

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AGENCY CASE NO. 2015-AH-0033

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**COMPLAINANT** 

v.

BUCKEYE CHECK CASHING OF KENTUCKY, INC.

RESPONDENT

## AGREED ORDER

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- 1. The Department of Financial Institutions ("DFI") is responsible for regulating and licensing entities engaged in the business of cashing checks and accepting deferred deposit transactions in accordance with the provisions set forth in KRS Chapter 286.9.
- 2. Buckeye Check Cashing of Kentucky, Inc. ("Respondent") is authorized to do business in Kentucky as a deferred deposit and check cashing licensee pursuant to KRS Chapter 286.9, with an office located at 4628 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky 40216. Respondent's license number for the referenced location is CC15493.
- 3. The DFI conducted a routine examination of Respondent on September 29, 2014. During the examination, the DFI discovered that Respondent improperly closed a transaction for a customer in the Veritec database when the customer still owed a balance on the loan in violation of KRS 286.9-140(1). When the loan was reopened, the customer's outstanding balance exceeded the limits allowed under KRS 286.9-100(9), and exceeded the number of loans allowed under KRS 286.9-100(9).
- 4. The DFI possesses a range of administrative authority in addressing violations of KRS Chapter 286.9 and the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder, including license

suspension, license revocation, license denial, and the imposition of fines in an amount up to \$5,000 per violation. *See* KRS 286.9-110; 286.9-991.

- 5. In this case, the DFI assessed a fine against Respondent in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the above-described violations of KRS 286.9-100(9) and 286.9-140(1).
- 6. In the interest of economically and efficiently resolving the violation(s) described herein, the DFI and Respondent agree as follows:
  - a. Respondent agrees to, and shall pay the total fine assessed herein of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), which shall be due upon entry of this Agreed Order. The payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" and mailed to the Department of Financial Institutions, Attn: Non-Depository Division, 1025 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601;
  - b. Respondent agrees to make restitution, by check drawn on the Respondent's account, to all affected customers by refunding the service fees on the transactions that created the database violation and to maintain records consistent with KRS 286.9-074 that such refund checks were issued to the customers and were processed for payment by the customer; and
  - c. Respondent shall devote the time and resources necessary to ensure continual and full compliance with all statutory requirements set forth in KRS Chapter 286.9.

7. Respondent waives its right to demand a hearing at which it would be entitled to

legal representation, to confront and cross examine witnesses, and to present evidence on its own

behalf, or to otherwise appeal or set aside this Order.

8. Respondent consents to and acknowledges the jurisdiction of the DFI over this

matter, and acknowledges that this Agreed Order is a matter of public record and may be

disseminated as such.

9. In consideration of execution of this Agreed Order, Respondent for itself, and for

its successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the Commonwealth of

Kentucky, the DFI, the Office of Legal Services, and each of their members, agents, and

employees in their individual capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action,

suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in

law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any or all of

the persons or entities named in this paragraph arising out of or by reason of this investigation,

this disciplinary action, this settlement or its administration.

10. By signing below, the parties acknowledge they have read the foregoing Agreed

Order, know and fully understand its contents, and that they are authorized to enter into and

execute this Agreed Order and legally bind their respective parties.

This Agreed Order shall constitute the Final Order in this matter. 11.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this the 15th day of Merch, 2015.

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COMMISSIONER

This day of theren, 2015.	This 23 day of Jebruay, 20/5.
Tammy Scruggs, Director Division of Non-Depository Institutions Department of Financial Institutions	Authorized Representative Buckeye Check Cashing of Kentucky, Inc. License #CC15493
<u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u>	
STATE OF Shee ) COUNTY OF Shew )	
On this the 23th day of fibruary, 2015, before me Deborah L. Eiden, the undersigned, Bridgette Romes, did personally appear and acknowledge himself/herself to be the authorized representative of Buckeye Check Cashing of Kentucky, Inc. (License #CC15493) and that he/she, being authorized to do so, entered into and executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.	
In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand	•
My Commission Expires:	26/15
	Notary Public  DEBORAN: LEIDEN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF OHIO 1EY COMMISSION EXPIRE 12/24/15.

## **Certificate of Service**

of North, 2015, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following:

Bridgette C. Roman Buckeye Check Cashing of Kentucky, Inc. 7001 Post Road, Suite 200 Dublin, Ohio 43016

And by hand-delivery to:

John C. Allender Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions 1025 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Christina Hayden

Department of Financial Institutions