

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSIONER

CASE NO. C-10-165

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ARKANSAS SECURITIES DEPT.

IN THE MATTER OF:

**WILLOW BEND MORTGAGE
COMPANY, NMLS&R NO. 117371**

C-10-165-10-OR01

RESPONDENT

CONSENT ORDER

This Consent Order ("Order") is entered pursuant to the Arkansas Fair Mortgage Lending Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-39-501 through 23-39-518 ("Act"), the Rules of the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Rules"), promulgated under the Act, and the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act ("Procedures"), codified at Ark. Code Ann. §§ 25-15-201 through 25-15-219 in accordance with an agreement by and between the Staff of the Arkansas Securities Department and Willow Bend Mortgage Company ("Willow Bend") in full and final settlement of all claims that could be brought against Willow Bend by the Staff on the basis of the facts set forth herein.

Willow Bend admits to the jurisdiction of the Act and the Arkansas Securities Commissioner ("Commissioner"), waives its rights to a formal hearing, consents to the entry of this order, and agrees to abide by its terms.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Willow Bend Mortgage Company ("Willow Bend") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Texas, with its principal place of business located at 5800 West Plano Parkway, Suite 105, Plano, Texas. Willow Bend has been licensed as a mortgage banker by the Arkansas Securities Department ("Department") since June 30, 2004. Willow Bend's mortgage banker license is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010.

2. Each mortgage banker licensed by the Department is required to file an annual report with the Department by March 31 of each year. Willow Bend failed to file its annual report by the deadline.

3. The Staff contacted Willow Bend through the NMLS&R on April 14, 2010, and by certified mail May 18, 2010, concerning the failure of Willow Bend to file its annual report of mortgage activity in Arkansas by the March 31, 2010. On July 14, 2010, Willow Bend filed its annual report of mortgage activity in Arkansas.

4. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-514(b)(1)-(2), the Commissioner may impose a civil penalty against Willow Bend that shall not exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation under the Act.

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The acts by Willow Bend described in ¶¶ 2-3 constitutes a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-506(a)(2)(A), Rule 5006-2 of the Rules of the Fair Mortgage Lending Act, and Order No. C-10-037-10-OR01, titled In The Matter of: Arkansas Fair Mortgage Lending Act, Ark Code Ann. § 23-39-506(a)(2), which ordered that each mortgage banker licensed under the Act must file an annual report of mortgage activity directly with the Department by March 31, 2010. In addition, said acts warrant the entry of an order under Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-514(a)(2)(B) with the appropriate civil penalty against Willow Bend as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-514(b).

6. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-514(a)(1) the entry of this order is in the public interest.

7. The Commissioner by order may impose a civil penalty that shall not exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation by a mortgage banker upon a licensee or partner, officer, director, member, manager, or other person occupying a similar status or performing a similar function on behalf of a licensee for any violation of the Act. Ark. Code Ann. § 23-39-514(b)(1) and (2).

ORDER

By agreement and with the consent of the Staff and the authorized representative of Willow Bend, it is hereby ordered that Willow Bend shall be responsible for the payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00 to the Arkansas Securities Department. The payment of the civil penalty shall be made by Willow Bend within thirty days of the entrance of this Consent Order.

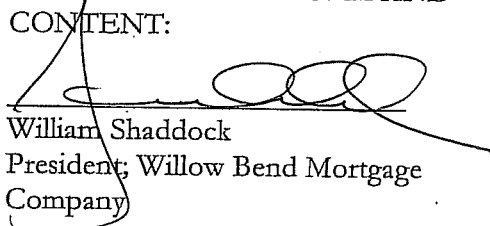
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A. Heath Abshure
Arkansas Securities Commissioner

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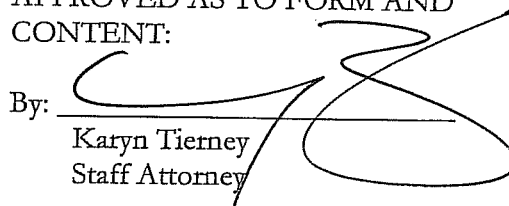
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