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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:

DJR Group, LLC,

Respondent.

PD-11-0077

FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, FINAL ORDER SUSPENDING COLLECTION ACTIVITIES, AND FINAL ORDER ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTY BY DEFAULT

On January 25, 2012, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon (hereinafter "the Director"), acting pursuant to the authority of the Oregon Consumer Finance Act, ORS chapter 725<sup>1</sup>, issued Administrative Order No. PD-11-0077, ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER SUSPENDING COLLECTION ACTIVITIES, PROPOSED ORDER ASSESSING CIVIL PENALTY, AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ("the Proposed Order") against Respondent DJR Group, LLC ("DJR").

On January 26, 2012, DJR was duly served with a true copy of the Proposed Order by registered United States Mail, postage prepaid to its address at Suite 4 and 5 Temple Bldg., Prince William and Main Street, Box 822, Charlestown, Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, West Indies (Article No. RC-016-479-607-US). Additionally, on January 26, 2012, a true copy of the Proposed Order was sent by regular mail to DJR's address noted above.

On January 26, 2012, the Proposed Order was also served on Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, the law firm retained to represent DJR in this matter, by certified United States Mail,

<sup>1</sup> All references to the provisions of Chapter 725 and the sections set forth therein shall be deemed to include any applicable restatement or revision thereof. *See* SB 993, Oregon Laws 2010 Special Session, Chapter 23.

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postage prepaid to its address at 2900 K Street NW, North Tower – Suite 200, Wa	shington, Do
20007 (Article No. 7008 1830 0003 3147 3390).	

According to the return receipt, DJR received the Proposed Order on March 1, 2012.

DJR 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 Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, including any materials that DJR may have submitted, the Director hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Orders.

I.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

- DJR is believed to be a limited liability company organized under the laws of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, with its principal office located at Suite 4 and 5 Temple Bldg., Prince William and Main Street, Box 822, Charlestown, Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, West Indies. DJR is not registered with the Oregon Secretary of State as a foreign business.
- 2. DJR is in the business of making 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".
- 3. At all times relevant to this matter, DJR was not licensed in Oregon with the Director as a payday lender.
- 4. At all times relevant to this matter, an individual identified herein as "SP" was a resident of the State of Oregon.

5.	In June of 2010, SP negotiated a \$200 short term consumer loan with DJR	via the
Internet.	SP intended the loan primarily for personal, family or household purposes.	SP
negotiate	d the loan with DJR while being physically present in Oregon.	

- 6. SP was to incur a \$60 financing charge associated with the loan.
- 7. The loan principal and the financing charge were due 9 days from the date of the loan.
  - 8. The effective APR for the loan to SP was 1216.67%.

# II.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director CONCLUDES that:

- 9. The short term consumer loan made by DJR to Oregon resident SP is a payday loan as defined in ORS 725.600(3).
- 10. The payday loan that DJR made to Oregon resident SP was subject to ORS chapter 725 because DJR offered to and made a loan for personal, family or household purposes of less than \$50,000 to a consumer who resided in Oregon and the consumer agreed to the terms of the loan via the Internet while physically present in Oregon.
- 11. DJR violated ORS 725.045(1) by conducting a business in which it made a payday loan as defined by ORS 725.600(3) to an Oregon resident without first obtaining a license under ORS chapter 725.
- 12. DJR violated ORS 725.622(1)(a) by making or renewing a payday loan at a rate of interest that exceeds 36 percent per annum, excluding a one-time origination fee for a new loan.
- 13. DJR violated ORS 725.622(1)(d) by making or renewing a payday loan for a term of less than 31 days.
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III.

## FINAL ORDERS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR ISSUES THE FOLLOWING FINAL ORDERS:

# Final Order to Cease and Desist

14. Pursuant to the authority of ORS 725.400, the Director hereby ORDERS DJR, and all entities owned or controlled by DJR, their successors and assignees, 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.

# Final Order Suspending Collection Activities

- 15. Pursuant to the authority of ORS 725.626, the Director ORDERS DJR, and all entities owned or controlled by DJR, their successors and assignees, to suspend all collection activities for the principal of, interest on, or any fees or charges for loans made to Oregon consumers unless within 90 days of the date of this Order, DJR obtains a license under ORS 725.045(1).
- 16. If DJR is approved by the Director to act as a payday lender in Oregon pursuant to ORS 725.045(1), but more than 90 days from the date of this Order, DJR may collect the interest and fees allowed by ORS chapter 725, but only for loans made after the approval of DJR's license as a payday lender in Oregon.

# Final Order Assessing Civil Penalty

- 17. 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 assesses DJR a CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of \$7,500 (seven thousand five-hundred dollars) as follows:
- A. A CIVIL PENALTY of \$2,500 (two thousand five-hundred dollars) for conducting a business in which it made a payday loan as defined by ORS 725.600(3) to an Oregon resident

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