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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
AGENCY CASE NO. 2014-AH-0052

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS — COMPLAINANT

v.

SOUTHERN SPECIALTY FINANCE, INC.
d/b/a CHECK 'N GO — RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

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1. The Department of Financial Institutions (hereinafter the "Department") 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. Southern Specialty Finance, Inc., d/b/a Check 'n Go, ("Respondent") is authorized to do business in Kentucky as a check casher pursuant to KRS Chapter 286.9, with an office located at 221 Walmart Way, Maysville, Kentucky. This office license number is 18859.

3. The Department conducted a routine examination of Respondent on November 19, 2013. During the examination, The Department discovered that Respondent improperly closed a customer's account in the Veritec database while he/she still had an outstanding balance, thereby allowing the customer to enter into a deferred deposit transactions exceeding the limits allowed under KRS Chapter 286.9, in violation of KRS 286.9-100(9) and .9-140(1).

4. The Department possesses a range of administrative authority in addressing violations of the Act, including license revocation or denial, 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 Department assessed a fine against Respondent in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for violating KRS 286.9-140(1).

6. In the interest of economically and efficiently resolving the violation(s) described herein, and without Respondent admitting or denying the statements of fact and legal conclusions herein, DFI and Respondent agree as follows:

a. Respondent agrees to a fine assessment in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for the violation(s) described herein;

b. Respondent agrees to and shall pay the total fine assessed herein of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00), which shall be due when Respondent signs and returns the 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: William H. Adams II, 1025 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601;

c. 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; if the customer cannot be located within a reasonable time, the fees shall be paid to the Department as a fine in the same manner as provided in subparagraph b., above;

d. 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 Department over this matter and 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 Department, 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.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED on this the 3 day of April, 2014.

CHARLES A. VICE
COMMISSIONER

Consented to:

This 3 day of April, 2014.

Director
Division of Non-Depository Institutions
Department of Financial Institutions

This 26th day of March, 2014.

Authorized Representative
Southern Specialty Finance, Inc.
d/b/a Check 'n Go

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF Ohio)
)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)

On this, the 26th day of March, 2014, before me Cynthia Parker, the undersigned, Tangela Edwards did personally appear and acknowledge himself/herself to be the authorized representative of Southern Specialty Finance, Inc., d/b/a Check 'n Go. 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:

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/14/16

NOTARIAL SEAL STATE OF OHIO

Cynthia L. Parker
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 6/14/16

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing **Agreed Order** was sent on this the 3 day of April, 2014, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following:

Southern Specialty Finance, Inc.
d/b/a Check 'n Go
7755 Montgomery Road, Suite 400
Cincinnati, OH 45236

VIA HAND DELIVERY TO:

William H. Adams II
1025 Captial Center Drive, Suite 200
Frankfort, KY 40601
Counsel for the Department

Christina Hayden
Department of Financial Institutions