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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
Petitioner,))
VS.) Case No. 17-0050-DIS
DEBRAA. BERRY, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)))
and)
SENECA INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., an insurance company licensed to act as a 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, Barron B. Brown, 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. §§ 1301-1341.
- 2. Respondent Debra A. Berry ("Berry") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 200339.
- 3. Respondent Seneca Insurance Company, Inc. ("SIC") is an insurance company licensed to act as a bail surety in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 10936.
 - 4. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), in addition to any potential denial, censure,

suspension, or revocation, any person violating any provision of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act may be subject to a civil penalty of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each occurrence of a violation.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

1. On or about April 5, 2016, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant: Ricardo Demars Williams

Case Number(s): CF-2016-941

City/County: Oklahoma County District Court Surety: Seneca Insurance Company, Inc.

Bondsman: Debra Berry
Power Number(s): S06 02421880
Bond Amount(s): \$6,000.00

- 2. On August 31, 2016, the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. On September 16, 2016, an Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case by the Oklahoma County District Court. 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 forfeiture Order's filing.
- 3. Barry received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 26, 2016.
- 4. SIC received a copy of each Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 16, 2016.
- 5. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of each Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 28, 2016.
- 6. As of the date of this Order, the bond forfeiture has not been paid or otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated.
 - 7. On or about July 16, 2016, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant: Ricardo Demars Williams

Case Number(s): CF-2016-4530

City/County: Oklahoma County District Court Surety: Seneca Insurance Company, Inc.

Bondsman: Debra Berry
Power Number(s): S06 02549725
Bond Amount(s): \$2,000.00

- 8. On August 31, 2016, the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. On September 13, 2016, an Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case by the Oklahoma County District Court. 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 forfeiture Order's filing.
- 9. Barry received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 26, 2016.
- 10. SIC received a copy of each Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 16, 2016.
- 11. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of each Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 28, 2016.
- 12. As of the date of this Order, the bond forfeiture has not been paid or otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1332(D); by failing to timely return the Defendant within ninety (90) days or timely remit payment in the face amount of the bond forfeitures within ninety-one (91) days from receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondents Berry and SIC are <u>each</u> FINED Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). The fines are to be paid within thirty (30) days made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Payment may be made by either cashier's check or money order. If Respondent Berry's fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, her license will be suspended and shall remain suspended until the fine is paid in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent SIC is to pay the forfeitures in Oklahoma County District Court Case Numbers CF-2016-941 and CF-2016-4530, State of Oklahoma v. Ricardo Demars Williams 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. 59 O.S. § 1332(D).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless the Respondents request a hearing with respect to the Allegations of Fact set forth above within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this Order, this Order and the penalties set forth above shall become a Final Order on the thirty-first day following the date of mailing this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing addressed to Barron B. Brown, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. The request for hearing must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order.

Any such hearing shall be conducted according to the procedures for contested cases under Oklahoma Insurance Code (36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq.), the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act

(specifically- 59 O.S. §§ 1311-1311.1) and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act (75 O.S. §§ 308a et seq.). If Respondents serve a timely request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order shall act as notice of the matters to be reviewed at the hearing, and the Allegations of Fact, Alleged Violations of Law, and penalties imposed in this Conditional Order shall be considered withdrawn, pending final resolution at the hearing.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this **25th** day of January, 2017.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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