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# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

### UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

Complainant,

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NETCO, INC.,

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Docket No. 2018-20 TI Enf. Case No. 3968

Lisa Watts Baskin, J.D. Presiding Officer

Respondent.

#### **STIPULATION**

The Utah Insurance Department ("Department"), by and through its legal counsel, and NETCO, Inc. ("Respondent"), by and through its legal counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The Department has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this administrative action.
- 2. Respondent acknowledges notice of agency action pursuant to Utah Code Section 63G-4-201; acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order is an informal proceeding pursuant to Utah Code Section 63G-4-202; and irrevocably waives the right to any hearing, review or appeal concerning this matter.
  - 3. Respondent is represented by legal counsel in this matter.

4. This signed Stipulation and the signed Order, along with any Findings of Fact and

Conclusions of Law, shall not be subject to any reconsideration, renegotiation, modification,

hearing or agency review or appeal.

5. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law presented below are accepted by

the parties.

6. The issuance of the signed and adopted Order proposed below is solely for the

purpose of disposing of the specific matter entitled herein.

7. The only promises, agreements and understandings that the parties have regarding

this matter are contained in this Stipulation.

8. Respondent enters into this Stipulation voluntarily, knowingly, and free from any

coercion of any kind.

9. The persons signing this Stipulation on behalf of the named parties hereby affirm

that they are authorized to sign and bind the parties.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018

/s/ Pat Dignam\_

Pat Dignam, General Counsel

NETCO, INC.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2018

/s/ Helen A. Frohlich

Helen A. Frohlich, Assistant Attorney General

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

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Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Department file, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following Findings of Fact:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent, Netco, Inc., is a resident producer with a license number of 91815.
- Respondent's mailing address is 215 Chesterfield Business Parkway, Suite B,
   Chesterfield MO 63005.
- 3. On October 2, 2017, the Market Conduct Division initiated an audit review of Respondent and determined that Respondent's trust account was with Bank of America, which does not have a physical office in Utah.
- 4. On February 14, 2018, Respondent provided the Division with documents showing that the agency trust account was now at Wells Fargo, which does have physical offices in Utah.
- 5. The Department and Respondent have agreed to an administrative penalty of \$5,000.00.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the Administrative Law Judge enters the following Conclusions of Law:

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Utah Code Section 31A-23a-409(2) requires that trust monies be deposited in a federally insured trust account in a qualified depository with an office in this state.
- 2. Prior to moving its trust account to Wells Fargo, Respondent was in violation of this provision as its trust account was at an institution (Bank of America) which did not have an office in Utah.
- 3. An administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$5,000.00 is appropriate under the circumstances.

# <u>ORDER</u>

1. NETCO, Inc. shall be assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of
\$5,000.00 which shall be paid to the Department within thirty (30) days of the date this Order is
fully signed.  DATED this day of, 2018.
TODD E. KISER Insurance Commissioner
Lisa Watto Baskin
LISA WATTS BASKIN, J.D.
Administrative Law Judge
Utah Insurance Department
TITLE AND ESCROW COMMISSION DECISION REGARDING IMPOSITION OF PENALTY
Pursuant to Utah Code § 31A-2-404(1)(b)(ii) and by a vote of $\frac{6}{2}$ to $\frac{6}{2}$ taken in open
meeting on this date, the Utah Title and Escrow Commission hereby
concurs
does not concur
with the Order.
Dated: Manh 12, 2018.

Alison McCoy Utah Title and Escrow Commission Chair

## NOTIFICATION TO RESPONDENT

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.