

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CONSUMER CREDIT  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, )  
ex rel, DEPARTMENT OF )  
CONSUMER CREDIT )  
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Petitioner )  
 )  
v. )  
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EQUITY MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC )  
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Respondent )

Case No. 12-0042-DIS



NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Oklahoma, ex rel., Department of Consumer Credit, alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION, AUTHORITY AND REQUIREMENTS

The Administrator of Consumer Credit (Administrator) has administrative authority to administer, interpret and enforce the Oklahoma Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act, 59 O.S. §§ 2095 et seq., (SAFE Act). 59 O.S. § 2095.1 (2).

**Penalties**

1. In order to ensure the effective supervision and enforcement of the SAFE Act, the Administrator may, after notice and hearing pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 308a et seq., impose any or any combination of the following penalties:

(a) deny, suspend, revoke, censure, place on probation or decline to renew a license issued pursuant to the SAFE Act for a violation of the SAFE Act, any rules promulgated pursuant to the SAFE Act and any order of the Administrator issued pursuant to the SAFE Act;

(b) deny, suspend, revoke, censure, place on probation or decline to renew a license if an applicant or licensee fails at any time to meet the requirements of the SAFE Act or withholds information or makes a material misstatement in an application for a license or renewal of a license;

(c) order restitution against entities or individuals subject to the SAFE Act for violations of the SAFE Act or

(d) issue orders or directives under the SAFE Act as follows:

(i) order or direct entities or individuals subject to the SAFE Act to cease and desist from conducting business, including immediate temporary orders to cease and desist;

(ii) order or direct entities or individuals subject to the SAFE Act to cease any harmful activities or violations of the SAFE Act, including immediate temporary orders to cease and desist;

(iii) enter immediate temporary orders to cease business under a license issued pursuant to the authority of the SAFE Act if the Administrator determines that such license was erroneously granted or the licensee is currently in violation of the SAFE Act;

(iv) order or direct such other affirmative action as the Administrator deems necessary, or

(v) impose a civil penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each violation of the SAFE Act against a licensee or any other entity or individual subject to the SAFE Act, not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00 for all violations resulting from a single incident or transaction. 59 O.S. § 2095.17.

#### **Appointment of independent hearing examiner**

The Administrator shall appoint an independent hearing examiner to conduct all administrative hearings involving alleged violations of the SAFE Act. The independent hearing examiner shall have authority to exercise all powers granted by Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act in conducting hearings.

The independent hearing examiner shall have authority to recommend penalties authorized by the SAFE Act and issue proposed orders, with proposed findings of fact and proposed conclusions of law, to the Administrator pursuant to Article II

of the Administrative Procedures Act. The Administrator shall review the proposed order and issue a final agency order in accordance with Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act. 59 O.S. § 2095.17(D).

#### **Hearing costs**

Hearing costs may be assessed by the hearing examiner against the Respondent, unless the Respondent is the prevailing party.

#### **Appeals**

A final agency order issued by the Administrator shall be appealable by all parties to an Oklahoma district court as provided by Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act.

#### **Requirements for individual proceedings at the Department of Consumer Credit**

The Respondent is responsible for reviewing the administrative rules regarding procedures and requirements for references of parties, entries of appearances, continuances, subpoenas and Consent Orders for individual proceedings at the Department of Consumer Credit. The administrative rules regarding individual proceedings are located at OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 160:3-1-4. A copy of the individual proceeding rules has been attached to this Notice of Hearing for reference.

#### **Consent Order**

1. The Respondent may waive the right to a hearing and enter into a Consent Order with the Department. If the Respondent wishes to waive the right to a hearing, the Respondent shall sign and notarize the enclosed Consent Order and submit to the attention of Roy John Martin, General Counsel, Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit, 3613 N.W. 56th Street, Suite 240, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112.

2. The signed and notarized Consent Order and any applicable penalties indicated in the Consent Order shall be received by the Petitioner on or before August 22, 2012.

### **Reporting of violations and enforcement actions**

The Administrator is required to regularly report violations of the SAFE Act as well as enforcement actions and other relevant information to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. 59 O.S. § 2095.25. Final agency orders and Consent Orders are public records included in the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS) for access by the public.

### **Enforcement of final agency order or settlement agreement**

Any administrative order or settlement agreement imposing a civil penalty pursuant to the SAFE Act may be enforced in the same manner as civil judgments in the State of Oklahoma. The Administrator may file an application to enforce an administrative order or settlement agreement imposing a civil penalty in the district court of Oklahoma County. 59 O.S. § 2095.17(C).

### **ALLEGATIONS OF FACT**

1. The licensing system of record for mortgage brokers and mortgage loan originators in the State of Oklahoma is NMLS.

2. The Respondent was licensed as a mortgage broker pursuant to the SAFE Act with the following licensing information indicated by NMLS:

(a) Oklahoma license number MB001482, original license date of January 22, 2010, license expired/terminated on January 3, 2012;

(b) NMLS unique identifier number/company ID 208883;

(c) Mailing address of record at 3114 E. 81st Street, Suite 101, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137;

3. As of June 21, 2012, the Mortgage Call Report (MCR) Filing History on NMLS indicates that no MCR filings have been submitted by the Respondent.

4. NMLS indicates that the following mortgage call reports were required to be filed by the Respondent:

(a) 2011 quarter one Oklahoma Standard Residential

Mortgage Loan Activity Report (Standard RMLA), filing deadline of May 15, 2011;

(b) 2011 quarter two Standard RMLA, filing deadline of August 14, 2011;

(c) 2011 quarter three Standard RMLA, filing deadline of November 14, 2011;

(d) 2011 quarter four Standard RMLA, filing deadline of February 14, 2012;

#### **ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

1. The Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 2095.24 by failing to submit through NMLS reports of condition, which shall be in such form and shall contain such information as NMLS may require by failing to file the 2011 quarter one, 2011 quarter two, 2011 quarter three and 2011 quarter four Oklahoma Standard RMLA.

#### **TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING**

1. A hearing will be held before an independent hearing examiner on August 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Administrator of Consumer Credit, 3613 N.W. 56th Street, Suite 240, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112.

2. The purpose of the hearing is to address the allegations contained in this Notice and to determine if any penalties authorized by the SAFE Act shall be imposed against the Respondent.

3. Correspondence regarding this matter shall be directed to Roy John Martin, General Counsel, Department of Consumer Credit, 3613 N.W. 56th Street, Suite 240, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, telephone number 405-522-0292, email: [rmartin@okdoecc.ok.gov](mailto:rmartin@okdoecc.ok.gov).



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