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CONSENT ORDER C-08-115-09-CO01 FLEET HOME MORTGAGE dba FLEET HOME LOANS, and MICHAEL NORMAN BURNS

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: NO. C-08-115-09-CO01

FLEET HOME MORTGAGE dba FLEET HOME LOANS, and MICHAEL NORMAN BURNS, President, Owner and Designated Broker, and PETER ALEXANDER WHITNEY, Loan Originator,

CONSENT ORDER FOR FLEET HOME MORTGAGE and MICHAEL NORMAN BURNS

Respondents.

COMES NOW the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions (Director), through his designee Deborah Bortner, Division Director, Division of Consumer Services, and Fleet Home Mortgage dba Fleet Home Loans (hereinafter Respondent Fleet), and Michael Norman Burns, President, Owner, and Designated Broker (hereinafter Respondent Burn), 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 19.146 of 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 Respondents have agreed upon a basis for resolution of the matters alleged in Statement of Charges No. C-08-115-08-SC01 (Statement of Charges), entered December 4, 2008, (copy attached hereto). Pursuant to chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act) and RCW 34.05.060 of the Administrative Procedure Act, Respondents hereby agree to the Department's entry of this Consent Order and further agree 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.

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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 Respondents have been informed of the right to a hearing before an administrative law judge, and that they hereby waive 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.

 Accordingly, Respondents agree to withdraw their appeal and to inform the Office of Administrative Hearings in writing of their withdrawal.
- C. **Fine.** It is AGREED that Respondents shall pay to the Department a fine of \$4,000, in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer," upon entry of this Consent Order.
- D. **Restitution.** It is AGREED that prior to the entry of this Consent Order, Respondents paid restitution to the consumers identified in the attached Restitution Schedule. Such payments were made in the form of a check and were sent to borrowers' last known address via the United States mail. Respondents included a letter with each check notifying the borrower that the check was a refund and that the borrower had 30 days to cash the check or the refund amount would be provided to the State Department of Revenue as unclaimed property. Respondents provided the Department with a signed affidavit attesting to mailing the checks, and a copy of the checks mailed (each with the accompanying explanatory cover letter). All checks that were not returned as undeliverable, but were not cashed within 30 days of mailing, were immediately turned over to the State Department of Revenue, pursuant to Department of Revenue procedures, as unclaimed property. A list of such checks was provided to the Department. Further, Respondents notified the Department of all checks that were returned as undeliverable, and the Department attempted to locate a current address. Upon notification by the Department that no new address was available, Respondents immediately sent the refund amounts to the State Department of Revenue, pursuant to Department of Revenue procedures, as unclaimed property. As noted

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above, pursuant to the attached Restitution Schedule, Respondents provided refunds to the consumers referenced in paragraph 1.9 of the Statement of Charges.

- E. **Investigation Fee.** It is AGREED that Respondents shall pay to the Department an investigation fee of \$748.80, in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the "Washington State Treasurer," upon entry of this Consent Order.
- F. Declaration of Financial Condition and Confession of Judgment. It is AGREED that Respondent Burns has provided the Department with a Declaration comprehensively describing his and Respondent Fleet's current financial condition and representing their current inability to pay the fine and investigation fees and obligations agreed to in Paragraphs C and E of this Consent Order. It is further AGREED that, based on this Declaration, the Department has accepted a Confession of Judgment from Respondent Burns and Respondent Fleet for the obligations agreed to in Paragraph C and E of this Consent Order. A copy of this Confession of Judgment is attached and incorporated into this Consent Order by this reference. Consistent with Chapter 4.60 of the Revised Code of Washington, the Department may immediately seek entry of the judgment. Respondent Burns and Respondent Fleet shall, upon the Department's request, fully and promptly cooperate with the Department in its efforts to get the judgment entered by the superior court.
- G. Confession of Judgment. It is AGREED that Respondents have entered into a Confession of Judgment for a fine of \$4,000 (paragraph C above), and an investigation fee of \$748.80 (paragraph E above).
- H. Complete Cooperation with the Department and the Office of the Attorney General. It is

 AGREED that Respondent Burns shall cooperate fully, truthfully and completely with the Department and the

 Office of Attorney General and provide any and all information known to him relating in any manner to Peter

 Alexander Whitney conducting or engaging in the business of a loan originator while working at Fleet Home

 Mortgage dba Fleet Home Loans. It is further AGREED that Respondent Burns shall provide any and all

 documents, writings, materials, objects or evidence of any kind in his possession or under his care, custody, or

 control that he is authorized to possess, obtain, or distribute relating directly or indirectly to all areas of inquiry

