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State of New Hampshire Banking

)RSA 541-A:31,III Notice of Hearing)Regarding Order to Show Cause with

Department,

)Immediate Emergency Suspension and

)Cease and Desist Order

)Case No.: 10-013

Petitioner,

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and

Jeffrey Shawn Frost,

Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING PURSUANT TO RSA 541-A:31,III

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,I the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Banking Department (hereinafter "Department") has the authority to issue an order to show cause why license revocation or suspension and penalties for violations of RSA Chapter 397-A should not be imposed. The Commissioner may by order summarily postpone or suspend any license or application pending final determination of any order to show cause, or other order, or of any other proceeding under RSA 397-A:17, provided that the Commissioner finds that the public interest would be irreparably harmed by delaying in issuing such order.

RSA 397-A:17,I further 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 has, inter alia,: (a) violated any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A or rules thereunder, (b) not met the standards established in RSA Chapter 397-A..., (d) has filed an application for licensing which as of its effective date, or as of any date after filing in the case of an order denying effectiveness, was incomplete in any material respect, or contained any statement which was, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or misleading with respect to any material fact..., (e) has made a false or misleading statement to the Commissioner or in any reports to the Commissioner..., or (k) engaged in dishonest or unethical practices in the conduct of the business of making or collecting mortgage loans.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,II(a), the Commissioner has the authority to order or direct persons subject to RSA Chapter 397-A to cease and desist from conducting business, including immediate temporary orders to cease and desist.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,II(b), the Commissioner has the authority to order or direct persons subject to RSA Chapter 397-A to cease any harmful activities or violations of RSA Chapter 397-A, including immediate temporary orders to cease and desist.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,II(c), the Commissioner has the authority to enter immediate temporary orders to cease business under a license if the Commissioner has determined that such license was erroneously granted or the licensee is currently in violation of RSA Chapter 397-A, or rules or order thereunder.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,II(e)(1) the Commissioner has the authority to remove or ban from office or employment, including license revocation, any person conducting business under RSA Chapter 397-A who violates RSA Chapter 397-A.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,II(e)(4) the Commissioner has the authority to remove or ban from office or employment, including license revocation, any person conducting business under RSA Chapter 397-A if by a preponderance of evidence the Commissioner determines that the person no longer demonstrates the financial responsibility, character, and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the person subject to RSA Chapter 397-A will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of RSA Chapter 397-A.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,II(f) the Commissioner has the authority to deny, suspend, revoke, condition, or decline to renew a license if an applicant or licensee fails at any time to meet the requirements of RSA 397-A:5,IV-c or RSA 397-A:5,IV-d, or withholds information or makes a material misstatement in an application for a license or renewal of a license. RSA 397-A:5,IV-c,(a)(5) states the Commissioner shall not issue a mortgage loan originator license unless the Commissioner makes at a minimum, inter alia, a finding that the applicant has demonstrated financial responsibility, character, and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and efficiently within the purposes of RSA Chapter 397-A. RSA 397-A:5,IV-d(a)(1) states that, in addition to other provisions of New Hampshire law and rules, in

order to be eligible to renew a license, a mortgage originator shall, inter alia, meet and continue to meet the minimum standards for license issuance under RSA 397-A:5,IV-c.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,III, if the Commissioner finds that protection of consumers, lenders, or investors requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in his or her order, immediate suspension of a license may be ordered pending an adjudicative proceeding. The adjudicative proceeding shall be commenced not later than 10 business days after the date of the order suspending the license. Unless expressly waived by the license, the Commissioner's failure to commence an adjudicative proceeding within 10 business days shall mean that the suspension order is automatically vacated.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, V, the Department may take action for immediate suspension of a license, pursuant to RSA 541-A:30, III.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, VIII, in addition to any other penalty provided for under RSA Chapter 397-A or RSA 383:10-d, after notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commissioner may enter an order of rescission, restitution, or disgorgement of profits directed to a person who has violated RSA Chapter 397-A, or a rule or order thereunder.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,IX, in addition to any other penalty provided for under RSA Chapter 397-A, after notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commissioner may assess fines and penalties against a mortgage loan originator in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (for each violation) if the Commissioner finds the mortgage loan originator has violated or failed to comply with the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008, Public

Law 110-289, Title V or any regulation or order issued thereunder. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate violation.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17,X, an action to enforce any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A shall be commenced within 6 years after the date on which the violation occurred.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18, the Department has the authority to issue a complaint setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion 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 order thereunder.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18,II, the Department has the authority to issue and cause to be served an order requiring any person engaged in any act or practice constituting a violation of RSA Chapter 397-A or any rule or order thereunder, to cease and desist from violations of RSA Chapter 397-A.

Pursuant to RSA 397-A:20,IV the Commissioner may issue, amend, or rescind such orders as are reasonably necessary to comply with the provisions of RSA Chapter 397-A.

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 397-A:21,I-a, any person who willfully violates any provisions of RSA 397-A:2,VI or VII or a cease and desist order or injunction issued pursuant to RSA 397-A:18,II shall be guilty of a class B felony. Each of the acts specified shall constitute a separate offense and

a prosecution or conviction for any one of such offenses shall not bar prosecution or conviction of any other offense.

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 Chapter 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.

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:30,III, if the agency finds that public health, safety or welfare requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, immediate suspension of a license may be ordered pending an adjudicative proceeding. The agency shall commence this adjudicative proceeding not later than 10 working days after the date of the agency order suspending the license. A record of the proceeding shall be made by a certified shorthand court reporter provided by the agency. Unless expressly waived by the licensee, agency failure to commence an adjudicative proceeding within 10 working days shall mean that the suspension order is automatically vacated.

