In re the Matter of:

State of New Hampshire Banking

Department,

Petitioner,

Order to Show Cause and Ocease and Desist

and

Alpine Direct Services, LLC, Dan

Koetting and Jairo Perez,

Respondents

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## NOTICE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND CEASE AND DESIST ("ORDER")

- 1. This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of RSA Chapter 399-A (including RSA 399-A:7,I and II, RSA 399-A:8,I and RSA 399-A:16,IV) and RSA Chapter 541-A.
- 2. The Commissioner may impose administrative penalties of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation. RSA 399-A:18,V and VI.

## RESPONDENT

- 3. Alpine Direct Services, LLC ("Respondent Alpine Direct") is a limited liability company duly incorporated in the State of Nevada on October 8, 2009 with a principal office location in San Diego, California. Respondent Alpine Direct is not registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State. Respondent Alpine Direct is a "Person." RSA 399-A:1,XII.
- 4. The New Hampshire Banking Department ("Department") records indicate
  Respondent Alpine Direct has never held a Payday or Small Loan Lender
  license with the Department.
- 25 | 5. Dan Koetting (Respondent Koetting) is listed in the Nevada Secretary

- 1 | of State's office filings as a Managing Member of Respondent Alpine Direct.
- 2 Respondent Koetting is a Direct Owner (RSA 399-A:1,III-b), a Principal (RSA
- 3 | 399-A:1,XIII), and a Person (RSA 399-A:1,XII).
- 4 | 6. The New Hampshire Banking Department ("Department") records indicate
- 5 Respondent Koetting has never held a Payday or Small Loan Lender license
- 6 | with the Department.
- 7 | 7. Jairo Perez (Respondent Perez) is listed in the Nevada Secretary of
- 8 | State's office filings as a Managing Member of Respondent Alpine Direct.
- 9 Respondent Perez is a Direct Owner (RSA 399-A:1,III-b), a Principal (RSA
- 10 | 399-A:1,XIII), and a Person (RSA 399-A:1,XII).
- 11 | 8. The New Hampshire Banking Department ("Department") records indicate
- 12 Respondent Perez has never held a Payday or Small Loan Lender license with
- 13 | the Department.
- 14 | 9. The above-named Respondents are hereinafter collectively called
- 15 | "Respondents".

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## RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

- 17 | 10. Respondents have a right to request a hearing on this Order. A hearing
- 18 | shall be held not later than ten (10) days after the Commissioner receives
- 19 | the Respondent's written request for a hearing. Respondents may request a
- 20 | hearing and waive the ten (10) day hearing requirement. The hearing shall
- 21 | comply with RSA Chapter 541-A. RSA 399-A:7 and RSA 399-A:8.
- 22 | 11. If any person fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days of
- 23 | receiving this Order, then such person shall be deemed in default, and the
- 24 Order shall, on the thirty-first (31st) day, become permanent, all
- 25 | allegations may be deemed true, and shall remain in full force and effect

- 1 until modified or vacated by the Commissioner for good cause shown. RSA 2 399-A:7 and RSA 399-A:8.
- 3 | 12. A default may result in administrative fines as described in Paragraph 4 | 2 above.

## STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

- 6 | 13. On October 1, 2010 the Department received a complaint from a New
  7 | Hampshire consumer ("Consumer A") against Respondents concerning a payday or
  8 | small loan.
- 9 | 14. On June 7, 2010, Respondents issued Consumer A the payday or small loan in the amount of \$200.00, in violation of RSA 399-A:2,I.
- 11 | 15. Respondents deducted \$480.00 from Consumer A's bank account over the course of 3 months in violation of RSA 399-A:11,XI and RSA 399-A:13,I.

  Consumer A should be entitled to a refund of \$280.00, the amount over the
- 14 | \$200.00 originally borrowed.