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DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services

Department of Financial Institutions



Restitution Schedule-Burns

Name	Loan	Refund
	Number	Amount
A.C.	1107050901	\$1,664.17
J.C	0000685222	\$1,100.50
S.C.	0203394572	
	and	\$1,046.50
	0203402102	
M.R.	4700009962	\$674.99
G.G.	40882168	
	and	\$2,080.03
	6400027118	·
K.H.	3014611002	\$587.75
C.Y.	40885949	\$1,248.10

TOTAL= \$8,402.04

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

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

NO. C-08-115-08-SC01

FLEET HOME MORTGAGE dba FLEET HOME LOANS, and MICHAEL NORMAN BURNS, President, Owner and Designated Broker, and PETER ALEXANDER WHITNEY, Loan Originator,

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER AN ORDER TO DENY LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSE APPLICATION, REVOKE OR SUSPEND MORTGAGE BROKER LICENSE, PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, IMPOSE FINE, ORDER RESTITUTION, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE

Respondents.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act)¹. After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 19.146.210 and RCW 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as follows:

I. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1.1 Respondents.

A. Fleet Home Mortgage dba Fleet Home Loans (Respondent Fleet) was licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker on July 13, 2004, and has continued to be licensed to date. Respondent Fleet is licensed to conduct the business of a mortgage broker at one location in Seattle, Washington.

¹ RCW 19.146 (2007)

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В.	Michael Norman Burns (Respondent Burns) is the Designated Broker, President, and Owner of
Respondent Fle	et.

- C. Peter Alexander Whitney (Respondent Whitney) acted as a loan originator for Respondent Fleet from at least April 2007 to February 2008.
- 1.2 Loan Originator Application. Respondent Whitney submitted an application to the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington, Division of Consumer Services (Department) for a loan originator license under Fleet Home Mortgage, a mortgage broker licensed under the Act. The on-line application was received by the Department on November 8, 2007. On or about January 10, 2008, the Department notified Respondent Whitney that his application was incomplete and his application was rejected. On or about February 21, 2008, Respondent Whitney submitted the missing application information and materials, and the Department re-opened his application request.
- Prior Criminal Acts. On or about September 29, 2005, Respondent Whitney was charged under King County Superior Court Cause No. 05-1-11568-4-SEA with one count of Assault in the Second Degree, a felony, pursuant to RCW 9A.36.021(1)(a), and one count of Assault in the Fourth degree, a gross misdemeanor, pursuant to RCW 9A.36.041. On or about January 10, 2006, the charge of Assault in the Second Degree was amended to Assault in the Third Degree, a felony, pursuant to RCW 9A.36.031(1)(f).
- 1.4 On or about February 21, 2006 Respondent Whitney was convicted under King County Superior Court Cause No. 05-1-11568-4-SEA of Assault in the Third Degree, a felony, pursuant to RCW 9A.36.031(1)(f). As part of the plea agreement, the charge of Assault in the Fourth Degree was dismissed.
- 1.5 According to Appendix B (Criminal History) of Judgment and Sentence for King County Superior Court Cause No. 05-1-11568-4-SEA, Respondent Whitney was convicted of, among other crimes, the following other felony offenses:
- A. On or about October 25, 1991, Respondent Whitney was convicted in Snohomish County Superior Court Cause No. 911002619 of Robbery in the First Degree, a felony, pursuant to RCW 9A.56.200.

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1.9 Between April 1, 2007 and November 9, 2007, Respondent Whitney assisted at least ten (10) borrowers in applying to obtain or obtaining residential mortgage loans on property located in the State of Washington from Respondent Fleet's office.

1.10 Prohibited Acts. Between June 15, 2007 and July 31, 2007, Respondents submitted three loan applications for two 'primary residences' for Borrower S.F. to two different lenders. The income listed in at least two of the applications was inflated, and Borrower S.F. was purchasing the properties for investment purposes.

Failure to Respond to Directives. On October 26, 2007, the Department served a directive on

Respondent Whitney by Federal Express overnight mail. The directive was sent to 7919 Cyrus Place, Edmonds, WA¹ and was signed for by Respondent Whitney. Respondent Whitney was directed to respond within fifteen days of the date of the directive. On or about November 27, 2007, the Department sent a subpoena to Respondent Whitney by Federal Express overnight mail to the same address as the October 26, 2007 directive. On December 6, 2007, the subpoena was returned as "customer not available or business closed". On February 11, 2008, the Department served a subpoena by Federal Express overnight delivery on Respondent Whitney at Respondent Fleet's last known address². On or about February 20, 2008 Respondent Whitney contacted a Department Representative acknowledging he had received the Department's directive. Mr. Whitney was instructed to respond immediately. To date, the Department has not received any response from Respondent Whitney.

