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

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IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Whether there has been a violation of the

Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by:

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HOME RESCUE PROGRAMS INC, and 6

BRIAN SUDER, President, Respondents.

NO. C-10-187-10-FO01

FINAL ORDER

## I. DIRECTOR'S CONSIDERATION

Α. Default. This matter has come before the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions of the State of Washington (Director), through his designee, Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1). On July 15, 2010, the Director, through Consumer Services Division Director Deborah Bortner, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist, Prohibit from Industry, Impose Fine, Order Restitution and Collect Investigation Fee (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 July 15, 2010, a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents. The Department served the Statement of Charges, cover letter, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing (Statement of Charges Packet) on Respondents on July 15, 2010, by United States Postal Service First-Class mail (First-Class mail) and Federal Express overnight delivery. The Department also served the Statement of Charges Packet on Respondents' registered agent (National Registered Agents Inc) on July 15, 2010, by First-Class Mail and Federal Express overnight delivery. On July 20, 2010, the documents sent via Federal Express

overnight delivery to Respondents and Respondents' registered agent were delivered. The documents sent via First-Class mail to Respondents and Respondents' registered agent were not returned to the Department by the United States Postal Service. Additionally, on July 22, 2010, the Statement of Charges Packet was personally served on Respondents by an Orange County Sherriff's Deputy.

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

- B. <u>Record Presented</u>. The record presented to the Director's designee for her review and for entry of a final decision included the following: Statement of Charges, cover letter, Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, and blank Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder, with documentation of service.
- C. <u>Factual Findings and Grounds For Order</u>. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.440(1), the Director's designee hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.

### II. FINAL ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, and the Director's designee having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE:

## A. <u>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED</u>, That:

- 1. Respondent Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder cease and desist offering loan modification services or otherwise conducting the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator in the state of Washington; and
- 2. Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder are prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker or loan originator subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five (5) years; and

- 3. Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder jointly and severally pay a fine of \$12,000; and
- 4. Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder jointly and severally refund all fees or monies collected from the borrowers in the attached restitution schedule; and
- 5. Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder jointly and severally pay an investigation fee which totals \$2,136; and
- 6. Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder shall maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondent Home Rescue Programs Inc's business, and the name, address and telephone number of the individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
- B. Reconsideration. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, Respondents have the right to file a Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondents. The Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

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>. Respondents have 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>Non-compliance with Order</u>. If you do not comply with the terms of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of Attorney General to include the collection of the fines, fees, and restitution imposed herein.
- F. <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 day of luguet, 2010.

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

DEBORAH BORTNER

DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES

### 1 STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 2 DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES 3 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING NO. C-10-187-10-SC01 Whether there has been a violation of the 4 Mortgage Broker Practices Act of Washington by: STATEMENT OF CHARGES and 5 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER HOME RESCUE PROGRAMS INC, and AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, PROHIBIT 6 BRIAN SUDER, President, FROM INDUSTRY, IMPOSE FINE, ORDER 7 RESTITUTION. AND COLLECT INVESTIGATION FEE Respondents. 8 INTRODUCTION 9 Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220 and RCW 19.146.223, the Director of the Department of Financial 10 Institutions of the State of Washington (Director) is responsible for the administration of chapter 19.146 RCW, 11 the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (Act). After having conducted an investigation pursuant to RCW 12 19.146.235, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Statement of Charges, the Director, through 13 his designee, Division of Consumer Services Director Deborah Bortner, institutes this proceeding and finds as 14 follows: 15 L FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS 16 Respondents. 17 1.1 Home Rescue Programs Inc (Respondent Home Rescue) is incorporated in the state of A. 18 California. Respondent Home Rescue has never been licensed to conduct the business of a Mortgage Broker by 19 the Department of Financial Institutions (Department). 20 B. Brian Suder (Respondent Suder) is President of Respondent Home Rescue. Respondent Suder 21 has never been licensed to conduct the business of a Mortgage Broker or Loan Originator by the Department. 22 1.2 Unlicensed Activity. Between at least April 2009 and the date of this Statement of Charges, 23 Respondents held themselves out as able to assist at least four consumers in applying to obtain a loan 24 modification on property located in the state of Washington. Respondents received fees totaling at least \$9,195 25

from these consumers. Respondents did not have a mortgage broker or loan originator license issued by the Department during any of the time in question.

1.3 On-Going Investigation. The Department's investigation into the alleged violations of the Act by Respondents continues to date.

#### II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- **2.1 Definition of Mortgage Broker.** Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(14), "Mortgage Broker" means any person who for compensation or gain, or in the expectation of compensation or gain (a) assists a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan or (b) holds himself or herself out as being able to assist a person in obtaining or applying to obtain a residential mortgage loan.
- 2.2 Definition of Loan Originator. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.010(11)(a), "Loan originator" means a natural person who for direct or indirect compensation or gain, or in the expectation of direct or indirect compensation or gain (i) takes a residential mortgage loan application for a mortgage broker, or (ii) offers or negotiates terms of a mortgage loan. "Loan originator" also includes a person who holds themselves out to the public as able to perform any of these activities. "Loan originator" does not mean persons performing purely administrative or clerical tasks for a mortgage broker. For the purposes of this subsection, "administrative or clerical tasks" means the receipt, collection, and distribution of information common for the processing of a loan in the mortgage industry and communication with a borrower to obtain information necessary for the processing of a loan. A person who holds himself or herself out to the public as able to obtain a loan is not performing administrative or clerical tasks.
- 2.3 Requirement to Obtain and Maintain License. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondents are in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1), (2) and (3), and RCW 19.146.200 for engaging in the business of a mortgage broker without first obtaining and maintaining a license under the Act. Individuals negotiating residential mortgage loan terms act as mortgage brokers or loan originators and must be licensed under the Act unless specifically exempt from the Act.

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the cost of the investigation. The investigation charge will be calculated at the rate of forty-eight dollars (\$48) per

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hour that each staff person devoted to the investigation.

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### IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

2	Respondents' violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as set forth
3	in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions, constitute a basis
4	for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221 and RCW 19.146.223. Therefore, it is the
5	Director's intention to ORDER that:
6	4.1 Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder cease and desist offering loan modification services or otherwise conducting the business of a mortgage broker or loan originator in the state of
7	Washington; and
8	4.2 Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker or loan originator subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, for a period of five (5) years; and
10	4.3 Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder jointly and severally pay a fine, which as of the date of this Statement of Charges totals \$12,000; and
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12	4.4 Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder jointly and severally refund all fees or monies collected from the borrowers referenced in paragraph 1.2 above; and
13	4.5 Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder jointly and severally pay an investigation fee which as of the date of these charges totals \$2,136 calculated at \$48 per hour for the forty-four and one half hours (44.5) stoff hours devoted to the investigations and
14	hours (44.5) staff hours devoted to the investigation; and
15 16	4.6 Respondents Home Rescue Programs Inc and Brian Suder maintain records in compliance with the Act and provide the Department with the location of the books, records and other information relating to Respondent Home Rescue Programs Inc's business, and the name, address and telephone number of the
	individual responsible for maintenance of such records in compliance with the Act.
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#### V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Cease and Desist, Prohibit from Industry, Impose Fine, Order Restitution, and Collect Investigation Fee (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 NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

Dated this 15th day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

- DÉBORAH BORTNER

Director

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES
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