STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

In the Matter of INTERSTATE RECOVERY SERVICE, INC., Respondent.	Case No. DB-19-0024 ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTIES, AND CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

The Division of Financial Regulation (the "Division"), acting on behalf of the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (the "Director"), conducted an investigation of Interstate Recovery Service, Inc. ("Respondent"). The Division determined that Respondent violated provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes ("ORS") 646A.640 to 646A.673 (the "Oregon Debt Buyers Law") and the Oregon Administrative Rules ("OAR") promulgated under those laws.

Respondent wishes to resolve and settle this matter with the Director.

Now, therefore, as evidenced by the signature(s) subscribed on this Order, Respondent hereby CONSENTS to the entry of this Order.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

1. Respondent is a foreign business corporation with a principal place of business at 236 Mustang Trail, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

2. As part of its regular business practices, Respondent purchased charged-off or delinquent debt for the purpose of collecting that debt.

3. Between 2017 and 2018, Respondent purchased debts and collected or attempted to collect those debts from 14 Oregonians. Respondent collected a total of $620 from three (3) Oregonians.

4. At no relevant time has Respondent been licensed with the Division as a debt buyer in Oregon.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director CONCLUDES that:

5. Under ORS 646A.640(3), "debt buyer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 646.639.

6. Under ORS 646.639(1)(g)(A), "debt buyer" means a person that regularly engages in the business of purchasing charged-off debt for the purpose of collecting the charged-off debt or hiring another person to collect or bring legal action to collect the charged-off debt.

7. Respondent is a "debt buyer" under ORS 646A.640(3) and ORS 646.639(1)(g)(A).

8. Under ORS 646A.640(4), "debt buying" means conducting business as a debt buyer or conducting business activities that are subject to regulation under ORS 646.639 (4), 646A.640 to 646A.673 and 646A.670.

9. By purchasing debt from creditors and then attempting to collect that debt from 14 Oregonians, Respondent conducted business activities that are subject to regulation under ORS 646A.640 to ORS 646A.673 and otherwise acted as a debt buyer. Therefore, Respondent engaged in debt buying in Oregon under ORS 646A.640(4).

10. Under ORS 646A.643(1), except as otherwise provided, a person may not engage in debt buying in this state unless the person obtains or renews a license under ORS 646A.646.

11. Because Respondent engaged in debt buying in this state without obtaining a license, Respondent violated ORS 646A.643(1).

12. Under ORS 646A.664(1)(a), if the Director determines that a person that engages in debt buying in this state has violated ORS 646.639 or ORS 646A.640 to

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646A.673 and 646A.670, or a rule adopted thereunder, the Director may order the person to cease and desist from any act that constitutes the violation.

13. Under ORS 646A.664(1)(c), if the Director determines that a person that engages in debt buying in this state has violated ORS 646.639 or ORS 646A.640 to 646A.673 and 646A.670, or a rule adopted thereunder, the Director may impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for each violation.

14. Because the Director has determined that Respondent has violated provisions of the Oregon Debt Buyers Act, including ORS 646A.643(1), the Director may order Respondent to cease and desist from such violations under ORS 646A.664(1)(a).

15. Because the Director has determined that Respondent has violated provisions of the Oregon Debt Buyers Act, including ORS 646A.643(1), the Director may impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for each violation under ORS 646A.664(1)(c).

ORDERS

The Director ISSUES the following ORDERS:

Order to Cease and Desist

16. Pursuant to ORS 646A.664(1)(a), the Director hereby ORDERS Respondent, and all entities owned or controlled by Respondent, its successors and assignees, to CEASE AND DESIST from violating the Oregon Debt Buyers Law, ORS 646A.640 to 646A.673 and the rules adopted thereunder.

Order Assessing Civil Penalties

17. Pursuant to the authority of ORS 646A.664(1)(c), the Director hereby assesses CIVIL PENALTIES against Respondent in the amount of five thousand dollars ($5,000) for engaging in debt buying in this state without obtaining a license, in violation of ORS 646A.643(1).

18. The Director agrees to suspend the collection of four thousand dollars ($4,000) of the foregoing civil penalties and agrees to waive such amount at the end of a

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period of three (3) years, provided that Respondent:

A. agrees to refrain from engaging in debt buying in this state unless and until it obtains a license from the Division to do so;

B. complies with the Oregon Debt Buyers Law; and

C. otherwise complies with all provisions of this Consent Order.

19. If Respondent commits any further violation of the Oregon Debt Buyers Law or fails to abide by any terms of this Consent Order, the suspended civil penalties of four thousand dollars ($4,000) will become immediately due and payable. If Respondent does not commit any further violation of the Oregon Debt Buyers Law and otherwise abides by all of the terms of this Consent Order during the three-year suspension of the civil penalties, the suspended civil penalties will be considered satisfied and will be fully waived.

20. At the time Respondent submits this executed Order, Respondent shall also submit to the Director a payment in the amount of the remaining one thousand dollars ($1,000).

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21. Entry of this Order in no way limits or prevents further remedies, sanctions, or actions which may be available to the Director under Oregon law to enforce this Order, for violations of this Order, for conduct or actions of Respondent that are not covered by this Order, or against any Respondent or other party not covered by this Order.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of July, 2019in Salem, Oregon.

CAMERON SMITH, Director
Department of Consumer and Business Services

/s/ Dorothy Bean
Dorothy Bean, Chief of Enforcement
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ENTITY CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

I, William Stemple, state that I am an authorized representative of Interstate Recovery Service, Inc., and have the authority to sign this Consent Order. I have read the foregoing Order and I know and fully understand the contents hereof. The factual allegations stated herein are true and correct. I have been advised of the right to a hearing and of the right to be represented by counsel in this matter. I voluntarily consent to the entry of this Order without any force or duress, expressly waiving any right to a hearing in this matter and waiving any rights to administrative or judicial review of this Order. I understand that the Director reserves the right to take further action against me to enforce this order or to take appropriate action upon discovery that I have committed other violations of the Oregon Debt Buyers Law. I will fully comply with the terms and conditions stated herein. I understand that this Order is a public document.

Signature: /s/ William Stemple

Printed Name: William Stemple

State of Virginia

County of Virginia Beach

Signed or attested before me on this 27th day of June, 2019 by William Stemple.

Virginia Clemens Middlebrooks-Gray

Notary Public

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