## 1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department 2 In re the Matter of: )Case No.: 08-366 State of New Hampshire Banking )Order to Show Cause with Immediate 3 )Suspension 4 Department, )Cease and Desist Order 5 Petitioner, and 6 7 Post Road Funding Inc, Ward W. Weizel, 8 and Paul T. Hatidani, 9 Respondents 10 11 NOTICE OF ORDER This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions of 12 RSA 397-A, RSA 541-A, BAN 200 and JUS 800 as applicable. 13 14 LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION 15 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 16 to show cause why license revocation and penalties for violations of New 17 Hampshire Banking laws should not be imposed. 18 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18, the Banking Department of the State of New 19 Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue and cause 20 to be served an order requiring any person engaged in any act or practice 21 constituting a violation of RSA 397-A or any rule or order thereunder, to 22 cease and desist from such violations. 23 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17 and RSA 541-A:30 the Bank Commissioner ("Commissioner) may by order summarily postpone or suspend any license or 24 application pending final determination of any order to show cause, or other 25

order, or of any other proceeding under this section, provided the Commissioner

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finds that the public interest would be irreparably harmed by delay in issuing such order.

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.

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

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

The above named Respondents have the right to request a hearing on this Order to Show Cause with Immediate Suspension and Cease and Desist Order (hereinafter "Order"), as well as the right to be represented by counsel.

Any such request shall be in writing, and signed by the Respondents or by the duly authorized agent of the above named Respondents, and shall be delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt request, to the New Hampshire Banking Department, 53 Regional Drive, Suite 200, Concord, NH 03301. In accordance with RSA 541-A, a hearing shall be held not more than ten (10) days of such request. If any of the Respondents fails to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, such person shall be deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against the defaulting Respondent(s) upon consideration of the Order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true.

If any of the Respondents fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this Order or reach formal settlement with the

Department within that timeframe, then such Respondent shall likewise be deemed in default, and the Order shall, on the thirty-first (31st) day become permanent, and shall remain in full force and effect until and unless later modified or vacated by the Commissioner, for good cause shown.

Pursuant to RSA 541-A, the Department shall hold a hearing within ten days on the issue of the immediate suspension. That hearing is noticed under separate order.

After said hearing and within 20 days of the date of the hearing the Commissioner shall issue a further order vacating this Order or making it permanent as the facts require and making such findings as are necessary. All hearings shall comply with 541-A.

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:30, the Department shall hold a hearing within ten (10) working days after the date of this Order suspending the Respondents' license. A record of this proceeding shall be made by a certified shorthand court reporter provided by this Department.

## STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The <u>Staff Petition</u> dated August 22, 2008 (a copy of which is attached hereto) is incorporated by reference hereto.

### 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,

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FINDING a substantial likelihood that delay will cause harm to the public health, safety or welfare, requiring emergency action it is hereby ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent's license is immediately SUSPENDED; and
- 2. Pursuant to RSA 541-A:30, III, an adjudicative hearing regarding only the issue of the suspension shall be held within ten (10) working days of the date of this Order.

It is hereby further ORDERED that:

- 3. Respondent Post Road Funding, Inc ("Respondent Post Road Funding") shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$400,500.00 should not be imposed it individually and therefore, \$1,200,500.00 jointly and severally;
- 4. Respondent Ward W. Weizel ("Respondent Weizel") shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$475,000.00 (\$400,000 for Respondent Post Road Funding and \$75,000 for Respondent Weizel alone) should not be imposed against him personally and therefore, \$1,240,500.00 jointly and severally;
- 5. Respondent Paul T. Hatidani ("Respondent Hatidani") shall show cause why penalties in the amount of \$475,000.00 (\$400,000 for Respondent Post Road Funding and \$75,000 for Respondent Hatidani alone) should not be imposed against him personally and therefore, \$1,240,500.00 jointly and severally;
- Respondent Post Road Funding's license should not be revoked;
- 7. All of the above named Respondents shall immediately Cease and Desist from all violations of New Hampshire law and the rules promulgated thereunder.