1.12 Failure to Timely Respond to Directives. On March 18, 2008, the Department sent a directive to Respondent Fleet and Respondent Whitney to the attention of "designated broker" at Respondent Fleet's last known address via first class mail. This directive was not returned. The directives required Respondents to provide a list of all residential mortgage loans made by Respondent Whitney between September 2005 and the

¹ Respondent Whitney submitted this address as his current residential address on his loan originator application.
² The subpoena was signed for by R. Gaston on February 12, 2008. On April 11, 2008, R. Gaston also signed for a subpoena served on Fleet Mortgage and Peter Whitney addressed to the attention of Respondent Burns at Respondent Fleet's last known address. On April 22, 2008, Respondent Burns provided a list of loans that Respondent Whitney originated while working for Respondent Fleet in 2007. (See paragraph 1.12)

connection with any application or any information filed by a licensee in connection with any application,

examination or investigation conducted by the department.

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2.7	Requirement to Provide Information on License Application. Based on the Factual Allegations set
forth in	Section I above, Respondent Whitney fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.300(1) and (2) and
RCW 1	9.146.310(1)(b) by failing to provide an accurate and complete license application in the form
prescrib	ped by the Director.

- 2.8 Requirement to Demonstrate Character and General Fitness. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Whitney fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(g) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(a) by failing to demonstrate character and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly within the purposes of the Act.
- 2.9 Responsibility for Conduct of Loan Originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.245 and WAC 208-660-155(3), a licensed mortgage broker is liable for any conduct violating the Act by the designated broker or loan originator employed or engaged by the licensed mortgage broker. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.200(4)(a) and (b), a designated broker or principal of a licensed mortgage broker is liable for an employee's violations of the act if the designated broker or principal directs or instructs the conduct or with knowledge of the specific conduct approves or allows the conduct, or knows or by the exercise of reasonable care and inquiry should have known of the conduct at the time when its consequences can be avoided or mitigated and fails to take reasonable remedial action.
- 2.10 Prohibited Acts. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1), (2), (3), (6), (7), (13) and (15) for directly or indirectly employing a scheme, device or artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or lenders or any person, engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person, obtaining property by fraud or misrepresentation, failing to make disclosures to loan applicants as required by RCW 19.146.030 and any other applicable state or federal law, making, in any manner, any false or deceptive statement or representation with regard to the rates, points, or other financing terms or conditions for a residential mortgage loan, collecting, charging, attempting to collect or

Authority to Deny Application for Loan Originator License. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(1), the Director may deny licenses to loan originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.310(2) and WAC 208-660-350(7), the Director shall not issue a loan originator license if the conditions of RCW 19.146.310(1) have not been met by

¹ WAC 208-660-430(12) was recodified as WAC 208-660-430(13) effective 3/24/2008

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upon completion of any investigation of the books and records of a licensee or other person subject to the Act,

the Department will furnish to the licensee or other person subject to the Act a billing to cover the cost of the

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investigation. The investigation charge will be calculated at the rate of forty-eight dollars (\$48) per hour that each staff person devoted to the investigation.

IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, 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 19.146.210, RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221 and RCW 19.146.223.

Therefore, it is the Director's intention to ORDER that:

- 4.1 Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney's application for a license to conduct the business of a loan originator be denied; and
- 4.2 Respondent Fleet Home Mortgage's license to conduct the business of a mortgage broker be revoked or suspended; and
- 4.3 Respondent Michael Norman Burns' license to conduct the business of a loan originator and designated broker be revoked or suspended; and
- 4.4 Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of ten (10) years; and
- 4.5 Respondent Fleet Home Mortgage, Respondent Michael Norman Burns, and Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney jointly and severally pay a fine, which as of the date of these charges totals \$30,000; and
- **4.6** Respondent Fleet Home Mortgage, Respondent Michael Norman Burns, and Respondent Peter Alexander Whitney jointly and severally refund all fees that inured to Respondents' benefit to the borrowers listed in paragraphs 1.9 and 1.14; and
- 4.7 Respondent Fleet, Respondent Burns, and Respondent Whitney jointly and severally pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$3,552 calculated at \$48 per hour for the seventy four (74) staff hours, as of the date of this Statement of Charges, devoted to the investigation; and
- 4.8 Respondents maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondent Fleet Home Mortgage's mortgage broker business, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221,

RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The

Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the

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