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:

LIBERTY ONE LENDING INCORPORATED, MATTHEW D. GODDARD, President, TERRANCE M. FLANAGAN, VP and COO, TODD R. HUBBART, JOSEPH D. FONTENOT, SUZANNE M. KRESS, and ROBERT J. LaPAGE. NO. C-09-275-10-FO01

FINAL ORDER – SUZANNE M. KRESS

Respondents.

I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

A. <u>Default</u>. This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On January 19, 2010, the Director, through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Prohibit from Industry, Order Restitution, Impose Fines, and Collect Investigation Fees (Statement of Charges). A copy of the Statement of Charges is attached and incorporated into this order by this reference. The Statement of Charges was accompanied by a cover letter dated January 20, 2010, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and a blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing. The Department served the Statement of Charges, cover letter, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Application for Adjudicative Hearing on Respondent Suzanne M. Kress on January 20, 2010, by First-Class mail. The documents sent via First-Class mail were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service.

Respondent Suzanne M. Kress did not request an adjudicative hearing within twenty calendar days after the Department served her with the Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, as provided for in WAC 208-08-050(2).

24 || /

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

25 || /

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's designee 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.
- D. <u>Judicial Review</u>. Respondent has 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 34.05.510 and 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 Hay of And 2010



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director, Division of Consumer Services

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:

LIBERTY ONE LENDING INCORPORATED, MATTHEW D. GODDARD, President, TERRANCE M. FLANAGAN, VP and COO, TODD R. HUBBART, JOSEPH D. FONTENOT, SUZANNE M. KRESS, and ROBERT J. LaPAGE, NO. C-09-275-09-SC01

STATEMENT OF CHARGES and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER AN ORDER TO PROHIBIT FROM INDUSTRY, ORDER RESTITUTION, IMPOSE FINES, AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEES

Respondents.

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

8

2

3

4

5

6

7

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 (the Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to 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. Liberty One Lending Incorporated (Liberty One) was an Arizona for-profit corporation organized on September 23, 2003, in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. Liberty One was licensed by the Department of Financial Institutions (Department) to conduct business as a mortgage broker on December 13, 2005, license 510-MB-29151. Liberty One was continuously licensed with the Department until December 31, 2008, when the license expired. Liberty One applied through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System (NMLS) to maintain its license in Washington in 2009, but never completed the transition. Liberty One was registered in Washington as a foreign corporation, and was registered with the Department of Revenue. The Arizona corporation was administratively dissolved on March 4, 2009.

¹ RCW 19.146 (Amended 2006; effective January 1, 2007) STATEMENT OF CHARGES No. C-09-275-09-SC01 Liberty One Lending Incorporated, et al.

B. Matthew Dean "Matt" Goddard (Respondent Goddard) was the President and sole owner of Liberty One. Respondent Goddard has never been licensed by the Department; his NMLS license number is 11705.

- C. Terrance Michael "Terry" Flanagan (Respondent Flanagan) assumed the duties of Secretary and Chief Operating Officer in June 2007. Respondent Flanagan was licensed by the Department as the designated broker for Liberty One effective January 9, 2008, and as a loan originator effective January 10, 2008, and was continuously licensed with the Department until his license was cancelled on December 31, 2008. Respondent Flanagan's Washington loan originator number was 510-LO-46837; his NMLS license number is 11705.
- **D.** Todd Russell Hubbart (Respondent Hubbart), a resident of Arizona, was a licensed loan originator for Liberty One from December 18, 2007, through December 31, 2007. Respondent Hubbart's Washington loan originator number was 510-LO-45527; his NMLS license number is 32096.
- E. Joseph Dale "Joey" Fontenot (Respondent Fontenot), a resident of Arizona and former loan originator for Liberty One, has never been licensed with the Department, and is not licensed on NMLS.
- **F.** Suzanne Margaret Kress (Respondent Kress), a resident of Arizona and former loan originator for Liberty One, has never been licensed with the Department, and is not licensed on NMLS.
- G. Robert Joseph LaPage (Respondent LaPage), a resident of Arizona and former loan originator for Liberty One, has never been licensed with the Department, and is not licensed on NMLS.

