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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

Complainant,

VS.

BOX ELDER LAND TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC, License No. 260425 312 West Main, Tremonton, UT 84337

Respondent.

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Docket No. 2014-023PC

Enforcement Case No. 3453

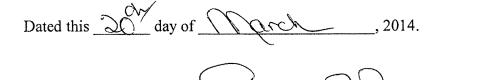
Mark E. Kleinfield Administrative Law Judge

STIPULATION

The Utah Insurance Department ("Department"), by and through its legal counsel, and Box Elder Land Title Insurance Agency, Inc. ("Respondent"), hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent, Box Elder Land Title Insurance Agency, Inc., is an active Utah licensed title insurance agency authorized to do business in the State of Utah under License No. 260425. Respondent's address is 312 West Main, Tremonton, Utah 84337.
- 2. The Department has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this administrative action.

- 3. Respondent acknowledges notice of agency action pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-210; acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order is part of an informal proceeding pursuant to Utan Code § 63G-4-202; and irrevocably waives the right to any hearing, review or appeal concerning this matter.
- 4. Respondent knows of its right to be represented by legal counsel and waives this right by either having sought the advice of legal counsel or by voluntarily having chosen not to do so.
- 5. This signed Stipulation, the signed and adopted Order by both the Insurance Commissioner and the Title and Escrow Commission, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law shall not be subject to any reconsideration, renegotiation, modification, hearing or agency review or appeal.
- 6. The parties agree and accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law presented below.
- 7. The issuance of the signed and adopted Order proposed below is solely for the purpose of disposing of the specific matter entitled herein.
- 8. The only promises, agreements and understandings that the parties have regarding this matter are contained in this Stipulation.
- 9. Respondent enters into this Stipulation voluntarily, knowingly, and free from any coercion of any kind.
- 10. The persons signing this Stipulation of behalf of the named parties hereby affirm that they are authorized to sign and bind the parties.



Box Elder Land Title Insurance Agency, Inc. Susan R. Pugsley, President

Dated this 26 day of Word , 2014.

Gary Josephson, Assistant Attorney General Representing the Utah Insurance Department

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On November 8, 2013, Department personnel reviewed a list of all title producers who had reinstated their licenses in October, 2013. A SIRCON licensing screen indicated that Respondent's license had lapsed on June 30, 2013 and was not reinstated until October 10, 2013. Respondent's producer associations also lapsed on June 30, 2013; all producers were reassociated on October 11, 2013.
- 2. On December 2, 2013, a Department letter was sent to Respondent's President, Susan Pugsley, requesting a narrative response regarding any title business conducted between June 30, 2013, and October 10, 2013.
- 3. On December 18, 2013 the Department received a reply from Ms. Pugsley stating that Respondent had conducted 60 closings and issued 76 search commitments between June 30,

2013 and October 10, 2013.

- 4. Throughout the investigation, Respondent's President, Susan Pugsley was cooperative, helpful and took full responsibility for the agency's actions.
- 5 On February 3, 2014, the Department offered an enforcement action with a stipulation and administrative forfeiture of \$1,500.00.
- 6. On February 18, 2013, via email, the Respondent accepted the proposed enforcement action.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the following conclusions of law are entered:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Utah Code Ann. § 31A-23a-103 requires that a license be issued by the Department for a person to perform, offer to perform, or advertise any service as a producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant or managing general agent in the State.
- 2. Utah Code Ann. § 31A-23a-302(1) requires an agency to designate an individual who has an individual producer, limited line producer, customer service representative, consultant, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary license to act on behalf of the agency in order for it to do business in the state.
- 3. Because Respondent's licensed was lapsed during the period June 30, 2013 to October 10, 2013, and its associations was lapsed from June 30, 3013 to October 11, 2013, Respondent was in violation of the above statutory provisions.
 - 3. An administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$1,500.00 is appropriate.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE TITLE AND ESCROW COMMISSION APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING ORDER, WITH PENALTY:

Based on the Stipulation, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Respondent, Box Elder Land Title Insurance Agency, Inc. is 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 Commission's Order.

DATED this 27	day of	March	, 2014.
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MARK E. KLEINFIELD Administrative law Judge Utah Insurance Department

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED ORDER, WITH PENALTY

By a vote of to, taken in open meeting on this date, the Utah Title an
Escrow Commission hereby adopts the recommended order of the presiding officer and impose
the recommended penalty. Dated this 14 day of April , 2014.

KIRK D. SMITH, Chairman Title and Escrow Commission

NOTIFICATION TO RESPONDENT

You are hereby notified that a failure to obey any order of the Commission 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 In	surance Department hereby concurs with the above
and forgoing Utah Title and Escrow	Commission imposed penalties in the present
adjudicative proceedings.	ERCI TE A POPLA

Dated this ______, and ________, 201___.

TODD E. KISER,
Commissioner,
Utah Insurance Department,
BY:

Mark E. Kleinfield

Administrative Law Judge