

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

and

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

DIVISION OF BANKING

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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In the Matter of	)	
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VERMONT STATE BANK	)	CONSENT ORDER
VERMONT, ILLINOIS	)	
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(Illinois Chartered	)	FDIC-11-133b
Insured Nonmember Bank)	)	2011-DB-22
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Vermont State Bank, Vermont, Illinois ("Bank"), having been advised of its right to a NOTICE OF CHARGES AND OF HEARING detailing the unsafe or unsound banking practices and violations of law or regulation alleged to have been committed by the Bank, and of its right to a hearing on the charges under section 8(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("Act"), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b), and under 38 Ill. Adm. Code Section 392 *et seq.*, regarding hearings before the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking ("Division"), and having waived those rights, entered into a STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER ("STIPULATION") with

counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the Division dated May 17, 2011, whereby, solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying the charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices and violations of law or regulation relating to Capital, Asset Quality, Management, Earnings, Liquidity and Sensitivity to Market Risk, the Bank consented to the issuance of a CONSENT ORDER ("ORDER") by the FDIC and the Division.

The FDIC and the Division considered the matter and decided to accept this STIPULATION.

Having also determined that the requirements for issuance of an order under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and Section 48(6), 205 ILCS 5/48(6), have been satisfied, the FDIC and the Division HEREBY ORDER that the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, as that term is defined in section 3(u) of the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), and its successors and assigns, take affirmative action as follows:

BOARD PARTICIPATION

1. (a) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the board of directors shall increase its participation in the affairs of the Bank, assuming full responsibility for the approval of sound policies and objectives and for the supervision of all of the Bank's activities, consistent with the role and expertise commonly expected for directors of Banks of comparable size.

This participation shall include meetings to be held no less frequently than monthly at which, at a minimum, the following areas shall be reviewed and approved: reports of income and expenses; new, overdue, renewal, insider, charged off, and recovered loans; investment activity; adoption or modification of operating policies; individual committee reports; audit reports; internal control reviews including managements responses; reconciliation of general ledger accounts; and compliance with this ORDER. Board minutes shall document these reviews and approvals, including the names of any dissenting directors.

(b) Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank's board of directors shall have in place a program that will provide for monitoring of the Bank's compliance with this ORDER.

(c) Following the required date of compliance with subparagraph (b) above, the Bank's board of directors shall review the Bank's compliance with this ORDER and record its review in the minutes of each regularly scheduled monthly board of directors' meeting.

MANAGEMENT

2. (a) Within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have and retain qualified management. At a minimum, such management shall include: (i) a

senior lending officer, who shall be subject to the written approval of the FDIC and the Division and who has an appropriate level of lending, collection, and loan supervision experience for the type and quality of the Bank's loan portfolio. In all instances, management shall be provided the necessary written authority to implement the provisions of this ORDER. The qualifications of management shall be assessed on its ability to:

- (i) Comply with the requirements of this ORDER;
- (ii) Operate the Bank in a safe and sound manner;
- (iii) Comply with applicable laws, rules, and regulations; and
- (iv) Restore all aspects of the Bank to a safe and sound condition, including capital adequacy, asset quality, management effectiveness, earnings, liquidity, and sensitivity to interest rate risk.

(b) During the life of this ORDER, prior to the addition of any individual to the board of directors or the employment of any individual as a senior executive officer, the Bank shall request and obtain the FDIC's and Division's written approval. For purposes of this ORDER, "senior executive officer" is defined as in section 32 of the Act ("section 32"), 12 U.S.C. § 1831(i), and section 303.101(b) of the FDIC Rules

and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 303.101(b).

CAPITAL

3. (a) Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have and maintain its level of Tier 1 capital as a percentage of its total assets ("capital ratio") at a minimum of 8 percent and its level of qualifying total capital as a percentage of risk-weighted assets ("total risk based capital ratio") at a minimum of 12 percent. For purposes of this ORDER, Tier 1 capital, qualifying total capital, total assets, and risk-weighted assets shall be calculated in accordance with Part 325 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations ("Part 325"), 12 C.F.R. Part 325.

(b) If, while this ORDER is in effect, the Bank increases capital by the sale of new securities, the board of directors of the Bank shall adopt and implement a plan for the sale of such additional securities, including the voting of any shares owned or proxies held by or controlled by them in favor of said plan. Should the implementation of the plan involve public distribution of Bank securities, including a distribution limited only to the Bank's existing shareholders, the Bank shall prepare detailed offering materials fully describing the securities being offered, including an accurate description of the financial condition of the Bank and the circumstances giving rise to the offering, and other material disclosures necessary

to comply with Federal securities laws. Prior to the implementation of the plan and, in any event, not less than 20 days prior to the dissemination of such materials, the materials used in the sale of the securities shall be submitted to the FDIC Registration and Disclosure Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429 for review. Any changes requested to be made in the materials by the FDIC shall be made prior to their dissemination.