1.2 Unlicensed Activity.

A. Unlicensed Location. Respondent Liberty One is known to have conducted the business of a mortgage broker during 2007 from an inbound call and processing center located at 8027 North Black Canyon Highway, Suite 404, in Phoenix, Arizona. The location had been licensed by the Arizona State Banking Department as a branch office of Liberty One, but to date, the Department has not issued a license to any person to conduct the business of a mortgage broker from that location. From May 9, 2007, through December 31, 2008, Respondent Liberty One did not have the statutorily required surety bond to engage in the business of a mortgage broker from that location.

|//

22

23

24

25

B. Unlicensed Loan Originators - Identity Unknown. Liberty One was a closely-held corporation, with Respondent Goddard the sole owner. He and his father, Dean A. Goddard (Mr. Goddard), were the only officers and directors of the corporation. Mr. Goddard was licensed with the Department as Liberty One's designated broker, and was Liberty One's only loan originator licensed in Washington from December 13, 2005, until his death on April 17, 2007.

From April 18, 2007, to December 18, 2007, when the Department licensed Respondent Hubbart as a loan originator, Liberty One had no one licensed to originate residential mortgage loans in Washington. During that period of time, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard used unlicensed loan originators to assist at least 42 borrowers obtain residential mortgage loans on property located in Washington, falsely stating on each loan application that Mr. Goddard had originated the loan.

- C. Respondent Hubbart. From September 25, 2007, through December 18, 2007, when he was licensed by the Department as a loan originator, Respondent Hubbart, working from an unknown location in Arizona, assisted at least four borrowers apply for and obtain residential mortgage loans on property located in Washington.
- D. Respondent Fontenot. On or about May 9, 2007, Respondent Fontenot, working from the unlicensed location discussed in paragraph 1.2 A, assisted at least one borrower apply for and obtain a residential mortgage loan on property located in Washington, earning \$26,638 in fees for Liberty One.
- E. Respondent Kress. On or about June 13, 2007, Respondent Kress, working from the unlicensed location discussed in paragraph 1.2 A, assisted at least one borrower apply for and obtain a residential mortgage loan on property located in Washington, earning \$9,810 in fees for Liberty One.
- F. Respondent LaPage. On or about June 6, 2007, Respondent LaPage, working from an unknown location in Arizona, held himself out as being able to assist borrowers obtain residential mortgage loans on Washington property.
- Failure to Notify Department of Significant Developments. 1.3
- A. Designated Broker. Liberty One was required by the Act to have a designated broker responsible for all activities of the mortgage broker. Within five business days of Mr. Goddard's death, Respondents

Liberty One and Goddard were required to notify the Department of the loss of Liberty One's designated broker, and within 30 days were required to apply to the Department for approval for a new designated broker. From April 24, 2007, to November 20, 2007, when Respondent Flanagan applied for licensure as the designated broker for Liberty One, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not notify the Department. From April 24, 2007, to January 9, 2008, when Respondent Flanagan's application to be Liberty One's designated broker was effective, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not have a designated broker.

