

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of )	
FREELAND STATE BANK )	ORDER TO PAY
FREELAND, MICHIGAN )	CIVIL MONEY PENALTY
(Insured State Nonmember Bank) )	FDIC-15-0131k
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FREELAND STATE BANK, FREELAND, MICHIGAN ("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 issued by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") pursuant to section 102(f)(4) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended ("FDPA"), 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4) detailing the violations of law and regulation for which a civil money penalty may be assessed against the Bank pursuant to section 102(f)(1) of the FDPA, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(1), and has been further advised of the right to a hearing with respect to the foregoing under section 102(f)(4) of the FDPA, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4) and the FDIC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 12 C.F.R. Part 308. The Bank, having waived those rights, entered into a STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER TO PAY CIVIL MONEY PENALTY ("CONSENT AGREEMENT") with counsel for the FDIC dated August 25, 2015, whereby, solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying the violations of law, the Bank consented to the issuance of this ORDER TO PAY CIVIL MONEY PENALTY ("ORDER") by the FDIC.

The FDIC considered the matter and determined that the Bank has engaged in a pattern or practice of committing violations of the FDPA and the notice requirements under section 1364 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4104a, and Part 339 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 339. Specifically, on loans secured by property located in a flood hazard area in which flood insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, the Bank violated:

- section 339.3(a) of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 339.3(a), by failing to obtain flood insurance on a building securing a designated loan at the time of the origination of two (2) loans; and
- section 339.9(a) of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 339.9(a), by failing to provide to borrowers a Notice of Special Flood Hazard and Availability of Federal Disaster Relief Assistance when making, increasing, extending or renewing a loan on three (3) occasions.

The FDIC accepts the CONSENT AGREEMENT and issues the following:

**ORDER TO PAY CIVIL MONEY PENALTY**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, by reason of the violations of law set forth herein, pursuant to section 102(f) of the FDPA, 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f), a penalty of \$3,250 is assessed against the Bank. The Bank shall pay such amount to the Treasury of the United States.

This ORDER shall become effective upon its issuance by the FDIC.

The provisions of this ORDER shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the FDIC or any other federal or state agency or department from taking any other action against the Bank or any

of the Bank's current or former institution-affiliated parties, as that term is defined in Section 3(u) of the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u).

Pursuant to delegated authority.

Dated at Chicago this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.

/S/ \_\_\_\_\_  
M. Anthony Lowe  
Regional Director