BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.)	OKI COMM
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,)	ALAHOMA SIONE
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Petitioner,)	
VS.)	
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TINA GANTHER, a licensed bail bondsman in)	
the State of Oklahoma,) CASE NO. 17-0471-DIS	
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AND)	
)	
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 Tina Lynette Ganther ("Ganther") was a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199264. Pursuant to an Administrative Order issued by the Department on June 29, 2017, Respondent's bail bondsman's license has been revoked.
- 3. Respondent Seneca Insurance Company, Inc. ("Seneca") is an insurance company licensed to act as 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.
- 5. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1332(D)(4)(a), when a forfeited bond is not paid by a surety by the ninety-first day after the court's forfeiture, the Insurance Commissioner shall immediately cancel the license privilege and authorization of the insurer to do business within the State of Oklahoma and cancel the appointment of all surety bondsman agents of the insurer who are licensed by Section 1301 et seq. of this title.
- 6. Pursuant to 36 O.S. § 619, after opportunity for a hearing, the Insurance Commissioner may revoke or suspend an insurer's certificate of authority if the insurer violates any provision of the Insurance Code. Under 36 O.S. § 619(B), in addition to revocation or suspension of an insurer's certificate of authority, any insurer who knowingly and willfully violates the Code may be subject to a civil penalty of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each occurrence.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

7. On or about May 13, 2017, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Victoria Sarver

Case Number(s):

CF-2013-3592

City/County:

Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Surety:

Seneca Insurance Company

Bondsman:

Tina Lynette Ganther

Power Number(s):

S06-02525755

Bond Amount(s):

\$2,000.00

8. On February 13, 2017, the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared

forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case on February 21, 2017, by the Oklahoma County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture in CF-2013-3592 was mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, to Respondents' addresses of record with the Department on February 21, 2017.

- 9. Ganther failed to claim the Order and Judgment from her address of record with the Department.
- 10. Seneca Insurance Company, Inc. received the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on February 27, 2017.
 - 11. The ninety-first day after mailing of the Orders was May 30, 2017.
- 12. As of the date of the filing of this Conditional Administrative Order, the forfeiture has not been paid and the defendant has not been returned to custody.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent Ganther has violated 59 O.S. § 1332 by failing to return the Defendant within ninety (90) days as specifically stated in subsection 4(c) of the statute or remit payment in the face amount of the bond forfeiture within ninety-one (91) days from mailing of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture in case number CF-2013-3592.
- 2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), any bondsman 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 per violation.
- 3. Respondent Seneca Insurance has violated 36 O.S. § 619 by knowingly failing to comply with any lawful rule or order of the Insurance Commissioner. Specifically, Respondent Seneca Insurance knowingly violated OAC 365:25-5-41(b)(2) and 365:25-5-44 as well as 59

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Ganther and Seneca are each FINED One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00). The fines are to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Payment may be made by either cashier's check or money order and sent to the attention of Lisa M. Torneten, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. If the fines are not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of issuance of this Order, Seneca's license will be suspended and shall remain suspended until the fines are paid in full.

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) in Oklahoma County case number CF-2013-3592, *State v. Victoria Sarver*, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1332(4)(a), failure to do so shall result in the CANCELLATION of Seneca'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.

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 Lisa M. Torneten, 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 the Insurance Code and 75 O.S. § 250-323. If the 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 5th day of July, 2017.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Lisa M. Torneten

Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

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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 by regular mail and by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this 5th day of July, 2017, to:

Tina Ganther 8640 NE 33rd St., F/ /6 Spencer, OK 73084

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Seneca Insurance Company, Inc. 160 Water Street NY, NY 10038

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and a copy was delivered to:

Renonda Stogsdill Bail Bonds Division

Lisa M. Torneten



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