- **B.** Change in Location. Liberty One was required by the Act to notify the Department within 30 days of a change to their location. On or about September 17, 2008, Liberty One registered an address change on NMLS. At the time, Liberty One was transitioning to NMLS, but the transition was never completed. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard never notified the Department of the address change.
- C. Closure of Business. Liberty One was required by the Act to notify the Department within 20 days after they ceased doing business in Washington, and to file a Mortgage Broker Closure Form and Annual Report with the Department. Liberty One apparently ceased doing business in Washington sometime during 2008. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not notify the Department they had ceased doing business in Washington, and never filed the required Closure Form or Annual Report.
- 1.4 False, Deceptive, and Misleading Advertising. During 2007 and 2008, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard distributed more than 15,000 direct mail solicitations in Washington advertising the opportunity to refinance residential mortgage loans through Liberty One. The solicitations contained numerous violations of the Act, plus violations of the Truth in Lending Act and the Federal Trade Commission Act. Common violations in both the 2007 and 2008 solicitations included falsely suggesting that Liberty One was the recipients' existing lender, and including information about the recipients' existing mortgage without disclosing the source of the information.
- A. 2007 Low Rate/Payment Solicitations. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard distributed three similar solicitations in 2007. The solicitations advised recipients of an opportunity to refinance their existing mortgage loans at very low interest rates. Recipients were further advised that they could consolidate second

mortgage debt into a single loan at a very low monthly payment. For example, a solicitation with a deadline of May 14, 2007, disclosed an interest rate of 1%, but did not clearly and conspicuously disclose the annual percentage rate. A solicitation with a deadline of July 9, 2007, calculated a new mortgage payment of \$530, but did not disclose the terms of repayment or whether the payment included amounts for taxes or insurance. Another solicitation, with a deadline of November 23, 2007, used the phrase "fixed payment," but was offering an adjustable rate mortgage with variable payments.

B. 2008 Increasing Rate/Payment Solicitations. During early 2008, Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan distributed more than 5,000 solicitations in Washington warning recipients that "your payment is about to increase and your interest rate may rise an additional 4 percent over the next six months." Recipients were further warned that if they did not take any action, "a payment increase will occur." Recipients were advised to call Liberty One "to stop the payment inflation that is currently taking place in your account." One complainant described the solicitation as false, in that the recipient had a fixed-rate mortgage that was not subject to any payment or interest rate increases.

1.5 Complaints.

A. Complaint 26053. Early in 2007, Borrower VR received a direct mail solicitation from Liberty One offering a cash-out refinance mortgage with a 1% interest rate, a \$734 monthly payment, and up to \$41,550 in cash. At the time, Borrower VR was interested in mortgage refinancing. On May 7, 2007, Borrower VR applied for a residential mortgage loan through Respondent Fontenot, an unlicensed loan originator working in Liberty One's inbound call and processing center. Borrower VR had other real estate under contract, and was expecting to pay off any new mortgage during 2008. Accordingly, Borrower VR negotiated loan terms with Respondents Liberty One and Fontenot that included a \$5,000 cap on loan origination fees, and excluded any prepayment penalties. On or about July 18, 2007, the loan was closed.

On February 26, 2008, Borrower VR filed a complaint with the Department alleging that Respondents

Liberty One and Fontenot had misrepresented the terms of the loan. The Department, under the authority of RCW

19.146.235, conducted a limited scope investigation into the complaint, and determined that Respondents Liberty

One and Fontenot had not disclosed on the Good Faith Estimate (GFE) which fees inured to the benefit of Liberty

One. Based on that finding, the Department requested that the Liberty One refund \$23,638 to Borrower VR.

Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan did not respond to the Department's request.

Further review revealed that Borrower VR's loan application, dated May 9, 2007, had purportedly been signed by Mr. Goddard on May 7, 2009. In addition, the Department found that the solicitation sent to Borrower VR did not make numerous required disclosures, and that Respondents Liberty One and Fontenot had misrepresented the terms of the loan by charging a \$9,828 loan origination fee and including a three-year prepayment penalty.

B. Complaint 24227. Early in 2007, Borrowers R & T received a direct mail solicitation from Liberty One offering to refinance their mortgage with a lower interest rate and monthly payments. At the time, Borrowers R & T had a 6.75% interest rate and were making interest-only mortgage payments of \$1,500 a month. On June 13, 2007, seeking to lower their interest rate and monthly payment, Borrowers R & T applied for a residential mortgage loan through Respondent Kress, an unlicensed loan originator working in Liberty One's inbound call and processing center. On or about July 18, 2007, the loan was closed. Borrowers R & T received a 40-year Option ARM that reduced their interest rate to 1.25% and monthly payment to \$744.22. However, in early September, 2007, Borrowers R & T received a notice from their new lender advising them that their interest rate was increasing to almost 9%, and that their monthly mortgage payment was increasing to \$1,900.

