# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

# In the Matter of:

Midwest Bank, National Association Pierce, Nebraska

## **ORDER FOR A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY**

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America ("Comptroller") intends to initiate a civil money penalty proceeding against Midwest Bank, National Association, Pierce, Nebraska ("Bank"), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f), for a pattern or practice of making, increasing, extending, or renewing loans in a special flood hazard area in which flood insurance is available pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Act without requiring the properties securing the loans to be covered by the requisite flood insurance and/or failing to purchase insurance on the borrowers' behalf;

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid the costs associated with future administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to the above matter, the Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, desires to enter into this Consent Order ("Order");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, it is stipulated by and between the Comptroller, through his duly authorized representative, and the Bank that:

#### Article I

#### JURISDICTION

(1) The Bank is a national banking association, chartered and examined by the Comptroller, pursuant to the National Bank Act of 1864, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* 

Accordingly, the Bank is an "insured depository institution" as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2) and is a "regulated lending institution" as that term is defined at 42 U.S.C. § 4003(a)(10).

(2) Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 4003(a)(5) and 4012a(f), the Comptroller is the "appropriate Federal entity for lending regulation" to maintain an enforcement proceeding against the Bank.

# Article II

## **ORDER FOR CIVIL MONEY PENALTY**

(1) The Bank hereby consents to the payment of a civil money penalty in the amount of three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3400.00), which shall be paid upon execution of this Order.

(2) The Bank shall make payment in full by check made payable to the National Flood Insurance Program and shall deliver the payment to: National Flood Insurance Program, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 7700 Hubble Drive, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

(3) The Bank shall submit a copy of the check to Troy L. Thornton, Assistant Deputy Comptroller, 13710 FNB Parkway, Suite 110, Omaha, Nebraska 68154.

(4) This Order shall be enforceable to the same extent and in the same manner as an effective and outstanding order that has been issued and has become final pursuant to12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(h) and (i) and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a.

## Article III

#### WAIVERS

(1) By executing this Order, the Bank waives:

- (a) the right to the issuance of a Notice under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i) and
  42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4) and recognizes that the letter dated June 1, 2006,
  from Troy L. Thornton, Assistant Deputy Comptroller, Omaha North Field
  Office, constitutes a valid substitute notice;
- (b) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C.
   § 1818(i), 12 C.F.R. Part 19, and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4);
- (c) all rights to seek judicial review of this Order;
- (d) all rights in any way to contest the validity of this Order; and
- (e) any and all claims for fees, costs, or expenses against the Comptroller, or any of her agents or employees, related in any way to this enforcement matter or this Order, whether arising under common law or under the terms of any statute, including, but not limited to, the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

(2) The Bank declares that no separate promise or inducement of any kind has been made by the Comptroller, her agents or employees to cause or induce the Bank to agree to consent to the issuance of this Order and/or to execute this Order.

(3) It is hereby agreed that the provisions of this Order constitute a settlement of the civil money penalty proceeding contemplated by the Comptroller.

(4) It is further agreed that the provisions of this Order shall not be construed as an adjudication on the merits and, except as set forth above in paragraph (3), shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any action affecting the Bank if, at any time, she deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon her by the several laws of the United States of America.

(5) The Bank understands that nothing herein shall preclude any proceedings brought by the Comptroller to enforce the terms of this Order, and that nothing herein constitutes, nor shall

3

the Bank contend that it constitutes, a waiver of any right, power, or authority of any other representatives of the United States or agencies thereof, including the Department of Justice, to bring other actions deemed appropriate.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller as his representative, has hereunto set her hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

/s/

10/13/06

Kay E. Kowitt Deputy Comptroller Western District Office

Date

# IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of

Directors of the Bank, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

/s/	8/28/06
Robin Wilson	Date
/s/	9/5/2006
Bob Cooper	Date
/s/	8/28/06
David Schell	Date
/s/	8-28-06
Gene Willers	Date
/s/	8-28-06
Don Johnson	Date
/s/	8-28-06
Doug Johnson	Date
/s/	8-28-06
Stan Christensen	Date
/s/	8/28/06
Al Collision	Date
/s/	10-2-06
JD Alexander	Date
/s/	8-28-06
Rob Schardt	Date
Recording Secretary N.A.	
Pat Hughes	Date