

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
AND
STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION,
DIVISION OF BANKING,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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In the Matter of	)	
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	)	CONSENT ORDER
AMERICAN METRO BANK	)	
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	)	FDIC-11-513b
	)	2011-DB-58
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(ILLINOIS CHARTERED	)	
INSURED NONMEMBER BANK)	)	
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American Metro Bank, Chicago, Illinois ("**Bank**"), having been advised of its right to a NOTICE OF CHARGES AND OF HEARING detailing the unsafe or unsound banking practices 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 392 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 representatives of the Federal Deposit

Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and the Division dated December 19, 2011, whereby, solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying the charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices, the Bank consented to the issuance of an CONSENT ORDER ("**ORDER**") by the FDIC and the Division.

The FDIC and the Division considered the matter and determined to accept the STIPULATION.

Having also determined that the requirements for issuance of an order under 12 U.S.C. § 1818 (b) and section 48 (6) of the Illinois Banking Act, 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:

MANAGEMENT

1. (a) The Bank shall have and retain qualified management during the life of this Order. 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) 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 Regional Director and the 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).

MANAGEMENT STUDY

2. (a) Within sixty(60) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall retain an independent third party acceptable to the Regional Director of the FDIC's Chicago Regional Office ("**Regional Director**") and the Division, who will develop a written analysis and assessment of the Bank's management needs ("**Management Study**") for the purpose of providing qualified management for the Bank.

(b) The Bank shall provide the Regional Director and

the Division with a copy of the proposed engagement letter or contract with the independent third party for review.

(c) The Management Study shall be developed within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this ORDER. The Management Study shall include, at a minimum:

- (i) Identification of both the type and number of executive officers, as defined by 12 CFR 215.2 (e), needed to properly manage and supervise the affairs of the Bank;
- (ii) Identification of both the type and number of staff required to monitor and resolve the high volume of Problem Assets identified in the Joint Report of Examination dated April 14, 2011 ("ROE");
- (iii) Identification and establishment of such Bank committees as are needed to provide guidance and oversight to active management;
- (iv) Evaluation of all executive officers to determine whether these individuals possess the ability, experience and other qualifications required to perform present and anticipated duties, including adherence to the Bank's established policies and practices, and restoration and maintenance

- of the Bank in a safe and sound condition;
- (v) Evaluation of all executive officers' compensation, including salaries, director fees, and other benefits.
 - (vi) A plan to recruit and hire any additional or replacement personnel with the requisite ability, experience and other qualifications to fill those officer or staff member positions identified by this paragraph of this ORDER.

(d) Within ninety (90) days after receipt of the Management Study, the Bank shall formulate a plan to implement the recommendations of the Management Study.

(e) The plan required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division for review and comment. Within (30) days of receipt of any comments from the Regional Director and the Division, the Bank shall incorporate any changes required by the Regional Director or the Division and thereafter adopt, implement, and adhere to the plan.

BOARD PARTICIPATION

3. (a) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the board of directors shall continue to 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; 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.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

4. Within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the effective date of the ORDER, the Bank shall add to its board of directors, one (1) new member who is an independent, outside director, who has prior senior management or board experience in a bank or financial institution. For purposes of this ORDER, a

person who is an independent, outside director shall be an individual: (a) who is not an officer of the bank, any subsidiary of the Bank, or any of its affiliated organizations; (b) who does not own more than five percent of the outstanding shares of the Bank; (c) who is not related by blood or marriage to an officer or director of the Bank or to any shareholder owning more than five percent of the Bank's outstanding shares, and who does not otherwise share a common financial interest with such officer, director or shareholder; and (d) who is not indebted to the Bank directly or indirectly by blood, marriage, or common financial interest, including the indebtedness of any entity in which the individual has a substantial financial interest in an amount exceeding five percent of the Bank's total Tier 1 capital and allowance for loan and lease losses; or (e) who is deemed to be an independent director for purposes of this ORDER by the Regional Director and Division. The addition of any new Bank director required by this paragraph may be accomplished, to the extent permissible by state statute or the Bank's bylaws, by means of appointment or election at a regular or special meeting of the Bank's shareholders.

CAPITAL

5. (a) Within one hundred and twenty (120) 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 9.0 percent and its level of qualifying total capital as a percentage of risk-weighted assets ("total risk based capital ratio") at a minimum of 13.0 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 and to Scott D. Clarke, Assistant Director, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking, 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1900, Chicago, Illinois 60603, for their review. Any changes requested to be made in the materials by the FDIC or the Division 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.

(d) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall provide to the Regional Director and Division a written capital plan detailing how the Bank intends to comply with the requirements of this capital provision. Said plan shall include, at a minimum:

(i) timelines for implementation;

(ii) requirements that all transactions shall be

consummated in full compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations; and

(iii) contingency provisions for the sale or merger of the bank or a capital investment into the bank.

(e) The plan required by this paragraph shall be acceptable to the Regional Director and the Division.

PROHIBITION OF ADDITIONAL LOANS TO CLASSIFIED BORROWERS

6. (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 has adopted, prior to the 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 director's meeting. A copy of the statement shall be 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

7. (a) Within sixty (60) 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 \$500,000 which is more than ninety (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) Attempt to obtain and 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 Director.