On September 13, 2007, Borrowers R & T filed a complaint with the Department alleging that Respondents Liberty One and Kress had misrepresented the terms of the loan. The Department conducted a limited scope investigation into the complaint and determined that Respondents Liberty One and Kress had not disclosed on the GFE which fees inured to the benefit of Liberty One. Based on that finding, the Department requested that Liberty One refund \$9,905.79 to Borrowers R & T. Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan refused to make the requested refund, and instead requested further review of the complaint.

Further review revealed that Borrowers R & T's loan application, dated June 13, 2007, had purportedly been signed by Mr. Goddard on June 8, 2007. In addition, the Department found that the solicitation sent to Borrowers

24

25

R & T did not make numerous required disclosures, and that Respondents Liberty One and Kress had misrepresented the terms of the loan by not disclosing the negative amortization feature of the loan.

C. Complaint 22993. On June 6, 2007, the Department received a tip from a competitor who alleged that Liberty One was using unlicensed individuals to originate residential mortgage loans in Washington. The competitor had received a direct mail solicitation from Liberty One, and had spoken with Respondent LaPage, an unlicensed loan originator working from an unknown location in Arizona.

The Department conducted a limited scope investigation into the complaint. Liberty One, through Respondent Goddard, responded to the complaint on October 22, 2007. Addressing the unlicensed conduct, Respondent Goddard stated that neither the branch office where Respondent LaPage worked, nor Respondent LaPage, had been licensed to conduct business in Washington.

D. Complaints 26519 & 26601. On April 10 and 18, 2008, the Department received competitor complaints regarding a direct mail solicitation being used by Liberty One. The solicitation warned recipients that if they did not contact Liberty One, their interest rates and monthly payment would increase. An employee of a competitor, a federally chartered savings and loan institution, filed complaint 26519 with the Department. The employee had personally received the solicitation, and found it false, threatening, and intimidating. The employee alleged the solicitation was false because the employee had a fixed-rate mortgage not subject to any payment or interest rate increases.

A mortgage broker competitor filed complaint 26601. The complaint was addressed to the Department's Enforcement Unit, and consisted solely of the solicitation described in Paragraph 1.2 B.

1.6 Deceptive, Inaccurate, and Missing Disclosures.

As part of the Department's limited scope investigation into complaint 22993, the Department reviewed 50 Washington residential mortgage loans funded by Liberty One during 2007. The review revealed that Respondents Liberty One and Goddard were making various deceptive or inaccurate disclosures.

A. Loan Origination Fee. Within three business days following receipt of a mortgage loan application, mortgage brokers are required to provide applicants with a written disclosure itemizing all fees and costs that a

borrower must pay in connection with getting a loan. The disclosure must specify, on lines 808 through 811 of the GFE, those fees which inure to the benefit of the broker. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard routinely disclosed part of its fees on line 801 of the GFE, which is reserved for loan origination fees charged by the lender. In 14 of 50 transactions reviewed, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard disclosed loan origination fees on line 801, not accurately disclosing a total of \$42,965 in loan origination fees. Furthermore, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not disclose that the loan origination fee inured to the benefit of Liberty One.