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- 15 | 16. The annual percentage rate for this loan issued by Respondents was 16 | greater than 36% in violation of RSA 399-A:13,XX.
  - 17. On May 25, 2011, the Department sent a letter via U.S. Certified Mail return receipt requested to Respondents at the Carson City, Nevada address and the San Diego, California address suggesting it apply for licensure with the Department, requesting documentation regarding Respondents New Hampshire consumer activity, and resolution of a consumer complaint. The correspondence was received by the Respondents on May 31, 2011.
  - 18. On June 27, 2011, the Department received a correspondence from Attorney Christopher S. Wunder of Kaplan, Papadakis & Gournis, P.C. indicating that this firm represented the Respondents. The correspondence

1	from Attorney Wunder indicated that Respondents had ceased from engaging in
2	any transactions in the State of New Hampshire and cancelled all outstanding
3	transactions including the transaction involving Consumer A.
4	19. On August 8, 2011, the Department contacted Attorney Wunder indicating
5	that his previous response was insufficient and reiterating the need for the
6	documents that were previously requested in the March 25, 2011 letter.
7	20. To date, Respondents have not obtained a payday or small loan license
8	from the Department, provided the Department with the requested
9	documentation, or resolved the consumer complaint.
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11	/s/September 14, 2011
12	Ryan McFarland Date Hearings Examiner
13	ORDER
14	21. I hereby find as follows:
15	a. Pursuant to RSA 399-A:7,I and II, the facts as alleged above, if
16	true, show Respondent is operating or has operated in violation of RSA
17	Chapter 399-A and form the legal basis for this Order;
18	b. Pursuant to 399-A:16,VI, this Order is necessary and appropriate
19	to the public interest and for the protection of consumers and consistent
20	with the purpose and intent of New Hampshire banking laws;
21	c. The Department finds pursuant to RSA 399-A:8,I, reasonable cause
22	to issue an order to cease and desist; and
23	d. Pursuant to RSA 399-A:7,I and II and RSA 399-A:8,I, if
24	Respondent fails to respond to this Order and/or defaults then all facts as
25	alleged herein are deemed as true.

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- a. Respondents shall cease and desist from violating RSA Chapter 399-A and rules or orders thereunder;
- b. Respondents shall immediately provide the Department a list of all New Hampshire consumers for whom Respondents have given payday or small loans and a status of those accounts. This list must include the names and contact information of the New Hampshire consumers, along with monies charged, collected and waived (if applicable). The list shall also be accompanied by all contracts, checks to and from the consumer and any other documents in the New Hampshire consumers' files;
- c. Respondents shall show cause why the Commissioner should not enter an order of rescission, restitution, or disgorgement of profits including at a minimum restitution of \$280.00 (for Consumer A);
- d. Respondents shall show cause why an administrative fine of up to a maximum of \$2,500.00 per violation should not be imposed as follows:
  - (1). Respondent Alpine Direct:
    - Violation #1: Unlicensed payday or small loan activity
    - (RSA 399-A:2,I) 1 count;
    - Violation #2: Failure to provide requested documents (RSA
    - 399-A:10,II) 1 count;
    - Violation #3: Charging additional fees on a loan (RSA 399-
    - A:11,XI)) 1 count;
    - Violation #4: Charging additional fees on a loan (RSA 399-
    - A:13,I) 1 count;
    - Violation #5: Making a payday loan with an Annual
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                      A:13,XX) - 1 count;
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                (2). Respondent Koetting (as Direct Owner and Principal):
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                      399-A:10, II) - 1 count;
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                      A:13,XX) - 1 count;
                (3). Respondent Perez (as Direct Owner and Principal):
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1	A:13,XX) - 1 count;
2	e. Nothing in this Order:
3	(1). shall prevent the Department from taking any further
4	administrative and legal action as necessary under New Hampshire law; and
5	(2). shall prevent the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney
6	General from bringing an action against the above named Respondent in any
7	New Hampshire superior court, with or without prior administrative action by
8	the Commissioner.
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10	SO ORDERED.
11	/s/ RONALD A. WILBUR  Dated: September 14, 2011
12	BANK COMMISSIONER
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