Biel, and Respondent Shertzer, as set forth in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions, constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 31.04.093, RCW 31.04.165, and RCW 31.04.205. Therefore, it is the Director's intent to ORDER that:

- **4.1** Respondent Kelly Mortgage, Inc.'s license to conduct the business of a consumer loan company under the Act be revoked.
- **4.2** Respondent Tracy Lyn Kelly's license to conduct the business of a mortgage loan originator under the Act be revoked.

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|   | 4.3  | Respondent Jordan Kendall Biel's license to conduct the business of a mortgage loan originator under the Act be revoked.  |
|   | 4.4  | Respondent Kelly Mortgage, Inc. and Respondent Tracy Lyn Kelly be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any consumer loan company or mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner.  |
|   | 4.5  | Respondent Jordan Kendall Biel be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any consumer loan company or mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five (5) years.  |
|   | 4.6  | Respondent Daniel Louis Shertzer be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any consumer loan company or mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five (5) years.  |
|   | 4.7  | Respondent Kelly Mortgage, Inc. and Respondent Tracy Lyn Kelly jointly and severally pay an administrative fine to the Department. As of the date of these Charges, the fine totals \$100,000.  |
|   | 4.8  | Respondent Jordan Kendall Biel pay an administrative fine to the Department. As of the date of these Charges, the fine totals \$2,500.  |
|   | 4.9  | Respondent Daniel Louis Shertzer pay an administrative fine to the Department. As of the date of these Charges, the fine totals \$1,500.  |
|   | 4.10 | Respondent Kelly Mortgage, Inc. and Respondent Tracy Lyn Kelly jointly and severally pay the Department's costs of the investigation into their conduct. As of the date of these Charges, the investigation fee totals \$8,000.00.  |
|   | 4.11 | Respondent Jordan Kendall Biel pay the Department's costs of the investigation into his conduct. As of the date of these Charges, the investigative fee totals \$1,000.   |
|   | 4.12 | Respondent Daniel Louis Shertzer pay the Department's costs of the investigation into his conduct. As of the date of these Charges, the investigative fee totals \$500.   |
|   | 4.13 | Respondent Kelly Mortgage, Inc. and Respondent Tracy Lyn Kelly jointly and severally<br>pay the Department's costs and expenses for prosecuting violations of the Act in an<br>amount to be determined at hearing, or, in event of default by Respondents, by<br>declaration with supporting documentation. |
|   | 4.14 | Respondent Jordan Kendall Biel pay the Department's costs and expenses for prosecuting violations of the Act in an amount to be determined at hearing, or, in event of default, by declaration with supporting documentation.   |
|   | 4.15 | Respondent Daniel Louis Shertzer pay the Department's costs and expenses for prosecuting violations of the Act in an amount to be determined at hearing, or, in event of default, by declaration with supporting documentation.   |
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| 1  | <b>4.16</b> Respondent Kelly Mortgage, Inc. and Respondent Tracy Lyn Kelly maintain records in compliance with the Act, and provide the Department with the location of the books, |  |  |
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| 2  | records, and other information relating to Respondents' consumer loan business, and the name, address, and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of       |  |  |
| 3  | such records in compliance with the Act.   |  |  |
| 4  | V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE   |  |  |
| 5  | This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 31.04.093, RCW  |  |  |
| 6  | 31.04.165, RCW 31.04.202, and RCW 31.04.205, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW,  |  |  |
| 7  | the Administrative Procedure Act. Respondents may each make a written request for a hearing as set   |  |  |
| 8  | forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING   |  |  |
| 9  | accompanying this Statement of Charges.  |  |  |
| 10 | Dated this <u>28</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2021.   |  |  |
| 11 | /s/<br>LUCINDA FAZIO, Director   |  |  |
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| 18 | ANTHONY W. CARTER STEVEN C. SHERMAN  |  |  |
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