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STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SECURITIES

## BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

In the Matter of: I-11-0024

GLOBAL PAYDAY LOAN, LLC, dba Payday-Loan-Yes.com,

Respondent.

L ORDER TO CEASE AND ST AND ORDER ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTY ENTERED BY

On May 12, 2011, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (hereafter "the Director"), acting by and pursuant to the authority of the Oregon Consumer Finance Act, Oregon Revised Statutes ("ORS") chapter 725, and other applicable authority, issued Administrative Order No. I-11-0024, ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, PROPOSED ORDER ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTY AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING ("the Proposed Order") against Respondent Global Payday Loan, LLC ("GPL").

On May 16, 2011, Respondent GPL was duly served with a true copy of the Proposed Order by certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, Item No. 7008 3230 0001 1430 5597, and by regular first class mail, addressed to Global Payday Loan at the following last known address: 4001 S 700 E Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84107.

On May 18, 2011, Respondent GPL was duly served with a true copy of the Proposed Order by certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, Item No. 7008 3230 0001 1430 5580, and by regular first class mail, addressed to Global Payday Loan LLC in care of Jules Shore, Registered Agent, at 309 Old York Road, Suite 200, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

Respondent GPL has not made a written request for a contested case hearing in this matter and time to do so has now expired.

NOW THEREFORE, after consideration of the file in this matter maintained by the

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Division of Finance and Corporate Securities, including any materials that Respondent may have submitted, the Director hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order.

I.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Global Payday Loan, LLC is believed to be a limited liability company with offices located at 4001 S. 700 E., Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84107 and also formerly had offices located in Dallas, Texas. Global Payday is understood to do business as, or operate using the assumed business name of, Payday-Loan-Yes as well as Fastcash Advance, CashNet, CashNet500, First National Services, and others.
- 2. GPL is in the business of making small dollar amount consumer loans to individuals primarily for personal, family or household purposes for periods of less than 60 days. The loans are not made as purchase money loans and are usually evidenced by a check or electronic repayment agreement provided by or on behalf of the borrower. These loans are commonly called "payday loans". GPL conducts its payday loan business via the Internet through websites including http://payday-loan-yes.com.
- 3. At all relevant times herein, GPL was not licensed in Oregon with the Director as a payday lender.
- At all times relevant to this matter, GPL negotiated short term consumer loans with seven individuals, hereinafter identified as "KE", "PB", "NG", "CM", "EM", "JR" and "TL" (hereinafter referred to collectively as "the borrowers"). Each of the borrowers is an Oregon resident and was physically present in Oregon when the loans with GPL were negotiated. Each of the borrowers negotiated a small amount loan, from \$100 to \$500. The borrowers negotiated their respective loans with GPL via the Internet through the website http://payday-loan-yes.com. Each of the borrowers obtained their respective loan primarily for personal, family or household purposes. As part of the loan terms, the borrowers each provided GPL with their respective

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Each of the bank accounts was held in a branch of a financial institution located in Oregon. 5. Once the terms of the loans were negotiated online, GPL deposited the loan principal

Oregon bank account information, which allowed GPL to access their respective bank accounts.

- to the borrower's Oregon bank account. Under the terms of the loan, the borrower was charged a finance charge, from \$30 to \$250, every two weeks. Under the terms of the loan agreement, the borrower was charged an origination fee, which was always more than \$30. The loan principal and the finance charge were due within a period of less than 31 days from the date of the loan. If the borrower failed to pay off the loan by the due date, GPL debited the borrower's Oregon bank account in the amount of finance charge.
- If the loan was not paid by the due date, GPL would renew or "rollover" the loan for 6. another period. The borrowers each renewed their loans with GPL more than two times. GPL would continue to debit the borrower's Oregon bank account approximately every 14 days. Usually, the only way in which the borrower could stop GPL assessing these fees was to close their bank account.
  - 7. The effective APR for loans from GPL ranged from 353 to 2,737 percent.
- 8. On April 28, 2009, a financial examiner for the Division of Finance and Corporate Securities ("the Division") wrote to GPL informing the company of complaints filed by Oregon borrowers and requesting that GPL provide the Division with information on all loans made to Oregon residents for the period January 1, 2007 to April 28, 2009. The Division received no response to this request.

