1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department)Case No.: 06-109 In re the Matter of: 2 State of New Hampshire Banking 3)Order to Show Cause Department, 4 5 Petitioner, 6 and Consumer Disclosure Inc, and Stephen 7 Snyder, 8 Respondents 9 10 NOTICE OF ORDER This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions 11 of RSA 397-A and RSA 541-A. 12 13 LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION 14 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Banking Department of the State of New Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue an order 15 to show cause why license revocation and penalties for violations of New 16 17 Hampshire Banking laws should not be imposed. 18 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18, the Department has the authority to issue a 19 complaint setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion 20 that the licensee or person over whom the Department has jurisdiction is violating or has violated any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A, or any rule or 21 order thereunder. 22 23 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:20, IV, the Commissioner may issue, amend, or rescind such orders as are reasonably necessary to comply with the 24

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provisions of the Chapter.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to suspend, revoke or deny any license and to impose administrative penalties of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation of New Hampshire banking law and rules.

5 Pursuant to RSA 383:10-d, the Commissioner shall investigate conduct 6 that is or may be an unfair or deceptive act or practice under RSA 358-A and 7 exempt under RSA 358-A:3,I or that may violate any of the provisions of 8 Titles XXXV and XXXVI and administrative rules adopted thereunder. The 9 Commissioner may hold hearings relative to such conduct and may order 10 restitution for a person or persons adversely affected by such conduct.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

The above named Respondents have the right to request a hearing on 12 13 this Order to Show Cause, as well as the right to be represented by counsel at each Respondent's own expense. All hearings shall comply with RSA 541-A. 14 Any such request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the 15 Respondent or the duly authorized agent of the above named Respondent, and 16 shall be delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt 17 18 requested, to the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire, 53 Regional Drive, Suite 200, Concord, NH 03301. Such hearings will be scheduled within 19 10 days of the Department's receipt of the request. If the Respondent fails 20 to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, such person shall be 21 deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against the Respondent 22 23 upon consideration of the Order to Show Cause, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true. 24

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If any of the above named Respondents fails to request a hearing within

1 30 calendar days of receipt of such order or reach a formal written and 2 executed settlement with the Department within that time frame, then such 3 person shall likewise be deemed in default, and the orders shall, on the 4 thirty-first day, become permanent, and shall remain in full force and effect 5 until and unless later modified or vacated by the Commissioner, for good cause 6 shown.

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STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The <u>Staff Petition</u> dated July 1, 2009 (a copy of which is attached hereto) is incorporated by reference hereto.

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ORDER

WHEREAS, finding it necessary and appropriate and in the public interest, and consistent with the intent and purposes of the New Hampshire banking laws; and

WHEREAS, finding that the allegations contained in the Staff Petition, if proved true and correct, form the legal basis of the relief requested;

It is hereby ORDERED, that:

- Respondent Consumer Disclosure Inc ("Respondent Consumer Disclosure") shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$2,500.00 should not be imposed against it;
- 2. Respondent Stephen Snyder ("Respondent Snyder") shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$2,500.00 should not be imposed against him;
- 3. The above named Respondents shall show cause why, in addition to the penalties listed in Paragraphs 1 through 2 above, the fine for \$1,550.00 for the late filing of the 2005 annual

