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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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

TRANSUNION REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., dba TRANSUNION SETTLEMENT SOLUTIONS, INC., AND TRANSUNION TITLE AND ESCROW OF CALIFORNIA,

Respondent.

NO. C-07-292-07-CO01

CONSENT ORDER

COMES NOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director), through his designee Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, and TransUnion Real Estate Services, Inc., (TransUnion), and finding that the issues raised in the captioned matter may be economically and efficiently settled, agree to the entry of this Consent Order. This Consent Order is entered pursuant to chapter 18.44 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, based on the following:

AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Department of Financial Institutions, Division of Consumer Services (Department) and TransUnion have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the matters alleged in Statement of Charges No. C-07-292-07-SC01 (Statement of Charges), entered August 14, 2007, (copy attached hereto). Pursuant to chapter 18.44 RCW, the Escrow Agent Registration Act (Act) and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, TransUnion 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 economically and efficiently settled by entry of this Consent Order. The parties intend this Consent Order to fully resolve the Statement of Charges. TransUnion is agreeing not to contest the Statement of Charges in consideration of the terms of this Consent Order.

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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 TransUnion has been informed of the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge, and that it has waived their 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.
- C. No Admission of Liability. The parties intend this Consent Order to fully resolve the Statement of Charges and agree that TransUnion does not admit to any wrongdoing by its entry.
- D. **Fine.** It is AGREED that TransUnion shall pay to the Department a fine of \$20,000 in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer," upon entry of this Consent Order.
- E. Investigation Fee. It is AGREED that TransUnion shall pay the Department an investigation fee of \$750 in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer," upon entry of this Consent Order. The investigation fee may be combined with the fine in one cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer."
- F. Application for Escrow License. It is AGREED that, upon payment to the Department of the sums required under paragraphs D and E, SO LONG AS all requirements under chapter 18.44 RCW and chapter 208-680 WAC are satisfactorily met and the application is complete as determined by the Department, the Department will issue TransUnion's pending Escrow license for TransUnion Settlement Solutions, Inc., within seven (7) business days. TransUnion will be timely notified of any additional licensing requirements.
- G. Authority to Execute Order. It is AGREED that the undersigned represent and warrant that they have the full power and right to execute this Consent Order on behalf of the parties represented.
- H. Non-Compliance with Order. It is AGREED that TransUnion 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

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of such legal action, TransUnion 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 the TransUnion 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 TransUnion has read this Consent Order in its entirety and fully understands and agrees to all of the same.

RESPONDENT:

TransUnion Real Estate Services, Inc.

By:

Name: Michael F. De

Title: President

8/2/2007 Date

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THIS ORDER ENTERED THIS



DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services

Department of Financial Institutions

1 2 3 STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 4 **DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES** 5 NO. C-07-292-07-SC02 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the 6 Escrow Agent Registration Act of Washington AMENDED STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY 7 by: APPLICATION FOR LICENSE, IMPOSE 8 FINE. AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION TRANSUNION REAL ESTATE SERVICES, **FEE** INC., dba TRANSUNION SETTLEMENT 9 SOLUTIONS, INC., AND TRANSUNION TITLE AND ESCROW OF CALIFORNIA, 10 Respondent. 11 12 INTRODUCTION 13 Pursuant to RCW 18.44.410, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director) is 14 responsible for the administration of chapter 18.44 RCW, the Escrow Agent Registration Act (the Act). 15 After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 18.44.420 and WAC 208-680G-020, and 16 based upon the facts available as of the date of this Amended Statement of Charges, the Director, through 17 his designee, Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, institutes this 18 proceeding and finds as follows: 19 I. **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS** 20 Respondent. TransUnion Real Estate Services, Inc., dba TransUnion Settlement 1.1 21 Solutions, Inc., and TransUnion Title and Escrow of California, (TransUnion) has submitted an 22 application to the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) for a 23 license to conduct business as an escrow agent under the name TransUnion Settlement Solutions, Inc., 24 at the following location: 33 South Anita Drive, Orange, California 92868. The application was 25 1

STATEMENT OF CHARGES C-07-292-07-SC02 TRANSUNION REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC. dba TRANSUNION SETTLEMENT SOLUTIONS, INC., AND TRANSUNION TITLE AND ESCROW OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
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received by the Department on June 1, 2007. No license has been issued as of the date of this Amended Statement of Charges.