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2	It is hereby further ORDER	ED that:
3	8. Failure to reques	t a hearing within thirty (30) calendar days
4	of the date of re	ceipt of this Order shall result in a default
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6	penalties imposed	upon the defaulting Respondent(s).
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12	Dated: August 22, 2008	/ <i>s</i> /
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## 1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department In re the Matter of: )Case No.: 08-366 2 State of New Hampshire Banking )Staff Petition 3 4 Department, 5 Petitioner, )August 22, 2008 and 6 7 Post Road Funding Inc, Ward W. Weizel, ) 8 and Paul T. Hatidani, 9 Respondents 10 11 12 STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS 13 The Staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire (hereinafter 14 referred to as the "Department") alleges the following facts: Facts Common on All Counts: 15 16 1. Respondent Post Road Funding, Inc. ("Respondent Post Road Funding") 17 is licensed as a Mortgage Broker and at all times relevant to this 18 action has held a Department license since at least February 2005. 19 2. Respondent Post Road Funding's principal office is currently 20 located at 1111 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01103. 21 3. Respondent Ward W. Weizel ("Respondent Weizel") is currently 22 President of Respondent Post Road Funding and a principal owner. 23 4. Respondent Paul T. Hatidani ("Respondent Hatidani") is a principal owner of Respondent Post Road Funding and a member of the Board of 24

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Directors.

- a fine had begun to accrue.
- 16. On May 8, 2008, the Department sent a final notice advising Respondent Post Road Funding that the financial statement had still not been received and if it was not received by May 30, 2008, a referral to legal would be made.

# Violation of RSA 397-A:5, III (c) Failure to Post Continuous Surety Bond (1 Count):

## Violation of RSA 397-A:10, IV Failure to Update Information on File with Commissioner (2 Counts):

- 17. Paragraphs 1 through 16 are hereby realleged as fully set forth herein.
- 18. On January 22, 2008, the Department was notified by The Hartford of a surety bond cancellation to be effective February 17, 2008.
- 19. On February 13, 2008, the Department sent Respondent Post Road

  Funding a notice that the bond must be reinstated or replaced

  immediately and the originally-executed bond sent to the

  Department.
- 20. On February 20, 2008, Respondent Post Road Funding signed and received the Department's February 13, 2008 notice to reinstate bond.
- 21. On March 19, 2008, the Department made a notation in the Licensing Database that Respondent Post Road Funding has not contacted the Licensing Division to inform it of the status of the bond reinstatement and that Respondent Post Road Funding does not have a \$20,000 broker bond in place.

1	Violation of RSA 397-A:16, IV Unauthorized Retention of Commissions for
2	Services Rendered (2 Counts):
3	Violation of RSA 293-A:15.01 via RSA 397-A:2, II Mortgage Loans Brokered Do
4	Not Comply with Other New Hampshire State Law (2 Counts):
5	Violation of RSA 293-A:15.01 via RSA 397-A:2, III Persons Subject to or
6	Licensed by RSA Chapter 397-A Must Comply with Other New Hampshire State Law
7	(2 Counts):
8	Violation of RSA 397-A:11, I Failure to Maintain Records (56 Counts):
9	Violation of Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Title V, Sec. 501(a) via RSA 397-A:2,
10	<pre>III (56 Counts):</pre>
11	28. Paragraphs 1 through 27 are hereby realleged as fully set forth
12	herein.
13	29. On Monday, August 18, 2008, the Department sent examiners to
14	Respondent Post Road Funding's Springfield, Massachusetts location.
15	30. Respondent Post Road Funding had indicated in its 2006 Annual
16	Report it had brokered 59 New Hampshire loans.
17	31. Department examiners asked for the 59 New Hampshire loans and
18	Respondent Hatidani was only able to produce three loans.
19	32. Respondent Hatidani indicated he did not know where the other loan
20	files were and that he made possibly made a mistake about the
21	number of reported loans on his 2006 Annual Report.
22	33. To this date, the Department does not have a record of the location
23	of the remaining 56 loan files.
24	34. On Tuesday, August 19, 2008, the Department received by facsimile a
25	letter stating it's from Respondent Post Road Funding and
	Respondent Hatidani but the facsimile information and timestamp  Staff Petition - 6