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

LIQUIDITY PLAN

8. (a) Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of

this ORDER, the Bank shall revise its written contingency funding plan ("Liquidity Plan"). The Liquidity Plan shall identify sources of liquid assets to meet the Bank's contingency funding needs over time horizons of one month, two months, and three months. At a minimum, the Liquidity Plan shall be prepared in conformance with the Liquidity Risk Management Guidance found at FIL-13-2010 - *Funding and Liquidity Risk Management Interagency Guidance* and include provisions to address the issues identified in the ROE.

(b) On every other Friday the Bank is open for business, the Bank shall submit to the Regional Director and the Division a liquidity analysis report, in a format that is acceptable to the Regional Director and the Division

(c) The plan required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and Division for review and comment. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of any comments from the Regional Director or the Division the Bank shall incorporate any changes required by the Regional Director or the Division and thereafter adopt, implement, and adhere to the plan.

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 and the Division, the board of directors of the Bank shall review the adequacy of the Bank's Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses ("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 Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's ("FFIEC") Instructions for the Reports of Condition and Income and any analysis of the Bank's ALLL provided by the FDIC or Division.

(b) The Bank shall revise its methodology used to determine the adequacy of the ALLL to address the deficiencies noted in the ROE. The bank should also ensure that the methodology employed fully complies with all current outstanding regulatory guidance, including the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Subtopic 450-10 and FASB ASC Subtopic 310-10 (which now supersedes prior FAS 5 and FAS 114) and the FDIC's Policy Statement on Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses Methodologies

and Documentation for Banks and Savings institutions.

PROFIT PLAN AND BUDGET

11. (a) Within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall revise, implement, and adhere to a written profit plan and a realistic, comprehensive budget for all categories of income and expense for calendar years 2012 and 2013. 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.

STRATEGIC PLAN

12. (a) Within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall formulate, adopt, and implement a realistic, comprehensive strategic plan. The plan required by this paragraph shall contain an assessment of the Bank's current financial condition and market area, and a description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for major projected income and expense components. The written strategic plan shall address, at a minimum:

(i) Strategies for pricing policies and

asset/liability management; and

- (ii) Financial goals, including pro forma statements for asset growth, capital adequacy, and earnings.

(b) Within 30 days from the end of each calendar quarter following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank's board of directors shall evaluate the Bank's actual performance in relation to the strategic plan required by this paragraph and record the results of the evaluation, and any actions taken by the Bank, in the minutes of the board of directors' meeting at which such evaluation is undertaken.

(c) The strategic plan required by this ORDER shall be revised 30 days prior to the end of each calendar year during which this ORDER is in effect. Thereafter the Bank shall approve the revised plan, which approval shall be recorded in the minutes of a board of directors' meeting, and the Bank shall implement and adhere to the revised plan.

(d) Copies of the plan and revisions thereto required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division.

CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT

13. (a) Within sixty (60) days, from the effective date of this Order the Bank will formulate, adopt and implement a written plan to reduce the loan concentrations of credit

identified in the ROE. Such plan shall prohibit any additional advances that would increase the concentrations or create new concentrations and shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i) Dollar levels to which the Bank shall reduce each concentration; and
- (ii) Provision for the submission of monthly written progress reports to the Bank's board of directors for review and notation in the minutes of the board of directors' meetings.

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

RESTRICTION OF GROWTH

14. During the life of this ORDER, the Bank shall not increase its total assets by more than five percent during any consecutive three-month period without providing, at least 30 days prior to its implementation, a growth plan to the Regional Director and the Division. Such growth plan, at a minimum, shall include the funding source to support the projected growth, as well as the anticipated use of funds. This growth plan shall not be implemented without the prior written consent of the Regional Director and the Division.

INTEREST RATE RISK

15. (a) Within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this ORDER, and annually thereafter, the Board shall review the Bank's Interest Rate Risk Policy for adequacy and shall make the necessary revisions that, at a minimum, address the exceptions noted in the ROE and are consistent with the FFIEC's Instructions for Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income, generally accepted accounting principles, and the Bank's loan, liquidity and asset/liability management policies.

(b) Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order the Bank shall have procedures for managing the Bank's sensitivity to interest rate risk. The procedures shall comply with the Joint Agency Statement of Policy on Interest Rate Risk (June 26, 1996), and FIL-2-2010 - *Financial Institution Management of Interest Rate Risk*.

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

BUSINESS PLAN

16. From the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not enter into any new line of business without the prior written consent of the Regional Director and the Division.

CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS

17. Within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall eliminate and/or correct all violations of law, rule, and regulations and contraventions of policy statements listed in the ROE and shall adopt and implement appropriate procedures to ensure future compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations and statements of policy.

NOTIFICATION TO SHAREHOLDER

18. Following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall send to its shareholder a copy of this ORDER in conjunction with the Bank's next shareholder communication or in conjunction with its notice or proxy statement preceding the Bank's next shareholder meeting.

PROGRESS REPORTS

19. 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.

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, and any successors and assigns thereof.

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

Pursuant to delegated authority.

Dated: February 8, 2012

/s/

M. Anthony Lowe
Regional Director
Chicago Regional Office
Federal Deposit Insurance
Corporation

/s/

Manuel Flores
Director
Illinois Department of
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