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BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Complainant,

VS.

PARADISE SETTLEMENT SERVICES, LLC,

Docket No. 2020-4275

Respondent.

Complainant, Utah Insurance Department ("Department") and Respondent, Paradise Settlement Services, LLC, ("Respondent"), have stipulated to entry of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. Based upon that stipulation, and good cause appearing, the following are made and entered:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a resident producer organization holding Utah license number 636969.
- 2. Respondent's mailing address is 401 E. Corporate Dr. Ste. 290, Lewisville, TX 75057.
- 3. On August 4, 2020, the Department initiated an audit review of Respondent.
- 4. During the audit, the Department determined that Respondent's trust account was with

American National Bank of Texas, which does not have an office or branch in Utah.

- 5. On or about October 7, 2020, Respondent provided the Department with documentation of a new trust account with Chase Bank, which does have branches in Utah. The account was opened on September 21, 2020.
- 6. The Department and Respondent have agreed to an administrative forfeiture of \$5,000.00.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Utah Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") has jurisdiction over the parties and this informal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Utah Code §§ 31A-1-105 and 31A-2-201.
- 2. The Commissioner has legal authority to impose penalties on the Department's licensees who violate the Utah Insurance Code pursuant to Utah Code § 31A-2-308.
- 3. Utah Code § 31A-23a-409(2)(a)(i) requires that trust monies be deposited in a federally insured trust account with a qualified depository with an office in Utah. Respondent violated this provision when trust account funds were deposited in a trust account maintained by American National Bank of Texas, which does not have an office in Utah.
- 4. As penalties for the violations in this case, Respondent should be ordered to pay a forfeiture of \$5,000.00.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby Ordered that:

1. Respondent shall pay a forfeiture of \$5,000.00 for the violations described in the Conclusions of Law.

2. Respondent is ordered not to commit the violations described in the Conclusions of Law in the future.

DATED this 12th day of December , 2020.

TANJI J. NORTHRUP
Interim Utah Insurance Commissioner

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Failure to obey this Order may subject you to further penalties that include a forfeiture of up to \$2,500 per violation, with each day of the violation constituting a separate violation. Other penalties for failing to obey this Order may include license suspension, probation, refusal to renew, or revocation. Failure to obey this Order may also result in an action taken against you in a court of competent jurisdiction where forfeitures of up to \$10,000 for each day the failure to comply continues until judgment is rendered. If you are licensed in other jurisdictions, you may be required to report this proceeding in those jurisdicitons.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order was emailed to:

Christopher McLucas, Owner Paradise Settlement Services, LLC <u>chris.mclucas@yahoo.com</u>

Helen A. Frohlich Assistant Attorney General hfrohlich@agutah.gov

DATED this 15th day of December, 2020.

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BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	
UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Complainant, vs.	COMPLIANCE WITH UTAH CODE § 31A-2-404(1)(b)(ii)
PARADISE SETTLEMENT SERVICES, LLC, Respondent.	Docket No. 2020-4275
Pursuant to Utah Code § 31A-2-404(1)(b)(ii) the Interim Utah Insurance Commissioner consulted with and sought the concurrence of the Title and Escrow Commission ("Commission"), in an open meeting, regarding the imposition of the penalty set forth in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in this matter. By a vote of 5 to 0 , the Commission: 5 concurred 0 did not concur	
with the imposition of the penalty. Dated: 12/14/2020 , 2020. Chase Phillips (Dec 14, 2620 14:28 MST) Chase Phillips Chair	

Chase Phillips, Chair
Title and Escrow Commission

BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

IMPOSITION OF PENALTY IN COMPLIANCE WITH UTAH CODE

Complainant,

vs.

§ 31A-2-404(1)(b)(ii)

PARADISE SETTLEMENT SERVICES, LLC,

Docket No. 2020-4275

Respondent.

Pursuant to Utah Code § 31A-2-404(1)(b)(ii), I Tanji J. Northrup, Interim Utah Insurance Commissioner consulted with and sought the concurrence of the Title and Escrow Commission, in an open meeting, regarding the imposition of the penalty set forth in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in this matter. I hereby agree with and impose said penalty.

Dated: December 15 , 2020.

Tanji J. Northrup

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Tanji J. Northrup
Interim Utah Insurance Commissioner

RIGHT TO AGENCY REVIEW

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-301, any party may file a written request for agency review within 30 days of the date of this order.

RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-401, either party may obtain judicial review of final agency action by filing a petition for judicial review within 30 days of the date the order constituting final agency action is issued.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Imposition of Penalty in Compliance with Utah Code § 31A-2-402(1)(b)(ii) were emailed to:

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DATED this 15th day of ecember 2020.

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