

# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AGENCY CASE NO. 2012-AH- O 259

IN THE MATTER OF: SOUTHERN SPECIALTY FINANCE, INC. D/B/A CHECK 'N GO 7755 MONTGOMERY ROAD, SUITE C CINCINNATI, OH 45236

#### **AGREED ORDER**

## BACKGROUND AND FACTUAL FINDINGS

- 1. The Department of Financial Institutions ("DFI") is responsible for regulating deferred deposit service businesses doing business in Kentucky in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 286.9-010, et seq. (the "Act").
- 2. Southern Specialty Finance, Inc. d/b/a Check 'N Go ("Check 'N Go") has a store in Crescent Springs, Kentucky (License # 18856).
- 3. Pursuant to the Act, the DFI conducted an examination of the store on July 17, 2012 to determine whether the activities of Check 'N Go were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; whether the practices and policies of Check 'N Go had a potential adverse impact on prospective borrowers; and whether the business was being operated efficiently, fairly and in the public interest.
- 4. During the examination, the DFI discovered that Check 'N Go allowed a customer to alter the date on a previously held check so that the same check could be used with a new transaction in violation of KRS 286.9-100(14).

### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

- 5. Pursuant to KRS 286.9-100(14), a licensee shall not for a fee renew, roll over, or otherwise consolidate a deferred deposit transaction for a customer.
- 6. Pursuant to KRS 286.9-991, the Commissioner may assess a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation, plus the state's costs for the examination, investigation, and prosecution of the matter, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs against any person that violates any provision of the Act or accompanying regulations.

#### **LEGAL CONCLUSIONS**

7. Check 'N Go violated KRS 286.9-100(14) by performing the acts set forth in paragraph 4 above.

#### **AGREEMENT**

- 8. In the interest of economically and efficiently resolving the violation described herein, the parties agree as follows:
- a. Check 'N Go agrees to pay a fine assessment in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The payment shall be in the form of certified check or money order payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" and mailed to the Department of Financial Institutions, Attn: William Owsley, 1025 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, KY 40601.
- 9. Check 'N Go waives its right to demand a hearing, at which Check 'N Go would be entitled to legal representation, to confront and cross examine witnesses for the Department of Financial Institutions, and to present evidence on its own behalf, or to otherwise appeal or set this Order aside.

- 10. Check 'N Go consents to and acknowledges the jurisdiction of the DFI over this matter and that this Agreed Order is a matter of public record and may be disseminated as such.
- 11. In consideration of the execution of this Agreed Order, Check 'N Go, for itself, and for its successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the DFI, 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 actions, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Check 'N Go 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.
- 12. By signing below, the parties acknowledge that they have read the foregoing Agreed Order, know and understand its contents, and that they are authorized to enter into and executed this Agreed Order and legally bind their respective parties.
- 13. This Agreed Order shall constitute the Final Order in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this lot day of October, 2012.

CHARLES A. VICE COMMISSIONER

# Consented to:

This 15 day of October, 2012

Division of Non-depository Institutions Department of Financial Institutions

This \_\_\_\_ day of <u>October</u> , 2012

Southern Specialty Finance, Inc. d/b/a Check 'N Go

BY: Candace Sheridan ITS: Director of Compliance