BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner,)	INSURANCE COMMISSION	
v.)	Case No. 17-0906-DIS	
BOB WISELEY, formerly a licensed insurance producer in the State of)		
Oklahoma,)		
Respondent.)		

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, Barron B. Brown, and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION AND 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 (the "Act"), 36 O.S. §§ 1435.1 through 1435.41.
- 2. Bob Wiseley ("Respondent") was previously a licensed insurance producer in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100122896. Respondent surrendered his producer license to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID") on or about December 19, 2017. Respondent's mailing address of record is P.O. Box 1441, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma 74434-1441.

- 3. Pursuant to 36 O.S. 1435.13(F), "[the] Insurance Commissioner shall retain the authority to enforce the provisions of and impose any penalty or remedy authorized by the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act and Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes against any person who is under investigation for or charged with a violation of the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act or Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes even if the person's license or registration has been surrendered or has lapsed by operation of law."
- 4. Additionally, the Insurance Commissioner may place on probation, censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Act and/or may levy a fine up to \$1,000.00 for each occurrence of a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code. 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A) and (D).

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

- 1. On or about November 30, 2017, the Oklahoma Insurance Department's ("OID") Anti-Fraud Unit received a complaint from Farmers Insurance Company ("Farmers") against Respondent. In its complaint, Farmers provided a copy of an internal investigation it had conducted into Respondent's business practices in the State of Oklahoma.
- 2. More specifically, Farmers' investigation found that, between January, 1 2016 and March 31, 2017, Respondent had voided twenty-nine (29) cash premium payments and twelve (12) check payments for twenty-three (23) Farmers customers, including two (2) of his own personal policies. Farmers audited twelve (12) of those forty-one (41) total voided payments and identified that ten (10) of those voided payments involved policies with multiple voided payments, which had been cancelled and then reinstated numerous times.

- 3. On May 18, 2017, Farmers interviewed Respondent by phone concerning its investigation. The following is a summary of the key, relevant portions of the interview:
 - a) Respondent acknowledged that all of the identified voided and reversed payments, as well the policy reinstatements, were processed by him.
 - out of force, he would contact the customer to inform him/her of this issue and that premium payment would be needed to reinstate the policy. Then, prior to receiving any premium payment to reinstate a policy, Respondent, based on a personal belief that the customer would come in and pay the premium, stated that he would go ahead and receipt the policy for the amount of premium needed and reinstate the policy through Farmers' system even though he had not actually received any premium monies nor was any premium remitted to Farmers for said policies.
 - c) In instances when a customer failed to come in and pay the premium amount owed, Respondent would void the policy with any unearned premium for the policy still owed to Farmers.
 - d) Respondent told Farmers that his rationale for engaging in this business practice was to help his customers who were having financial difficulties keep their policies in force.
 - e) Additionally, with regard to his personal policies, Respondent stated that he knew both were out of force and admitted to receipting check payments

- for the premiums owed on each policy to reinstate them even though he did not ever actually remit premium monies to Farmers.
- f) Respondent provided a signed statement to Famers confirming the information he provided in his May 18th phone interview. A copy of this statement is attached as Petitioner's Exhibit A.
- 4. As a result of its investigation, Farmers estimated its total financial loss as a result of Respondent's financially irresponsible conduct at \$5,148.00 in unearned premium owed, including \$2,404 in unearned premium owed on his two personal policies.
- 5. On or about September 25, 2017, Farmers terminated for cause Respondent's appointments. A copy of the termination for cause notification filed with the OID is attached as Petitioner's Exhibit B.
- 6. On or about December 19, 2017, Respondent submitted a voluntary license surrender form to the OID Anti-Fraud Unit. A copy of Respondent's license surrender form is attached as Petitioner's Exhibit C.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent violated 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A)(8) by using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Insurance Commissioner that Respondent is CENSURED and FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for a violation of 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A)(8). The \$1,000.00 fine is to be paid within

thirty (30) days made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. The \$1,000.00 civil fine shall be paid by money order or cashier's check. Failure to pay the civil fine or request a hearing within thirty (30) days may result in further administrative action.

