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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

COMPLAINANT:

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

RESPONDENT:

PROVO LAND TITLE COMPANY 255 East 100 South Provo, UT 84606-4647 License No. 1488

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Docket No. 2013-006 PC

Enf. Case No. 3241

STIPULATION

- Respondent, Provo Land Title Company is a licensed title agency in the State of 1. Utah, holding License 1488.
- Respondent stipulates with the Complainant, Utah Insurance Department, as 2. follows:
 - If a hearing were held, witnesses called by the Complainant could offer a. and introduce evidence that would support the Findings of Fact herein;
 - Respondent admits the Findings of Fact and Conclusions made therefrom; b.

 Respondent stipulates to the summary entry of the Order herein which shall be in lieu of other administrative proceedings by Complainant in this matter; and

d. Respondent and Complainant have negotiated the terms of the Order entered herein and Respondent agrees to its entry and further agrees to be bound by all its terms.

3. Respondent is aware of its right to a hearing at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent has irrevocably waived its right to such hearing and to any appeal related thereto.

4. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the State of Utah Insurance Commissioner and Title and Escrow Commission as to all matters herein.

5. Respondent is acting herein free from any duress or coercion of any kind or nature, having been advised fully as to its rights set forth herein.

6. Respondent acknowledges that the issuance of this Order by the Title and Escrow Commission is solely for purpose of disposition of the matter entitled herein.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2017.

PROVO LAND TITLE COMPANY

Doug Pinder, President

UTÁM INSÚRANCE DEPARTMENT

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Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and information in the file, the Presiding Officer makes the following Findings of Fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about September 5, 2012, the Department created a list of all title producers who had renewed or reinstated their licenses during the month of August, 2012. After reviewing the list, it was determinated that Respondent's license lapsed on July 31, 2012 and was reinstated on August 13, 2012.
- 2. A review of the SIRCON data base indicated that Respondent's association with its title and escrow producers also terminated on July 31, 2012. It was not until September 10, 2012 that the producers were re-associated with Respondent.
- 3. On October 3, 2012, a letter from the Department was sent to Respondent requesting a narrative statement regarding any title insurance business it conducted from July 31, 2012 through August 13, 2012.
- 4. On October 23, 2012, Doug Pinder, President of Provo Land title Company, responded with a written reply stating that eighty (80) closings/searches had been conducted from July 31, 2012 through August 13. 2012, the period its license was lapsed.
- 5. Respondent's president Doug Pinder, was forthcoming and responded promptly during the investigation.
 - 6. Respondent has agreed to an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the Presiding Officer enters the following Conclusions of Law:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Utah Code Ann. Section 31A-23a-103 states as follows:
 - (1) (a) Unless exempted from the licensing requirement under Section <u>31A-23a-201</u> or <u>31A-23a-207</u>, a person may not perform, offer to perform, or advertise any service as a producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary in Utah, without a valid individual or agency license issued under this chapter.
 - (b) A valid license includes at least one license type and one line of authority pertaining to that license type.
 - (c) A person may not utilize the services of another as a producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary if that person knows or should know that the other does not have a license as required by law.
 - (2) This part may not be construed to require an insurer to obtain an insurance producer license.
 - (3) An insurance contract is not invalid as a result of a violation of this section.
- 2. Utah Code Ann. Section 31A-23a-302 (1) mandates the following:

An agency shall designate an individual that has an individual producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary license to act on the agency's behalf in order for the licensee to do business for the agency in this state.

- 3. Respondent violated of the above statutes when it conducted eighty (80) closings/searches between July 31, 2012 and August 13, 2012, the period when its license was lapsed and its producers were not designated to it.
 - 4. An administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$1,500.00 is appropriate in this matter.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE TITLE AND ESCROW COMMISSION IMPOSE

THE FOLLOWING PENALTY:

1. Respondent, Prove Land Title Company, be assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid to the Department within thirty (30) days of the date of the imposition of the penalty by the Title and Escrow Commission.

TODD E. KISER Insurance Commissioner

MARK E. KLEINFIELD (Administrative Law Judge Utah Insurance Department

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED ORDER AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTY

LARRY TURNER BLAKE, Chairman
Title and Escrow Commission

NOTIFICATION

You are hereby notified that a failure to obey an Order of the Commissioner may subject you to further penalties, including forfeitures of up to \$5,000 per violation and the suspension or revocation of your license and the filing of an action in district court, which may impose

forfeitures of up to \$10,000 per day for continued violation.

You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.

COMMISSIONER CONCURRENCE

WITH COMMISSION IMPOSED PENALTIES

The Commissioner of the Utah Insurance Department hereby concurs with the above and forgoing Utah Title and Escrow Commission imposed penalties in the present adjudicative proceedings.

Dated this $\frac{11^{2}}{12}$ day of $\frac{1}{12}$ day of $\frac{1}{12}$.

TODD E. KISER,

Commissioner,

BY:

Utah Insurance Department,

Mark E. Kleinfield

Administrative Law Judge