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STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

1179 Fairview Drive, Ste 201 Carson City, Nevada 89701 (775) 687-5522

In Re:	
AMERICAN RECOVERY SERVICE INCORPORATED,	:
Respondent.	
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ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST UNLICENSED ACTIVITIES FROM UNAUTHORIZED BRANCH LOCATION

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The State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry, Financial Institutions Division (hereinafter "Division") hereby orders AMERICAN RECOVERY SERVICE INCORPORATED, (hereafter "Respondent") to cease and desist from any and all activities which are covered under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 649.

JURISDICTION

- 1. The business of collecting claims for others, or of soliciting the right to collect or receive payment for another of any claim in the State of Nevada is governed by chapter 649 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and chapter 649 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Division has primary jurisdiction for the licensing and regulation of persons operating and/or engaging in collection services. NRS 649.026.
- 2. Pursuant to the authority vested by NRS Chapter 649, the Division hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

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3. Respondent AMERICAN RECOVERY SERVICE INCORPORATED is a business registered with the State of Nevada Secretary of State. Respondent's resident agent is NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. OF NV located at 1000 East William Street Suite 204, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 4. Respondent is licensed as a collection agency by the Division for its business located at 2000 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.
- 5. During an examination by the Division, it was discovered that collection activity towards residents in the State of Nevada was being conducted out of a location at 555 St. Charles Drive, Ste. 100, Thousand Oaks, California 91360 (hereafter the "Thousand Oaks location").
- 6. Respondent has no license to conduct the business of a collection agency in the State of Nevada for the Thousand Oaks address.
- 7. Respondent engaged in the business as a collection agent in the State of Nevada from an unauthorized location without first obtaining a license to do so.
- 8. If any finding of fact is more properly characterized as a conclusion of law, it shall be deemed as such.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. NRS 649.075(1) reads as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not conduct within this State a collection agency or engage within this State in the business of collecting claims for others, or of soliciting the right to collect or receive payment for another of any claim, or advertise, or solicit, either in print, by letter, in person or otherwise, the right to collect or receive payment for another of any claim, or seek to make collection or obtain payment of any claim on behalf of another without having first applied for and obtained a license from the Commissioner.

 NRS 649.395 provides the Commissioner to take disciplinary action for any violation of NRS Chapter 649.

NRS 649.390 Investigation of verified complaint concerning unlicensed person; order to cease and desist; administrative fines; suit to recover fine; cumulative penalties.

- 1. The Commissioner shall conduct an investigation if he receives a verified complaint from any person that sets forth reason to believe that an unlicensed person is engaging in an activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter.
- 2. If the Commissioner determines that an unlicensed person is engaging in an activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter, the Commissioner shall issue and serve on the person an order to cease and desist from engaging in the activity until such time as the person obtains a license from the Commissioner.
- 3. If a person upon whom an order to cease and desist is served does not comply with the order within 30 days after service, the Commissioner shall, after notice and opportunity for a hearing:
- (a) Impose upon the person an administrative fine of \$10,000; or
- (b) Enter into a written consent agreement with the person pursuant to which the person agrees to cease and desist from all unlicensed activity in this State relating to the collection of debts, and impose upon the person an administrative fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000.
- -- The imposition of an administrative fine pursuant to this subsection is a final decision for the purposes of judicial review.
- 4. The Commissioner shall bring suit in the name and on behalf of the State of Nevada against a person upon whom an administrative fine is imposed pursuant to subsection 3 to recover the amount of the administrative fine:
- (a) If no petition for judicial review is filed pursuant to NRS 233B.130 and the fine remains unpaid for more than 90 days after notice of the imposition of the fine; or
- (b) If a petition for judicial review is filed pursuant to NRS 233B.130 and the fine remains unpaid for more than 90 days after exhaustion of any right of appeal in the courts of this State resulting in a final determination that upholds the imposition of the fine.
- 5. A person's liability for an administrative fine is in addition to any other penalty provided in this chapter.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent AMERICAN RECOVERY SERVICE
INCROPORATED shall CEASE AND DESIST from operating and/or engaging in the business
of "collecting claims for others, or of soliciting the right to collect or receive payment for
another of any claim, or advertise, or solicit, either in print, by letter, in person or otherwise,
the right to collect or receive payment for another of any claim, or seek to make collection or
obtain payment of any claim on behalf of another" within the State of Nevada from the
Thousand Oaks location or any other location in which a permit has not been issued by the
Division unless and until such time Respondent receives a license or permit by the Division
pursuant to NRS Chapter 649 for that location.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this Cease and Desist Order shall serve as notice pursuant to NRS 233B.127 (3), that if Respondent does not comply with this Order, the Division shall take further administrative action. NRS 233B.127 (3) reads as follows:

> No revocation, suspension, annulment or withdrawal of any license is lawful unless, prior to the institution of agency proceedings, the agency gave notice by certified mail to the licensee of facts or conduct which warrant the intended action, and the licensee was given an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the license. If the agency finds that public health, safety or welfare imperatively require emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined.

DATED this 31st day of August, 2009.

STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DIVISION

Deputy Commissioner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Financial Institutions Division, and that on the 1st day of September, 2009, I deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid, via First Class Mail and Certified Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST UNLICENSED ACTIVITIES FROM UNAUTHORIZED BRANCH LOCAITONS, addressed as follows:

American Recovery Service, Inc. 555 St. Charles Drive, Ste. 100 Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Certified Mail 7008 1830 0002 7964 1424

DATED this 1st day of September, 2009

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