- states it is from Millennium Mortgage with a facsimile number of 413-532-0089.
- 35. The August 19, 2008 facsimile from Respondent Post Road Funding and Respondent Hatidani states "I would like to inform you that, with effect from 08/01/2008 we have closed down our Company for lack of business, and we will be mailing back your license ASAP. We have no pending files in the pipeline and if you need anything please call at 413-737-0500."
- 36. The Department's record for Respondent Post Road Funding does not include the facsimile or telephone number on the August 19, 2008 facsimile.
- 37. Further, the Department has not authorized nor approved Millennium Mortgage as a trade name or any other name and this name is not listed on its principal office license.
- 38. Respondent Post Road Funding has failed to notify the Department of the use of this name until August 19, 2008.
- 39. As to the office closure, Respondent Post Road Funding, Respondent Weizel and Respondent Hatidani each failed to notify the Department no later than ten (10) days prior to the effective date of such office closing, the closure of which Respondents have indicated in the August 19, 2008.
- 40. The New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division's website shows Respondent Post Road Funding has been on administrative suspension since August 1, 2007 and its principal office address is still listed as 340 Main Street, Suite 500 in Worcester, MA 01606.
- 41. The Department's license database indicates the 340 Main Street, Staff Petition - 7

- 48. On review of the loan file of one consumer (Consumer A) received as a result of the examination by the Massachusetts Division of Banks, the following practices were observed relating to documents in the file:
  - a. Evidence that Respondents were hiding past due amounts on mortgage accounts by taping blank pieces of paper to those portions of statements revealing the past due amounts;
  - b. Evidence that Respondents were creating annuity statements by taping pieces of different statements together on a piece of paper;
  - c. Evidence that Respondents were creating bank statements with higher balances by taping pieces of different statements together on a piece of paper and using someone else's bank statement balances as Consumer A's created statement;
  - d. Evidence that Respondents were creating bank statements with mortgage payments by taping pieces of paper together;
  - e. Evidence that Respondents were creating a payment history from debits through the bank; and
  - f. Evidence that Respondents were advising borrowers to back date disclosures.
- 49. On review of the loan file of Consumer B, Consumer C and Consumer D received as a result of the August 18, 2008 visit by Department Examiners to Respondent Post Road Funding's Springfield, Massachusetts location, the following practice was observed relating to documents in the file:
  - a. Evidence that Respondents cut and pasted Consumer signatures

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1	onto required on multiple disclosure documents and loan files.
2	Violation of RSA 397-A:13, VI Failure of Officers and Owners to Respond to
3	Department Inquiries (8 Counts):
4	50. Paragraphs 1 through 49 are hereby realleged as fully set forth
5	herein.
6	51. Respondent Hatidani failed to respond to the following Notice of
7	Examination letters:
8	a. November 30, 2008;
9	b. February 28, 2008; and
10	c. April 29, 2008.
11	52. Respondent Hatidani failed to respond to the following Notice to
12	File Financial Statement:
13	a. January 24, 2008;
14	b. April 9, 2008; and
15	c. May 8, 2008.
16	53. Respondent Hatidani failed to respond to the July 22, 2008 Notice
17	of Invoice for one day of the failed examination.
18	54. Respondent Weizel failed to respond to the following Notice of
19	Examination letters:
20	a. November 30, 2008;
21	b. February 28, 2008; and
22	c. April 29, 2008.
23	55. Respondent Weizel failed to respond to the following Notice to File
24	Financial Statement:
25	a. January 24, 2008;
	b. April 9, 2008; and Staff Petition - 10

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c. May 8, 2008.