- 1.2 Unlicensed Activity. In April 2007, the Department received a complaint from a consumer that TransUnion had failed to properly disburse funds from a Washington residential mortgage loan in which TransUnion performed escrow functions. At that time, TransUnion was not licensed in Washington to perform escrow functions and was not registered with the Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner as a title company. In response to the Department's Directive, TransUnion admitted that it had been performing escrow services for JP Morgan Bank under the names TransUnion Settlement Solutions, Inc., and TransUnion Title and Escrow of California, since 2004 without being licensed in Washington to do so. TransUnion further admitted that between January 1, 2007, and July 6, 2007, it had performed escrow functions for JP Morgan Bank in approximately 2,500 Washington residential mortgage loans. TransUnion received approximately \$111,540 in fees for those loans. TransUnion voluntarily ceased its unlicensed activity upon being contacted by the Department.
- **1.3 On-Going Investigation:** The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by TransUnion continues to date.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

2.1 **Definition of Escrow.** Pursuant to RCW 18.44.011(4), "Escrow" means any transaction wherein any person or persons, for the purpose of effecting and closing the sale, purchase, exchange, transfer, encumbrance, or lease of real or personal property to another person or persons, delivers any written instrument, money, evidence of title to real or personal property, or other thing of value to a third person to be held by such third person until the happening of a specified event or the performance of a prescribed condition or conditions, when it is then to be delivered by such third person, in compliance

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with instructions under which he or she is to act, to a grantee, grantor, promisee, promisor, obligee, obligor, lessee, lessor, bailee, bailor, or any agent or employee thereof.

- **2.2 Definition of Escrow Agent.** Pursuant to RCW 18.44.011(6) "Escrow Agent" means any person engaged in the business of performing for compensation the duties of the third person referred to in RCW 18.44.011(4).
- 2.3 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain License. Based on the factual allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent is in apparent violation of RCW 18.44.021 for engaging in business as an escrow agent by performing escrows or any of the functions of an escrow agent within this state or with respect to transactions that involve personal property or real property located in this state without first obtaining a license.

III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

- 3.1 Authority to Deny Application for License. Pursuant to RCW 18.44.430(1)(b), the Director may deny the license of any escrow agent or escrow officer for violating any of the provisions of the Act or any lawful rules made by the Director pursuant to the Act.
- **3.2** Authority to Impose Fines. Pursuant to RCW 18.44.430(3) and WAC 208-680G-040(3), in addition to or in lieu of license denial the Director may impose a fine of up to \$100 per day for each day's violation of the Act.
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IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondent's violations of the provisions of chapter 18.44 RCW as set forth in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions constitute a basis for the

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Amended Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Deny Application for License, Impose Fine, and Collect Investigation Fee is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 18.44.410 and RCW 18.44.430, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. Respondent may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Amended Statement of Charges.

DATED this day of August, 2007.

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services Department of Financial Institutions

Presented by:

STEVEN C. SHERMAN Financial Legal Examiner

Approved by:

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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES**

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

TRANSUNION REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC. THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a STATEMENT OF CHARGES has been filed by the Department of Financial Institutions, a true and correct copy of which is attached and made a part hereof.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you may file an application for an adjudicative hearing before the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions on the Statement of Charges. Service of this notice is deemed complete upon deposit in the United States mail. YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. If you demand a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place for the hearing at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing date.

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Department of Financial Institutions Division of Consumer Services Attn: Fatima Batie PO Box 41200 Olympia, Washington 98504-1200

Dated this 23th day of August, 2007.



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Presented by:

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JAMES R. BRUSSELBACK Enforcement Chief

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Escrow Agent Registration Act of Washington by: C-07-292-07-SC01

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