

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of:

INDEPENDENCE BANK
EAST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND

(INSURED STATE NONMEMBER BANK)

ORDER TO PAY
CIVIL MONEY PENALTY

FDIC-11-193k

Independence Bank, East Greenwich, Rhode Island ("Bank"), has been advised of its right to receive a Notice of Assessment of Civil Money Penalty, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Order to Pay, and Notice of Hearing ("Notice") issued by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") detailing the violations for which a civil money penalty may be assessed against the Bank pursuant to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 ("Flood Act"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a, section 8(i)(2) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("Act"), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2), and Part 339 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 339 ("Part 339"), and has been further advised of its right to a hearing on the charges under the Flood Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4), and Part 308 of the FDIC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 12 C.F.R. Part 308.

1. Having waived those rights, the Bank entered into a Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of an Order to Pay Civil Money Penalty ("Consent Agreement") with a representative of the Legal Division of the FDIC, whereby solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying any violations, the Bank consented and agreed to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of \$3,445.00 related to the violations of the Flood Act and Part 339. The FDIC has reason to believe that the Bank has violated the Flood Act and Part 339 in that the Bank:

- (a) made, increased, extended, or renewed loans secured by a building or mobile home located or to be located in a special flood hazard area without requiring that the collateral be covered by flood insurance and/or failing to maintain sufficient flood insurance coverage on the collateral for the term of the loan, 12 C.F.R. § 339.3(a); and
- (b) failed to provide notice to borrowers when flood insurance expired and failed to force place flood insurance on the behalf of borrowers when insurance was not obtained within 45 days after notification, as required under 12 C.F.R. § 339.7.

After taking into account the Consent Agreement, the appropriateness of the penalty with respect to the financial

resources and good faith of the Bank, the gravity of the violations by the Bank, the history of previous violations by the Bank, and such other matters as justice may require, the FDIC accepts the Consent Agreement and issues the following:

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Independence Bank, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, be, and hereby is, assessed a civil money penalty of \$3,445.00, pursuant to the Flood Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a, section 8(i)(2) of the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2), and Parts 308 and 339 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. Parts 308 and 339. The Bank shall pay the civil money penalty to the Treasury of the United States.

This Order to Pay Civil Money Penalty shall be effective upon issuance.

Pursuant to delegated authority.

Dated at New York, New York, this 20th day of June, 2011.

/s/ Scott D. Strockoz
Scott D. Strockoz
Deputy Regional Director
New York Regional Office
Division of Depositor and
Consumer Protection