56. Respondent Weizel failed to respond to the July 22, 2008 Notice of Invoice for one day of the failed examination.

#### ISSUES OF LAW

The staff of the Department, alleges the following issues of law:

- 1. The Department realleges the above stated facts in paragraphs 1 through 56 above.
- 2. The Department has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation of persons engaged in mortgage broker activities pursuant to RSA 397-A:2 and RSA 397-A:3.
- 3. RSA 397-A:16, IV requires that pursuant to RSA 397-A:3, only mortgage brokers and mortgage bankers licensed under the provisions of RSA Chapter 397-A shall be entitled to retain commissions for services rendered. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on at least two occasions by retaining commissions when unauthorized to transact business in the State of New Hampshire.
- 4. RSA 397-A:3 requires those in the business of making or brokering mortgage loans secured by real property located in this state, and not exempt from licensure, to obtain a license from the Department.
- 5. RSA 397-A:2, II requires any mortgage loans made or brokered under RSA Chapter 397-A to be further governed by any other applicable laws of the state of New Hampshire.
- 6. RSA 397-A:2, III requires persons subject to or licensed under RSA Chapter 397-A to abide by applicable federal laws and regulations, the laws and rules of the State of New Hampshire, and the orders of Staff Petition - 11

the Commissioner. Any violation of such law, regulation, order, or rule is a violation of RSA Chapter 397-A. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on multiple occasions as stated above by having a New Hampshire Secretary of State administrative suspension placed against Respondent Post Road Funding and by not being able to locate the fifty six loan files Department examiners asked for and that Respondent Post Road Funding claimed on its 2006 Annual Report.

- 7. RSA 293-A:15.30 states a Certificate of Authority (to transact business) may be revoked by the secretary of state if the corporation has failed to file its annual report and/or failed to sustain a registered agent.
- 8. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Title V, Sec. 501(a) states that it is the policy of the Congress that each financial institution has an affirmative and continuing obligation to respect the privacy of its customers and to protect the security and confidentiality of those customers' nonpublic personal information.
- 9. RSA 397-A:5, III (c)requires licensee to post a continuous surety bond in the amount of \$20,000 to the Department. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute one time by allowing the surety bond to be cancelled.
- 10. RSA 397-A:6, I mandates that licensees supervise their employees, agents, loan originators, and branch offices. Each of the above named Respondents failed to adequately supervise and therefore violated this statute on at least 4 occasions (4 files) as alleged above.

- 11. RSA 397-A:10, I provides that no licensee shall conduct the business of a mortgage banker or mortgage broker under a trade name or any other name different from the name stated in its principal office license or branch office license without immediately notifying the Commissioner, who shall then amend the license accordingly. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on at least one occasion by submitting a letter to the Department using Millennium Mortgage's facsimile name and time stamp.
- 12. RSA 397-A:10, III provides that licensees shall provide written notice to the Department of any proposed closing of any licensed office no later than ten (10) business days prior to the effective date of such change. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on one occasion by submitting a facsimile dated August 19, 2008 to the Department stating it closed its office on August 1, 2008.
- 13. RSA 397-A:10, IV provides that persons licensed under RSA Chapter 397 are under a continuing obligation to update information on file with the Commissioner. Each of the above named Respondents failed to update the Commissioner on at least three occasions by failing to inform the Commissioner of the plan to close the principal location, failing to notify the Commissioner of the use of the trade name Millennium Mortgage, and failing to notify the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division's administrative suspension of Post Road Funding, Inc.

- 14. RSA 397-A:10-a, I (a) provides that a licensee who ceases to engage in the business of a mortgage banker or mortgage broker at any time during a license year for any cause...shall surrender such license in person or by registered or certified mail to the Commissioner within 15 calendar days of such cessation, and shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the licensee's market area a notice to such effect. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on one occasion by failing to properly surrender the license.
- 15. RSA 397-A;12, III requires licensees to comply with examination requests with or without prior notice. All books, papers, files, related material, and records of assets shall be subject to the Department's examination. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute on at least three occasions by not responding to the Department's three requests.
- 16. RSA 397-A:12, V provides that the expense of such examination shall be chargeable to and paid by the licensee. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute one time by failing to pay the \$500.00 billed examination fee.
- 17. RSA 397-A:12, VII provides that every person being examined, and all of the officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives of such person shall make freely available to the Commissioner or his or her examiners, the accounts, records, documents, files, information, assets, and matters in their possession or control relating to the subject of the examination and shall facilitate the examination. Each of the above named

Respondents violated this statute on at least three occasions by not facilitating the examination.