- B. HUD-1/1A Settlement Statements: Either before or at closing, Liberty One's settlement agents were required to provide borrowers with a written disclosure itemizing the final fees and costs the borrower must pay in connection with getting a loan. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard were required to instruct their settlement agents to disclose, on lines 808 through 811 of the HUD-1/1A Settlement Statement (HUD-1), those fees which inured to the benefit of Liberty One. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard routinely disclosed some of those fees on page three of the HUD-1. Only the subtotal of the disclosures from page three were transferred to page two, where the 800-series of lines, including lines 808 through 811, appear. As a result, a portion of the closing costs paid to Liberty Ones, including mortgage broker and processing fees, were hidden from borrowers. In 22 transactions, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not accurately disclose \$38,100 in closing costs, some portion of which inured to the benefit of Liberty One.
- C. Mortgage Broker Fees. On the initial GFE provided to borrowers, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard routinely disclosed that borrowers would be charged at least \$795 as a mortgage broker fee. In 26 transactions, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not accurately disclose \$29,038 in mortgage broker fees inuring to the benefit of Liberty One.
- **D.** Processing Fees. On the initial GFE provided to borrowers, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard routinely disclosed that borrowers would be charged at least \$895 as a processing fee. In 19 transactions, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not accurately disclose \$14,764 in processing fees inuring to the benefit of Liberty One.

E. Yield Spread Premium. On the initial GFE provided to borrowers, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard routinely disclosed that Liberty One would be receiving Yield Spread Premium (YSP) from the lender. The disclosure, "YSP 0-4%," did not clearly disclose the nature and purpose of the fee, and was not made in the correct section of the GFE. In 14 transactions, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not accurately disclose a total of \$62,354 in YSP collected by Liberty One.

- F. Forged Loan Applications. From April 17, 2007, through December 18, 2007, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard used unlicensed loan originators to assist at least 42 borrowers obtain residential mortgage loans on property located in the Washington. On each of those loan applications, someone either signed Mr. Goddard's name, signed for Mr. Goddard, or left the application unsigned, with Mr. Goddard's name typed in as the loan originator. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard falsely stated on each loan application that Mr. Goddard had originated the loan.
- G. Failure to Disclose Loan Originator License Number on Loan Applications. In all 50 transactions reviewed, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not include the loan originator's license number on the residential mortgage loan application as required by the Act.

Failure to Respond to Directives 1.7

A. Complaint 22993. On September 4, 2007, the Department served a directive on Liberty One by First-Class mail directing production of the names and addresses of all loan originators working for Liberty One, as well as the final HUD-1s for all Washington residential mortgage loans closed between January 1, 2007, and September 4, 2007. The response to the directive was due September 20, 2007. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard did not comply with the directive.

On October 15, 2007, the Department served a subpoena on Liberty One by Federal Express directing production of the requested documents by October 26, 2007. On October 22, 2007, Liberty One, through Respondent Goddard, responded to the subpoena, but did not produce all of the HUD-1s, and on more than 20 loans did not produce the third page of the HUD-1s.

23

24

On August 11, 2008, the Department sent another directive requesting copies of all Washington residential mortgage loan applications taken by Liberty One between January 1, 2007, and August 11, 2008, (19 months). On September 8, 2008, the Department received an incomplete response. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard had sent loan applications only for January 1, 2007, through October 29, 2007, (9 months); had not provided applications for at least five loans; and had not provided HUD-1s for at least 15 loans.

On December 4, 2008, the Department sent another directive to Liberty One requesting additional documents and an explanation for what appeared to be forgeries of Mr. Goddard's signature on loan applications. Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan never provided the requested additional documents or written explanation.

- **B.** Complaint 24227. On November 9, 2007, the Department served a directive on Liberty One by First-Class mail directing production of the complete loan file at issue by November 26, 2007. Respondents Liberty One and Goddard provided an incomplete copy of the loan file on December 11, 2007. On March 7, 2008, the Department served a subpoena on Liberty One by Federal Express directing production of the complete loan file by March 18, 2008. Liberty One produced the loan file on March 18, 2008.
- C. Complaint 24383. On November 13, 2007, the Department served a directive on Liberty One by First-Class mail directing production of all advertising documents maintained by Liberty One in compliance with WAC 208-660-450(1)(b) by November 28, 2007. In addition, the Department directed production of additional advertising documents, including:
 - i. For any advertisement containing a triggering term under the Truth in Lending Act, copies of all documents evidencing that the advertised terms were available at the time the advertisement was in use and copies of all documents demonstrating how the disclosed APR was calculated.
 - ii. For every advertisement, the date or dates of publication, the media (print, radio, television, direct mail, or other), and copies of billing information.
 - iii. For every advertisement, a written description of the advertisement, including the response rate and number of mortgage transactions resulting from the advertisement.

