# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
Complainant,
v.

STATEWIDE BAIL BONDING LLC,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL AGENCY ACTION AND ORDER

Docket No. 2018-016 BB Enf. Case No. 3969

Lisa Watts Baskin, J.D.

The Utah Insurance Department ("Department") commences this informal adjudicative proceeding against Statewide Bail Bonding LLC ("Respondent") pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 31A-2-201, 63G-4-201, and Utah Admin. Code R590-102.

Administrative Law Judge

Based upon the facts and law set forth in the attached Declaration, and good cause appearing, the Utah Insurance Commissioner enters the following order:

#### **ORDER**

- 1. Respondent's license no. 97876 is hereby revoked.
- 2. Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-203(1) and Utah Admin. Code R590-160-7(1), this informal adjudicative proceeding shall be deemed closed, and this Order shall become final and take full effect, 15 days after this Notice of Agency Action and Order is electronically mailed to Respondent unless a request for a hearing on this matter is received from Respondent prior to that date.
- 3. A request for a hearing shall be sent by electronic mail to <u>uidadmincases@utah.gov</u> or by U.S. mail to Utah Insurance Department, 3110 State Office Building, Salt Lake City, UT

84114. The request for hearing shall be signed by the person making the request and shall state the basis for the relief requested.

4. If you fail to request a hearing you will be bound by this Order. Failure to request a hearing will be deemed a failure to exhaust administrative remedies and will preclude any further administrative or judicial review or appeal of this matter.

DATED this 28 day of Jebruary, 2018.

TODD E. KISER

Insurance Commissioner

WATTS BASKIN, J.D.

Administrative Law Judge **Utah Insurance Department** 

### NOTIFICATION TO RESPONDENT

Failure to obey the Order may subject you to further penalties that include forfeitures of up to \$2,500 per violation, license suspension or revocation, further enforcement action before the Utah District Court where forfeitures of up to \$10,000 may be imposed. If you are licensed in other jurisdictions, you may be required to report this proceeding to those jurisdictions.

#### **DECLARATION**

Under criminal penalty of Utah law, I, Cathy Burton, declare the following:

- 1. I am currently employed as a market conduct examiner with the Utah Insurance

  Department where my responsibilities include investigating and enforcing Utah insurance laws.
- 2. I submit this Declaration as the basis for issuing the Notice of Agency Action and Order to which this Declaration is attached.
- 3. Based on my personal knowledge, based on the facts appearing in the Department's records and files, or based on the records of the Third District Court, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the following facts are true:
- A. Respondent, Statewide Bail Bonding LLC, is a resident limited line producer organization authorized to do the business of bail bond insurance in the State of Utah.

  Respondent's license number is 97876. Respondent's license was issued on July 15, 1999.
  - B. Respondent's business address is 3350 S. 900 W., Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.
- C. Respondent receives its authority to write bail bonds by maintaining a qualifying power of attorney issued by a surety insurer. Universal Fire & Casualty Insurance Company ("Universal") authorized Respondent to write on their behalf on February 10, 2017.
- D. Respondent failed to pay a forfeiture judgment regarding case no. 161900714 in the Third District Court and the Department issued a Mandatory Order of Suspension against Respondent on January 2, 2018.
- E. The Department notified Universal of the Mandatory Order of Suspension against Respondent on January 30, 2018.
- F. Effective January 30, 2018, Universal terminated the qualifying power of attorney that it had issued to Respondent. Universal announced the termination on SIRCON, an insurance licensee management system used and accessed by Utah and other states.

G, Respondent does not have a letter of credit with the statutory minimum face value assigned to the state from a Utah depository institution. Nor does Respondent qualify as a bail bond surety company that pledged personal or real property or both and showing a net worth in the statutory minimum amount.

4. Based on the above declared facts, Respondent's bail bond producer license should be revoked under the following statutes:

A. Utah Code Ann. § 31A-35-404, which requires that a bail bond agency have a qualifying power of attorney issued by a surety insurer or a letter of credit with a minimum face value of \$250,000 assigned to the state from a Utah depository institution, or that the bail bond agency qualify as a bail bond surety company that pledges personal or real property, or both and showing a net worth of at least \$250,000, of which at least \$50,000 is in liquid assets.

B. Utah Code Ann. § 31A-35-404 (4), which states that the commissioner may revoke the license of a bail bond agency that fails to maintain the minimum financial requirements.

5. Revoking Respondent's license is a sanction consistent with previous sanctions, such as: All Area Bail Bonds, E-Case #3620, May 29, 2015, in which All Area Bail Bonds had its license revoked for failing to have qualifying surety financial backing.

DATED: February 28, 2018

Cathy Burton

Market Conduct Examiner Utah Insurance Department

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this date, a true and correct copy of the

## foregoing NOTICE OF INFORMAL AGENCY ACTION AND ORDER AND

**DECLARATION** was regularly mailed and electronically mailed to the

following:

STATEWIDE BAIL BONDING LLC 3350 S 900 W SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84119

Email: statewidebailbonding@gmail.com

Dated this <u>18</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2018

Suzette Green-Wright

Utah Insurance Department

State Office Building, Room 3110

Salt Lake City, UT. 84114-6901