- 18. RSA 397-A:13, II provides that each licensee shall file a financial statement within 90 days from the date of its fiscal year end.

  Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute by failing to submit the requested financial statement in three separate requests.
- 19. RSA 397-A:13, V provides that in addition to the annual report and financial statement, the Department may require such additional special or regular reports as it may deem necessary under RSA Chapter 397-A. Each of the above named Respondents violated this provision on at least 3 occasions by failing to file three additional documents requested by the Department for the December 24, 2007 examination.
- 20. RSA 397-A:13, VI provides that any officer, owner, manager or agent of any licensee shall reply promptly in writing, or other designated form, to any written inquiry from the Department.

  Respondent Hatidani and Respondent Weizel each violated this provision on at least 8 occasions each by each failing to respond to Department notices concerning examination, financial statements, cancelled bond and examination fee invoice.
- 21. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Commissioner may issue an order requiring a person to whom any license has been granted or any person under the Commissioner's jurisdiction to show cause why the license should not be revoked, suspended, or penalties imposed, or both, for violations of RSA Chapter 397-A. Pursuant to RSA 397-Staff Petition 15

- A:17 (a) and (b), Respondent Post Road Funding is subject to license revocation for violating provision of RSA Chapter 397-A and for not meeting the standards established by RSA Chapter 397-A.
- 22. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Department may take action for immediate suspension of Respondent Post Road Funding's license if the Department finds that the public interest would be irreparably harmed by delay in issuing such order.
- 23. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, I(f), licensees engaging in business in New Hampshire are prohibited from making fraudulent misrepresentations or concealing material particulars required to be furnished to a borrower. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute at least 9 times as alleged above since pursuant to RSA 397-A:15, IV, borrowers have a right for a copy of documentation in the licensee's file relative to the borrower's loan.
- 24. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, I(k), licensees engaging in business in New Hampshire are prohibited from engaging in unethical business practices. Each of the above named Respondents violated this statute at least 9 times as alleged above.
- 25. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, I(1) licensees must abide by all federal laws or rules thereunder. The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Title V, requires financial institutions to maintain the integrity of nonpublic personal information. Each of the above named Respondents violated this federal law by losing loan files in at least 56 instances and therefore violated RSA Chapter 397-A.

- 27. RSA 397-A:18 the Commissioner may issue a Cease and Desist order against any licensee or person who has reasonable cause to believe is in violation of the provisions of the chapter or any rule or order under RSA Chapter 397-A.
- 28. 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. Each of the above named Respondents are subject to administrative fines for violations of the above mentioned statutes.
- 29. RSA 397-A:21, IV 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 Staff Petition 17

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. Respondents Weizel and Hatidani are each subject to revocation and/or administrative fines for the above stated violations

RELIEF REQUESTED

- III. The staff of the Department requests the Commissioner take the following Action:
  - Find as fact the allegations contained in section I of this Staff
     Petition;
  - Make conclusions of law relative to the allegations contained in section II of the this Staff Petition;
  - 3. Order the Respondents to Show Cause why their license should not be immediately suspended;
  - 4. Order the Respondents to Show Cause why their license should not be revoked;
  - 5. Assess fines and administrative penalties in accordance with RSA 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 Staff Petition; and
  - 6. Take such other administrative and legal actions as necessary for enforcement of the New Hampshire Banking Laws, the protection of New Hampshire citizens, and to provide other equitable relief.

1	RIGHT TO AMEND
2	IV. The Department reserves the right to amend this Staff Petition and to
3	request that the Commissioner take additional administrative action. Nothin
4	herein shall preclude the Department from bringing additional enforcement
5	action under RSA 397-A or the regulations thereunder.
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7	Respectfully submitted by:
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