Respondents Goddard, Flanagan, and Liberty One did not comply with the directive.

On December 10, 2007, the Department served a subpoena on Liberty One by Federal Express directing production of the requested documents and written descriptions by December 21, 2007. Liberty One provided

an incomplete response to the subpoena on December 11, 2007, producing only two direct mail solicitations. The Department requested full compliance, and on December 18, 2007, received the requested information.

- **D.** Complaint 26053. On April 1, 2008, the Department served a directive on Liberty One by First-Class mail directing production of the all disclosures required pursuant to RCW 19.146.030, RESPA, TILA, and ECOA, including proof of delivery, by April 17, 2008. Respondents Liberty One, Goddard and Flanagan provided an incomplete response on April 14, 2008, as they did not produce all the requested documents or proof of delivery.
- E. Complaints 26519 & 26601. On April 10 and 18, 2008, the Department received complaints relating to a solicitation being used by Liberty One (the 2008 Solicitation described in paragraph 1.2 B). On November 18, 2008, the Department served a directive on Liberty One by First-Class mail directing production of all advertising documents maintained by Liberty One in compliance with WAC 208-660-450(1)(b), by December 4, 2008. In addition, the Department directed the production of the additional advertising documents identified in paragraph 1.8 C. Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan did not comply with the directive.

On December 16, 2008, the Department served a subpoena on Liberty One by Federal Express directing production of the requested documents and written descriptions by December 29, 2008. Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan did not comply with the subpoena.

1.8 On-Going Investigation

The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents is continuing.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

2.1 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Branch License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.265 for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker from a fixed physical location without first obtaining and maintaining a branch license for that fixed physical location under the Act.

1	2.2 Requirement to Obtain Loan Originator Licenses. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in			
2	Section I above, Respondents Fontenot, Kress, Hubbart, and LaPage are in apparent violation of			
3	RCW 19.146.200(1) for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator without first			
4	obtaining a license under the Act.			
5	2.3 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain Surety Bond. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in			
6	Section I above, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.205(4)(a)			
7	and WAC 208-660-175(1) by not obtaining and maintaining coverage under their surety bond for the			
8	unlicensed branch.			
9	2.4 Requirement to Notify Department of Significant Developments. Based on the Factual Allegations set			
10	forth in Section I above, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard are in apparent violation of WAC 208-660-400(9			
11	for not notifying the Director five days after the loss of their designated broker; in apparent violation of WAC 208			
12	660-180(3) for not replacing their designated broker within thirty days; and in apparent violation of WAC 208-			
13	660-400(5) for not notifying the Director in writing ten days prior to a change of Liberty One's principal place of			
14	business.			
15	2.5 Requirement to File Annual Report. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above,			
16	Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.290 and WAC 208-			
17	660-400(1) and (2) for failing to timely file an annual report of mortgage broker activity.			
18	2.6 Requirement to Notify Department of Ceasing Doing Business in Washington. Based on the Factua			
19	Allegations set forth in Section 1 above, Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, and Flanagan are in apparent			
20	violation of WAC 208-660-400(14) for failing to notify the Department that it ceased doing business in			
21	Washington.			
22	2.7 Falsified Documents. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents			
23	Liberty One and Goddard are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1), (2), and (3) for directly or			
24	indirectly employing a scheme, device or artifice to defraud or mislead borrowers or lenders or any person,			
25	engaging in an unfair or deceptive practice toward any person, and obtaining property by fraud or			