(c) In complying with the provisions of this paragraph, the Bank shall provide to any subscriber and/or purchaser of Bank securities written notice of any planned or existing development or other changes which are materially different from the information reflected in any offering materials used in connection with the sale of Bank securities. The written notice required by this paragraph shall be furnished within 10 calendar days of the date any material development or change was planned or occurred, whichever is earlier, and shall be furnished to every purchaser and/or subscriber of the Bank's original offering materials.

LOSS CHARGE-OFF

4. As of the effective date of this Order the Bank shall charge off from its books and records any loan classified "Loss" in the Report of Examination (ROE) dated January 18, 2011.

PROHIBITION OF ADDITIONAL LOANS TO CLASSIFIED BORROWERS

5. (a) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who is already obligated in any manner to the Bank on any extensions of credit (including any portion thereof) that has been charged off the books of the Bank or classified "Loss" in the ROE, so long as such credit remains uncollected, unless the Bank's board of directors, or a Board Committee comprised of a majority of outside directors, has adopted, prior to such extension of credit, a detailed written statement giving the reasons why such extension of credit is in the best interests of the Bank. A copy of said statement shall be signed by each director and incorporated in the minutes of the applicable board of directors meeting and a copy placed in the appropriate loan file.

(b) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower whose loan or other credit has been classified "Substandard", "Doubtful", or is listed for Special Mention in the ROE, and is uncollected unless the Bank's board of directors has adopted, prior to such extension of credit, a detailed written statement giving the reasons why such extension of credit is in the best interest of the Bank. A copy of the statement shall be signed by each

Director, and incorporated in the minutes of the applicable board of directors' meeting. A copy of the statement shall be placed in the appropriate loan file.

REDUCTION OF DELINQUENCIES AND CLASSIFIED ASSETS

6. (a) Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt, implement, and adhere to, a written plan to reduce the Bank's risk position in each asset in excess of \$10,000 that is more than 90 days delinquent or classified "Substandard" or "Doubtful" in the ROE. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, provisions which:

- (i) Prohibit an extension of credit for the payment of interest, unless the Board provides, in writing, a detailed explanation of why the extension is in the best interest of the Bank;
- (ii) Provide for review of the current financial condition of each delinquent or classified borrower, including a review of borrower cash flow and collateral value;
- (iii) Delineate areas of responsibility for loan officers;
- (iv) Establish dollar levels to which the Bank shall reduce delinquencies and classified

assets within 6 and 12 months from the effective date of this ORDER; and

- (v) Provide for the submission of monthly written progress reports to the Bank's board of directors for review and notation in minutes of the meetings of the board of directors.

(b) As used in this paragraph, "reduce" means to: (1) collect; (2) charge off; (3) sell; or (4) improve the quality of such assets so as to warrant removal of any adverse classification by the FDIC and the Division.

(c) A copy of the plan required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division.

(d) While this ORDER remains in effect, the plan shall be revised to include assets which become more than 90 days delinquent after the effective date of this ORDER or are adversely classified at any subsequent examinations.

LOAN POLICY

7. (a) Within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this ORDER, and annually thereafter, the board of directors of the Bank shall review the Bank's loan policy and procedures for adequacy and, based upon this review, shall make all appropriate revisions to the policy necessary to strengthen lending procedures and abate additional loan deterioration. The revised

written loan policy and any subsequent modifications shall be submitted to the Regional Director and Division for review and comment upon their completion.

(b) The initial revisions to the Bank's loan policy required by this paragraph, at a minimum, shall include provisions:

- (i) Establishing loan to value limits to ensure compliance with Part 365 the FDIC's regulation on loan to value limits, 12 C.F.R. Part 365;
- (ii) Requiring that all extensions of credit originated or renewed by the Bank be supported by current credit information and collateral documentation, including lien searches and the perfection of security interests; have a clearly defined and stated purpose; be properly structured; and have a predetermined and realistic repayment source and schedule. Credit information and collateral documentation shall include current financial information, profit and loss statements or copies of tax returns, and cash flow projections, and shall be maintained throughout the term of the loan with loan officer notations and comments;
- (iii) Prohibiting the capitalization of interest or

loan related expenses unless the board of directors provides, in writing, a detailed explanation of why said deviation is in the best interest of the Bank;

(iv) Requiring a nonaccrual policy in accordance with the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's ("FFIEC") Instructions for the Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income; and

(v) Establishing standards for extending unsecured credit.

(c) Within thirty (30) days from the receipt of any comments from the Regional Director and Division; and after consideration of any comments; and after the adoption of any recommended changes, the board of directors shall approve the written loan policy and any subsequent modification thereto, which approvals shall be recorded in the minutes of a board of directors' meeting. Thereafter, the Bank shall implement and follow the written loan policy and any subsequent modifications thereto. The Bank shall inform the Regional Director and the Division writing, of the manner in which it intends to implement this policy and ensure compliance therewith.

