BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

		COMMISSIONER OF THE LLAHOMA	FILE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN I DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,).)		INSURANCE COMMISSI
Petitioner,)		"IOMA" STONER
V.)	Case No. 17-0621-DEN	
BENCHMARK TITLE, LLC)		
a resident producer applicant,)		
)		
Respondent.)		

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 his attorney, Lisa M. Torneten, and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION & AUTHORITY

- 1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq, including the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act, 36 O.S. §§ 1435.1 through 1435.41.
- 2. Benchmark Title, LLC ("Respondent") was formerly a licensed business entity resident producer in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 10006681. Respondent's address of record is 1220 S. Santa Fe Avenue Edmond, Oklahoma 73003.
- 3. The Insurance Commissioner may place on probation, censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act and/or may levy a fine up to \$1,000.00 for each occurrence of a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code pursuant to 36 O.S. §§ 1435.13(A) and (D).

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent's license expired March 31, 2017.
- 2. On August 25, 2017, Respondent submitted an application to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("The Department") to reactivate its license.
- 3. On August 29, 2017, the Department sent a letter to Respondent requiring a detailed response as to how many policies were sold and serviced under the entity name Benchmark Title, LLC as of March 31, 2017.
- 4. Respondent submitted a response to the Department listing one hundred and eighty seven (187) individual policies which were sold, serviced or negotiated since March 31, 2017, after the expiration of its license.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent violated 36 O.S. § 1435.4(A), selling, soliciting or negotiating insurance in this state without a license, a violation of 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A).

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Insurance Commissioner that Benchmark Title, LLC is FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00). The \$5,000.00 fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless the Respondent requests 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 Respondent serves 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 13th day of September, 2017.



JOHN DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Lisa M. Torneten, 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 certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this 13th day of September, 2017, to the following:

Benchmark Title, LLC 1220 S. Santa Fe Ave. Edmond, OK 73003

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and a copy was delivered to:

Lorie Jones Licensing Division

Lisa M. Torneten

Assistant General Counsel



Date: September 15, 2017

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