2.12 Requirement to Accurately Disclose Loan Terms. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I
above, Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, Fontenot, and Kress are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(7)
for making false or deceptive statements concerning the financing terms and conditions for residential mortgage
loans.
2.13 Requirement to Disclose Residential Mortgage Loan Fees. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in
Section I above, Respondents Liberty One, Goddard, Fontenot, Kress, and Hubbart are in apparent violation of
RCW 19.146.0201(6) and (15) for not making disclosures to loan applicants as required by RCW 19.146.030,
including the initial disclosures required by RCW 19.146.030(1).
2.14 Requirement to Comply with the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. Based on the Factual
Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard are in apparent violation of
RCW 19.146.0201(11) by not complying with the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, 12 U.S.C. §2601 and
Regulation X, 24 C.F.R. §3500, which requires disclosure of the fees that inured to the benefit of Respondent
Liberty One on the GFE and HUD-1.
2.15 Requirement to Respond to Directives. Based upon the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I
above, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.235 for failing to
respond to directives issued by the Department.
2.16 Requirement to Include Loan Originator License Number on Applications. Based on the Factual
Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents Liberty One and Goddard are in apparent violation of
RCW 19.146.0201(2) for failing to ensure that loan originator's license numbers are included on loan
applications.
III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS
3.1 Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5), the Director may issue an order
prohibiting from participation in the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker any officer or principal of any licensed

25

mortgage broker for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9), RCW 19.146.030, or RCW 19.146.200.

1	4.7	Respondents Liberty One Lending Incorporated and Matthew Dean Goddard, jointly and severally, pay a fine of \$350,000; and
2	4.8	Respondent Terrance Michael Flanagan pay a fine of \$35,000; and
3	4.9	Respondent Todd Russell Hubbart pay a fine of \$7,000; and
4	4.10	Respondent Joseph Dale Fontenot pay a fine of \$3,000; and
5	4.11	Respondent Suzanne Margaret Kress pay a fine of \$3,000; and
6	4.12	Respondent Robert Joseph LaPage pay a fine of \$2,000; and
7 8	4.13	Respondents Liberty One Lending Incorporated and Matthew Dean Goddard jointly and severally pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$4,032 calculated at \$48 per hour for 84 staff hours devoted to that part of the investigation; and
9 10	4.14	Respondent Terrance Michael Flanagan pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$864 calculated at \$48 per hour for 18 staff hours devoted to that part of the investigation; and
11	4.15	Respondent Joseph Dale Fontenot pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$576 calculated at \$48 per hour for 12 staff hours devoted to that part of the investigation; and
12	4.16	Respondent Suzanne Margaret Kress pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$768 calculated at \$48 per hour for 16 staff hours devoted to that part of the investigation; and
14	4.17	Respondent Todd Russell Hubbart pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$192 calculated at \$48 per hour for 4 staff hours devoted to that part of the investigation; and
15 16	4.18	Respondent Robert Joseph LaPage pay an investigation fee in the amount of \$192 calculated at \$48 per hour for 4 staff hours devoted to that part of the investigation; and
17	4.19	Respondents Liberty One Lending Incorporated and Matthew Dean Goddard maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other
18		information relating to Liberty One's mortgage broker business, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records.
19		
20		V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE
21		This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Enter an Order to Prohibit from Industry, Order
22	Restit	tution, Impose Fines, and Collect Investigation Fees (Statement of Charges) is entered pursuant to the
23	provis	sions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the
24	provis	sions of chapter 34.05 RCW (the Administrative Procedure Act). Respondents may make a written request
25		
	S	TATEMENT OF CHARGES 16 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

1	for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR
2	HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.
3	Dated this day of January, 2010.
4	Jack Boh
5	DEBORAH BORTNER Director, Division of Consumer Services
6	Department of Financial Institutions
7	Presented by:
8	Anthony W. Cato
9	ANTHONY W. CARTER Enforcement Attorney
10	
11	Approved by:
12	1. Physila
13	JAMES R. BRUSSELBACK
14	Enforcement Chief
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	

25