LOAN REVIEW

8. (a) Within thirty (30) days from the effective date

of this ORDER, the Bank shall retain an independent third-party to review and evaluate the Bank's loan activity and submit a written analysis to the Bank's board of directors every thirty days for the life of this ORDER. The loan review shall at a minimum:

- (i) Require periodic confirmation of the accuracy and completeness of the watch list and all risk grades assigned by the Bank's loan officers;
- (ii) Identify loans or relationships that warrant special attention of management;
- (iii) Identify violations of law, rules, or regulations and credit and collateral documentation exceptions and track corrective measures
- (iv) Review the Bank's application of FASB ACS Subtopic 310-10 (which now supersedes prior FAS 114 guidelines); and
- (v) Identify loans not in conformance with the Bank's loan policy.

(b) A copy of the engagement letter shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division. Each written analysis shall be reviewed by the Bank's board of directors and reflected in the board of directors' minutes

together with a copy of the written analysis.

DIVIDEND RESTRICTION

9. As of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not declare or pay any dividend without the prior written consent of the Regional Director and the Division.

ALLOWANCE FOR LOANS AND LEASE LOSSES

10. (a) After the effective date of this ORDER, and prior to the submission of all Reports of Condition and Income required by the FDIC, the board of directors of the Bank shall review the adequacy of the Bank's ALLL, provide for an adequate ALLL, and accurately report the same. The minutes of the board meeting at which such review is undertaken shall indicate the findings of the review, the amount of increase in the ALLL recommended, if any, and the basis for determination of the amount of ALLL provided. In making these determinations, the board of directors shall consider the FFIEC Instructions for the Reports of Condition and Income and any analysis of the Bank's ALLL provided by the FDIC or Division.

(b) ALLL entries required by this paragraph shall be made prior to any capital determinations required by this ORDER.

PROFIT PLAN AND BUDGET

11. (a) Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt, implement, and adhere to a written profit plan and a realistic, comprehensive budget for all categories of income and expense for calendar years 2011 and 2012. The plans required by this paragraph shall contain formal goals and strategies, consistent with sound banking practices, to reduce discretionary expenses and to improve the Bank's overall earnings, and shall contain a description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for major projected income and expense components.

(b) The written profit plan shall address, at a minimum:

- (i) Realistic and comprehensive budgets;
- (ii) A budget review process to monitor the income and expenses of the Bank to compare actual figures with budgetary projections;
- (iii) Identification of major areas in, and means by which, earnings will be improved; and
- (iv) A description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for and adequately support major projected income and expense components.

(c) Within thirty (30) days from the end of each

calendar quarter following completion of the profit plans and budgets required by this paragraph, the Bank's board of directors shall evaluate the Bank's actual performance in relation to the plan and budget, record the results of the evaluation, and note any actions taken by the Bank in the minutes of the board of directors' meeting at which such evaluation is undertaken.

(d) A written profit plan and budget shall be prepared for each calendar year for which this ORDER is in effect.

(e) Copies of the plans and budgets required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division.

INTERNAL AUDIT

12. (a) Within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order, the Bank's board of directors shall comply with the Interagency Policy Statement on Internal Audit Function and its Outsourcing. Changes by the Bank in its audit program as a result of complying with this paragraph shall be recorded in the applicable board of directors' minutes and forwarded to the Regional Director and the Division.

(b) A copy of the audit program required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division.

INTERNAL ROUTINES AND CONTROLS

13. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall correct the deficiencies in internal routines and controls which are listed in the ROE. The Bank shall ensure that all accounts on its financial statements are reconciled and balanced at least monthly. Additionally, policies and procedures shall be established to prevent the recurrence of any internal routine and control deficiency so noted.

LIQUIDITY CONTINGENCY PLAN

14. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt a written contingency funding plan ("Liquidity Plan"). The Liquidity Plan shall include requirements to test secured lines of credit with correspondent banks that allow the Bank to borrow funds to meet depositor demands if the Bank's other provisions for contingency funding prove to be inadequate. Also, the Bank shall continue to maintain an account relationship with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to exchange and settle payment transactions through a clearing account balance.

TECHNICAL EXCEPTIONS

15. Within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall correct the technical exceptions listed in the ROE.

NOTIFICATION TO SHAREHOLDER

16. Following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall send to its shareholders a copy of this ORDER: (1) in conjunction with the Bank's next shareholder communication; or (2) in conjunction with its notice or proxy statement preceding the Bank's next shareholder meeting.

PROGRESS REPORTS

17. Within thirty (30) days from the end of each calendar quarter following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall furnish to the Regional Director and the Division written progress reports signed by each member of the Bank's board of directors, detailing the actions taken to secure compliance with the ORDER and the results thereof.

CLOSING PARAGRAPHS

The effective date of this ORDER shall be the date of its issuance by the FDIC and the Division.

The provisions of this ORDER shall be binding upon the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, successors, and assigns.

The provisions of this ORDER shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provision of this ORDER shall have been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the FDIC and the Division.

Pursuant to delegated authority.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2011.

/s/
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Chicago Regional Office
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