| 1 | report should not be paid to the Department; |
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| 2 | 4. The above named Respondents shall be jointly and severally |
| 3 | liable for the above amounts alleged in Paragraphs 1 through |
| 4 | 3 above; |
| 5 | 5. The above named Respondents shall show cause why, in addition |
| 6 | to the penalties listed in Paragraphs 1 through 4 above, |
| 7 | Respondent Consumer Disclosure's license should not be |
| 8 | revoked. |
| 9 | It is hereby further ORDERED that: |
| 10 | 6. Along with the administrative penalties listed for the above |
| 11 | named Respondents, the outstanding sum of \$1,550.00 shall be |
| 12 | immediately paid; and |
| 13 | 7. Failure to request a hearing within 30 days of the date of |
| 14 | receipt or valid delivery of this Order shall result in a |
| 15 | default judgment being rendered and administrative penalties |
| 16 | imposed upon the defaulting Respondent(s). |
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| 19 | SIGNED, |
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| 21 | Dated: <u>07/01/09</u> <u>/s/</u> PETER C. HILDRETH |
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| 5 | July 1, 2009 Petitioner, | |
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| 9 | Respondents) | |
| 10 | I. STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS | |
| 11 | 1 The Staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire (herei | nafter |
| 12 | 2 "Department") alleges the following facts: | |
| 13 | Facts Common on All Counts: | |
| 14 | 1. Respondent Consumer Disclosure Inc (hereinafter "Resp | ondent |
| 15 | 5 Consumer Disclosure") was licensed as a Mortgage Broker f | rom at |
| 16 | least March 25, 2002 until its license expired on Decemb | er 31, |
| 17 | 7 2005. | |
| 18 | 2. Respondent Stephen Snyder (hereinafter "Respondent Snyder | ") was |
| 19 | the President of Respondent Consumer Disclosure, when li | censed |
| 20 | by the Department. | |
| 21 | 1 Violation of RSA 397-A:13, IV Failure to Pay Late Penalty Owed for Late | 9 |
| 22 | 2 Filing of Annual Report (1 Count): | |
| 23 | 3. Paragraphs 1 through 2 are hereby realleged as fully set | forth |
| 24 | 4 herein. | |
| 25 | 4. Respondent Consumer Disclosure was licensed in 2005 and ther | efore, |
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| 1 | subject to the filing of the 2005 annual report of business. |
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| 2 | 5. Respondent Consumer Disclosure's 2005 annual report was due on or |
| 3 | before February 1, 2006. |
| 4 | 6. Respondent Consumer Disclosure filed its 2005 annual report on |
| 5 | April 4, 2006 (62 days late), generating a fine of \$1,550.00 |
| 6 | (\$25.00 a day x 62 days). |
| 7 | 7. The Department sent the above named Respondents invoices on April |
| 8 | 6, 2006, May 7, 2006 and a third and final notice on June 13, |
| 9 | 2006. |
| 10 | 8. With no response from the above named Respondents, the Department |
| 11 | sent a final letter on June 15, 2006, to which the above named |
| 12 | Respondents have failed to respond. |
| 13 | 9. To date, Respondent Consumer Disclosure has failed to pay the |
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\$25.00 for each calendar day the annual report or financial statement is overdue, up to a maximum penalty of \$2,500.00 per report or statement. Each of the above named Respondents violated this provision on at least one occasion as alleged above. The above named Respondents filed an annual report that was 62 days late, and incurred a penalty of \$1,550.00.

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4. RSA 397-A:17,I provides in part that the Commissioner may by order, upon due notice and opportunity for hearing, assess penalties or deny, suspend, or revoke a license or application if it is in the public interest and the applicant, respondent, or licensee, any partner, officer, member, or director, any person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions, or any person directly or indirectly controlling the applicant, respondent, or licensee: (a) has violated any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A or rules thereunder, or (b) has not met the standards established in RSA Chapter 397-A.

- 5. RSA 397-A:18,I provides that the Department may issue a complaint setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion that the licensee or person over whom the Department has jurisdiction, has violated any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A or orders thereunder.
- 6. RSA 397-A:21,IV provides that any person who, either knowingly or negligently, violates any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A, may upon hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to an administrative fine not to exceed

\$2,500.00, or both. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation, and such administrative action or fine may be imposed in addition to any criminal penalties or civil liabilities imposed by New Hampshire Banking laws.

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7. RSA 397-A:21,V provides that every person who directly or indirectly controls a person liable under this section, every partner, principal executive officer or director of such person, every person occupying a similar status or performing a similar function, every employee of such person who materially aids in the act constituting the violation, and every licensee or person acting as a common law agent who materially aids in the acts constituting the violation, either knowingly or negligently, may, upon notice and opportunity for hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by law, be subject to suspension, revocation, or denial of any registration or license, including the forfeiture of any application fee, or the imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500, or both. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation, and such administrative action or fine may be imposed in addition to any criminal or civil penalties imposed.

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

22 The staff of the Department requests the Commissioner take the following 23 action:

 Find as fact the allegations contained in section I of this Staff Petition;

1 2. Make conclusions of law relative to the allegations contained in section II of this Staff Petition; 2 3. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, order each of the above 3 named Respondents to show cause why their license should not be revoked; 4 5 4. Assess fines and administrative penalties in accordance with RSA 6 397-A:21, for violations of Chapter 397-A, in the number and amount equal to the violations set forth in section II of this 7 Staff Petition; and 8 5. Take such other administrative and legal actions as necessary for 9 10 enforcement of the New Hampshire Banking Laws, the protection of New Hampshire citizens, and to provide other equitable relief. 11 IV. RIGHT TO AMEND 12 13 The Department reserves the right to amend this Staff Petition and to request that the Commissioner take additional administrative action. 14 Nothing herein shall preclude the Department from bringing additional 15 enforcement action under RSA 397-A or the regulations thereunder. 16 17 18 19 Respectfully submitted by: 20 07/01/09 /s/ 21 Maryam Torben Desfosses Date Hearings Examiner 22 23 24 25