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 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 the Oklahoma Insurance Code (36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq.) and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act (75 O.S. §§ 308a et seq.). 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.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Barron B. Brown

Assistant General Counsel Oklahoma Insurance Department 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100 Oklahoma City, OK 73112 (405) 521-2746

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Barron B. Brown, 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 17th day of January, 2018, to:

Bob Wiseley P.O. Box 1441 Fort Gibson, OK 74434-1441

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 9214 8902 0982 7500 0047 85

and a copy was delivered to:

Licensing Division Anti-Fraud Division

Barron B. Brown

Assistant General Counsel

JOHN D. DOAK

Insurance Commissioner
Oklahoma Insurance Department
5 Corporate Plaza
3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73112-4511



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Date: May 18, 2017

Time: 9:30am

Location: Agent's Office

Statement:

My name is Bob Wiseley and I am a Farmers Agent. My agent number is 08-46-1A and I've been an agent since August 2012. My current office address is 124 N. Lee St, Fort Gibson, OK 74434. I am licensed in the state of Oklahoma and I am not a Registered Representative with Farmers Financial Solutions. I currently have one part-time staff member named Rebecca Jennings working in my office. Rebecca has been working in the agency for approximately three years and her primary responsibilities include answer phones and assisting customers. Rebecca is not licensed or appointed with the Company, but she does have her own user ID.

During the interview, we discussed a total of seven policies including my own, where there were voided payments processed that allowed the policies to be reinstated. Below is a summary of the six policies reviewed with Internal Audit:

- The insured is a friend of mine and I believe his son was helping to pay the insurance premiums at one time. The insured or his son would contact my office and state they intended to come in and make a premium payment, so in an effort to holp them out, I would go ahead and receipt the payment and when they didn't come in I would void. I was aware this reinstated the policy, but I was trying to help them out and I believed they would come in and make a payment eventually.
- Identify and then voiding any payments on her policy, however, the policy was reinstated by the Company and not my office.
- This insured usually calls into the agency to find out how much she owes and says she's going to come in. I go shead and receipt the payment then have to void it when she doesn't come in.
- John is a friend of mine who I've tried to help. I will go shead and receipt a payment to reinstate the policy and John says he will come in and make the payment. However, when he doesn't come in, I have to void the payment.
- This customer was in the process of buying a house and was supposed to be getting some proceeds so they indicated there were going to come into my office and pay their policy in full. I went ahead and posted the large payment, but then the customer could only afford to pay \$400, so I had to void the original payment.
- Like some of the other customers I would go shoud and 'receipt the payment necessary to reinstate the policy with the expectation the customer would come in and pay. However, many times he would not and I

would have to vold the payment. This customer is on a fixed income and can only make minimal payments, not the full amount that is due.

After reviewing these policies I now realize how frequently I was entering and voiding receipts and understand the position it put the Company in regarding the carned premium due. When I entered and voided these payments, I was just trying to help some of my customers out. This is a business practice I will stop immediately.

We also specifically discussed my personal Auto and Renters policies. I knew the policies were both out of force, but I did not realize there was over \$2,400 in earned premium due or that it was placed in collections. Internal Audit explained that both policies cancelled on 9/1/16. I then receipted a \$445 check payment on 9/8/16, but voided it the same day. Following that void, I receipted another check payment of \$647 on 9/8/16, which reinstated both policies. However, that \$647 check payment was reversed off the policy on 10/20/16 because it was never deposited. On 11/3/16 I processed a \$650 EFT payment, which was reversed off the policy on 11/21/16 due to insufficient funds. The policies then cancelled again on 12/1/16. On 12/8/16 I receipted a \$2,778.79 check payment, which reinstated the Auto policy. However, that check payment reversed off the policy on 1/3/17 as it was never deposited. I acknowledge that I never actually wrote the checks and just entered them into the system, which allowed my policies to be reinstated without valid payment. I intend to secure a loan to pay off some financial debt, including the EP due on this policy.