# II.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 9. The short term consumer loans made by GPL to Oregon residents "KE", "PB", "NG", "CM", "EM", "JR" and "TL" are payday loans as defined in ORS 725.600(3).
- 10. The payday loans made by GPL to Oregon residents "KE", "PB", "NG", "CM", "EM", "JR" and "TL" were subject to ORS chapter 725 because GPL made loans for personal,

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family or household purposes of less than \$50,000 to consumers who were then residing in
Oregon and the consumers made payments on the loans in this state as that term is defined in
ORS 725.602 when GPL debited the borrowers' respective Oregon bank accounts, each of which
was held in a branch of a financial institution located in Oregon.

- GPL violated ORS 725.045(1) by conducting a business in which it made a payday 11. loan as defined by ORS 725.600(3) to an Oregon resident without first obtaining a license under ORS chapter 725.
- 12. GPL violated ORS 725.622(1)(a) by making or renewing a payday loan at a rate of interest exceeding 36 percent per annum, excluding a one-time origination fee for a new loan.
- 13. GPL violated ORS 725.622(1)(b) by charging an Oregon borrower an origination fee of more than \$10 per \$100 of the loan amount or a total of \$30.
- 14. GPL violated ORS 725.622(1)(d) by making or renewing a payday loan for a term of less than 31 days.
- 15. GPL violated ORS 725.622(1)(h) by renewing an existing payday loan more than two times.
- 16. GPL violated ORS 725.310(2)(a) by failing to give the Director free access to the records of loans made by Payday-Loan-Yes.com to Oregon residents during the period January 1, 2007 to April 28, 2009.

## III.

### **ORDERS**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR ISSUES THE FOLLOWING ORDERS:

## Cease and Desist Order

17. Pursuant to the authority of ORS 725.400, the Director hereby ORDERS Respondent GPL to CEASE AND DESIST from violating any provision of the Oregon Consumer Finance Act, ORS chapter 725, OAR 441-730-0000 through 441-730-0320, or any rule, order, or policy issued by the Director under that chapter. Pursuant to ORS 725.400(3), the Order to Cease and

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# **Order Assessing Civil Penalty**

- 18. Pursuant to the authority of ORS 725.910, the Director may assess a CIVIL PENALTY in an amount determined by the Director of not more than \$2,500 per violation against any person who violates any provision of the Oregon Consumer Finance Act, ORS chapter 725. Pursuant to this provision, the Director hereby ORDERS Respondent GPL to pay a CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of \$90,000 (ninety thousand dollars) for the following violations:
- A CIVIL PENALTY of \$17,500 (seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) for Α. conducting a business in which it made payday loans as defined by ORS 725.600(3) to seven Oregon residents without first obtaining a license under ORS chapter 725 in violation ORS 725.045(1);
- A CIVIL PENALTY of \$17,500 (seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) for В. making or renewing seven payday loans at a rate of interest that exceeds 36 percent per annum, excluding a one-time origination fee for a new loan, in violation of ORS 725.622(1)(a);
- C. A CIVIL PENALTY of \$17,500 (seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) for charging the seven Oregon borrowers origination fees of more than \$30, or \$10 per \$100 of the loan amount, in violation of ORS 725.622(1)(b);
- D. A CIVIL PENALTY of \$17,500 (seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) for violation of ORS 725.622(1)(d) by making or renewing seven payday loans for terms of less than 31 days;
- E. A CIVIL PENALTY of \$17,500 (seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) for seven violations of ORS 725.622(1)(h), renewing existing payday loans more than two times; and
- F. A CIVIL PENALTY of \$2,500 (two thousand five-hundred dollars) for violation of ORS 725.310(2)(a) by failing to give the Director free access to the records of loans made by