BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner, Vs. STACY FRENCH, formerly a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma, AND CASE NO. 15-1333-DIS SENECA INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma, Respondents.

CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and as such is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101-7301, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent Stacy French ("French") was a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40087375. Respondent's license was revoked on November 19, 2015.
- 3. Respondent Seneca Insurance Company, Inc. ("SICI") is an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 10936.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about July 7, 2015, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Shamari Nicole Smith

Case Number(s):

CM-2015-2229

City/County:

Oklahoma County Court Clerk

Surety:

SICI

Bondsman:

Stacy French

Power Number(s):

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Bond Amount(s):

\$5500

2. On August 11, 2015, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was orally declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was filed by the court on August 14, 2015. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondents with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing.

- 3. French received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on August 17, 2015.
- 4. SICI received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on August 18, 2015.
- 5. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Monday, November 16, 2015.
- 6. As of the date of this Order, the bond forfeiture has not been paid or otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated.
- 7. The Defendant was not returned to custody within 90 days, nor was the face amount of the forfeited bond deposited with the Court Clerk within 91 days, after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The allegations are found to be true and correct, and Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1332 by failing to return the Defendant within ninety (90) days or remit payment in the face amounts

of the bond forfeitures within ninety-one (91) days from receipt of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeitures.

2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), any bondsman or company violating a provision of the Bail Bond Act, 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1340, may be subject to a fine of not less than \$250 but not more than \$2,500.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Stacy French and Seneca Insurance Company, Inc. are <u>each</u> CENSURED and FINED One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the face amount of the bond forfeiture shall be deposited with the Oklahoma County Court Clerk (or the bond forfeiture otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated) within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Failure to do so shall result in the CANCELLATION of Seneca Insurance Company, Inc.'s license privilege and authorization to do business within the State of Oklahoma and CANCELLATION of the surety appointment of all surety bondsman agents of Seneca Insurance Company, Inc.

Respondents are further notified that they may request a hearing within 30 days of the receipt of this Order concerning this action, and upon such request, the Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to Dan R. Byrd, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and give an explanation of Respondents' actions alleged herein and any defenses thereto.

If Respondents do not request a hearing within the 30 days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the 31st day following the receipt of the Order, and the fines ordered

herein shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this _____ day of December, 2015.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Dan R. Byrd Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112 Tel. (405) 522-6330 Fax (405) 522-0125

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to Be Heard* was mailed certified, return receipt requested, on this ______ day of December, 2015, to:

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Stacy French Stacy's Bail Bond 1125 NW 104th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73114-5009

Seneca Insurance Company, Inc. 157 Main Street P.O. Box 806 Greenville, Pennsylvania 16125

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