I have read the above statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

Statement By: Bob Wiseley	-1/
Signed: 100 Wirely	Date: 5/18/2017
Witnessed By Caleb Conner	
Signed: Lills Clim	Date: 05/18/2017
Witnessed By: Carl Patton	5/18/17
Signed: Coul Cotte	Date:
Witnessed By: Ryan Summy	unanas
Signed: Pyn C. Sung	Date: 5/23/2017





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PETITIONER'S

September 25, 2017

Oklahoma Insurance Department Agents Licensing 2401 NW 23rd St., Suite 28 Oklahoma City, OK 74107

RE: Termination of Appointment for:

Bob Wiseley License # 100122896

This serves as formal notice that effective September 20, 2017 Bob Wiseley's appointments with the following Companies have been cancelled:

Farmers Insurance Exchange
Farmers Insurance Company Inc.
Farmers New World Life
Mid Century Insurance Company
Truck Insurance Exchange
Foremost Insurance Company
Bristol West Insurance Company

Agent Wiseley admitted to keeping policies in force without making the necessary premium collections. He would reinstate policies by entering cash and check payments into the ACA system that were never actually collected and then later void those receipts.

Agent Wiseley also advanced coverage on his personal Auto and Renters policies by processing two check payments that were reversed as the checks were never deposited to the Company bank account. He also processed an EFT payment that was later reversed due to insufficient funds in his bank account. Agent Wiseley falled to correct those premium payments and the billing account was sent to collections with \$2,404 in earned premium due.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mike Drummond, Audit Manager, via email at mike_drummond@farmersinsurance.com or by mail at Farmers insurance internal Audit, 6303 Owensmouth Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA, 91367.

Sincerely,

Meghan Robinson

Agency Administration Manager

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To: OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT ATTN: AGENT LICENSING DIVISION PO BOX 53408 OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73152-3408

The official paper license must be surrendered along with written and <u>staned</u> notice requesting cancellation of the license <u>by the licensee</u>. Agency license surrender most be signed by an owner, officer or partner of the agency. In cases where the official paper license is lost or nisplaced, please indicate 'license lost' or 'license misplaced' on the request for license cancellation. In case of death, official notice posted in the newspaper, a program from the functal, or a copy of the death certificate must accompany the request for license cancellation.

LICENSEE MUST READ THIS STATEMENT:

The Oklahoma license for Agents/Producers or Adjusters is the legal property of the licensed individual, no matter who paid for the license or training of the individual, and may not be cancelled or surrendered by anyone other than the licensee. At termination from the agency/company, or at any time when the individual requests to have their original paper Oklahoma license, the agency/company must return it to the licensed individual. The licensed individual may continue to hold the license while they search for new employment with another insurance agency/company as long as all other compilence with licensure is maintained.

I have read and understand the above statements, and I Voluntarily Surrender my Okiahoma license without threat or duress from my agency/company.

LICENSEE MUST SIGN HERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS STATEMENT

Licensee SIGNATURE, and Title if Agency Licensee: Required
PRINT Licensee Name as Shown on the Oklahoma License: Required, please type or print clearly.
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I am Voluntarily Surrendering my Oklahoma individual license #/@/ 122.896 I am Voluntarily Surrendering my Oklahoma agency license #/ 1 am Retiring and Voluntarily Surrendering Oklahoma individual license #/ 1 have moved out of Oklahoma and I am Voluntarily Surrendering my Oklahoma license #/ 1 am selling or closing my agency and Voluntarily Surrendering my OK agency license #/ 1 do not wish to renew my Oklahoma individual license #/ 1 do not wish to renew my Oklahoma agency license #/ 1 am advising the Oklahoma insurance Department of the death of a licensed individual. Other:
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