On March 23, 2010, the Department issued an Order to Show Cause with an Immediate Emergency Suspension and Cease and Desist Order to Respondent Jeffrey Shawn Frost ("Respondent Frost") regarding immediate emergency suspension of Respondent Frost's New Hampshire mortgage loan originator license. RSA 541-A:30,III requires the Department to hold a hearing within ten (10) working days on an immediate suspension against a licensee.

1		The D	epartment alleges the following:
2	Issue	1:	Simultaneously Representing More Than One Mortgage Banker or
3			Mortgage Broker (RSA 397-A:1, XVII(a));
4	Issue	2:	Simultaneously Representing More Than One Mortgage Banker or
5			Mortgage Broker (RSA 397-A:3,III);
6	Issue	3:	Conducting Business Covered by RSA Chapter 397-A Without a Valid
7			License Required by RSA Chapter 397-A (RSA 397-A:14,IV(d));
8	Issue	4:	Failure to Make Disclosures Required by RSA 397-A (RSA 397-
9			A:14, IV(e));
10	Issue	5:	Failure to Comply with RSA Chapter 397-A or Other New Hampshire
11			State Law (RSA 397-A:14,IV(f));
12	Issue	6:	Negligently Making Any False Statement or Knowingly Make A False
13			Statement or Knowingly and Willfully Make Any Omission of a
14			Material Fact in Connection with Information or Reports Filed
15			with the Department and the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System
16			and Registry (RSA 397-A:14,IV(h));
17	Issue	7:	Violation of RSA Chapter 397-A Generally (RSA 397-A:17,I(a));
18	Issue	8:	Failing to Meet Standards Established by RSA Chapter 397-A (RSA
19			397-A:17, I(b));
20	Issue	9:	Filed a Mortgage Loan Originator Application that is Materially
21			Incomplete and Contains False and Misleading Statements (RSA
22			397-A:17, I(d));
23	Issue	10:	Made a False or Misleading Statement to the Commissioner (RSA
24			397-A:17, I(e));
25	Issue	11:	<pre>Engaged in Dishonest or Unethical Practices (RSA 397-A:17,I(k));</pre>

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Simultaneously Representing More Than One Mortgage Servicer (If Respondent Frost Considers the 2 Unlicensed Entities Mortgage Brokers, then a Mortgage Servicer Registration Would be Needed To Service the Two Closed Residential Mortgage Loans) (RSA 397-B:1, IV-c);

Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding shall be commenced pursuant to RSA Chapter 541-A for the purpose of permitting Respondent Frost to show compliance with the above state violations in Issues 1 through 12.

Respondent Frost has the right to have an attorney present to represent Respondent Frost at Respondent Frost's expense, or Respondent Frost may represent himself.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that Respondent Frost appear before the New Hampshire Banking Department on April 5, 2010 at 10:00 am, Department's offices at 53 Regional Drive, Suite 200, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, for the purpose of participating in an adjudicative proceeding, at which time Respondent Frost will have the opportunity to demonstrate why the relief sought in the show cause order with immediate suspension should not become permanent; and

IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if Respondent Frost elects to be represented by Counsel, said Counsel shall file notice of appearance at the earliest possible date; and

FURTHER ORDERED, that Maryam Torben Desfosses, Hearings New Hampshire Banking Department is designated as Examiner in this matter with authority to represent the public interest within the scope of the Department's authority. The Hearings Examiner shall

have the status of a party to this proceeding; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, a Presiding Officer (to be appointed by the Banking Commissioner) shall issue a RECOMMENDED DECISION in this matter which shall be reviewed and approved, disapproved or modified by the Banking Commissioner; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any proposed exhibits shall be pre-marked, for identification only, and filed with the Department and provided to the opposing party at least five days prior to the April 5, 2010 hearing. Hearings Examiner shall pre-mark the Department's exhibits with Arabic numbers. Respondent Frost shall pre-mark exhibits with capital letters. An index/list of exhibits providing a brief description of each exhibit with its corresponding pre-marked number or letter shall be filed by both parties simultaneous with the filing of exhibits; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties shall exchange a list of all exhibits and witnesses to be called at the hearing with a brief summary at the hearing, and shall at the same time file a copy of their respective lists with the Presiding Officer; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all periods referenced in this notice shall be calendar days. If the last day of the period so computed falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the time period shall be extended to include the first business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Department shall have the burden of setting forth a *prima facie* case, then Respondent Frost shall have the burden of showing compliance with applicable law by a preponderance of the evidence;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent Frost's failure to appear at the time, date, and place specified may result in the hearing being held in absentia and/or default ruling in favor of the Department, without further notice or opportunity to be heard; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a record of the proceeding shall be made by a certified shorthand court reporter provided by the Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all documents shall be filed with the Presiding Officer in the form of an original and one (1) copy and shall bear a certification that a copy is being delivered to the Hearings Examiner and any other parties to this matter in accordance with applicable laws. All documents shall be filed by mailing or delivering them to the New Hampshire Banking Department, ATTN: Presiding Officer 10-013, 53 Regional Drive, Suite 200, Concord, NH 03301. Filing by facsimile or electronic transmission shall not be accepted; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties may submit Proposed Orders, which shall include findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated, no later than ten (10) days following conclusion of the hearing(s) in this matter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by telephoning Maryam Torben Desfosses, Hearings Examiner at (603)271-3561, but all other communications with the Department shall be in writing and shall be filed as provided above. Ex parte communications are forbidden by statute; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Notice of Hearing shall be mailed to all named Respondents at their addresses of record and that a copy

shall also be delivered to Maryam Torben Desfosses, Hearings Examiner, and to the Presiding Officer at the New Hampshire Banking Department. SO ORDERED, /s/ 03/23/10 Peter C. Hildreth Date Commissioner State of New Hampshire Banking Department