

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

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In the Matter of)	
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JAMES E. PLACK , individually,)	OCC AA-EC-2014-90
and as an institution-affiliated party of)	
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AMERICAN BANK)	
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND)	
(FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION))	
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CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”) initiated proceedings against James E. Plack (“Respondent”) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(e) and (i) through the issuance of a Notice of Charges for Removal and Prohibition and Notice of Assessment of Civil Money Penalty dated October 29, 2014 (“Notice”);

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2014, Respondent filed an Answer to the Notice denying the allegations contained therein;

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2015, Respondent filed an Amended Answer to the Notice denying the allegations contained therein;

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid the costs associated with future administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to this matter, Respondent desires to enter into this Consent Order (“Order”) issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(e) and (i);

NOW, THEREFORE, it is stipulated by and between the OCC, through the duly authorized representative of the Comptroller of the Currency (“Comptroller”), and Respondent that:

Article I

JURISDICTION

(1) American Bank, Rockville, Maryland (“Bank”) is an “insured depository institution” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2).

(2) Respondent is the President, CEO, and Director of the Bank and is an “institution-affiliated party” of the Bank as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), having served in such capacity within six (6) years from the date hereof. *See* 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(3).

(3) The Bank is a Federal savings association within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q)(1)(C) and is chartered and examined by the OCC. *See* 12 U.S.C. §§ 1461 *et seq.*, 5412(b)(2)(B).

(4) The OCC is the “appropriate Federal banking agency” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q) and is therefore authorized to initiate and maintain this removal and prohibition and civil money penalty action against Respondent pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(e) and (i).

Article II

ORDER OF REMOVAL AND PROHIBITION

Respondent consents to, and it is ORDERED that:

(1) With respect to the institutions and agencies set forth in paragraph (2) of this Article, Respondent hereby agrees that he shall not:

- (a) participate in any manner in the conduct of their affairs;
- (b) solicit, procure, transfer, attempt to transfer, vote, or attempt to vote any proxy, consent, or authorization with respect to any voting rights;

- (c) violate any voting agreement previously approved by the “appropriate Federal banking agency,” as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q) (as amended);
or
- (d) vote for a director, or serve or act as an “institution-affiliated party,” as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u) (as amended).

(2) The prohibitions in paragraph (1) of this Article apply to the following institutions and agencies:

- (a) any insured depository institution, as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c);
- (b) any institution treated as an insured bank under 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(b)(3), (b)(4), or (b)(5);
- (c) any insured credit union under the Federal Credit Union Act;
- (d) any institution chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1971;
- (e) any appropriate Federal depository institution regulatory agency; and
- (f) the Federal Housing Finance Agency and any Federal Home Loan Bank.

(3) The prohibitions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article shall cease to apply with respect to a particular institution if Respondent obtains the prior written consent of both the OCC and the institution’s “appropriate Federal financial institutions regulatory agency,” as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(D).

(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 to 12 U.S.C. § 1818.

Article III

ORDER FOR CIVIL MONEY PENALTY

Respondent consents to, and it is ORDERED that:

(1) Respondent shall pay a civil money penalty in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), which shall be paid in full by no later than September 30, 2017 and shall be paid according to the following payment schedule:

- (a) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) on or before December 23, 2015;
- (b) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on or before March 31, 2016;
- (c) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on or before June 30, 2016;
- (d) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on or before September 30, 2016;
- (e) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on or before December 31, 2016;
- (f) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on or before March 30, 2017;
- (g) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on or before June 30, 2017;
- (h) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) on or before September 30, 2017.

(2) Respondent shall make payment by cashier's or certified check made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, and shall deliver the payment to: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, P.O. Box 979012, St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000. The docket number of this case (AA-EC-2014-90) shall be entered on the submitted payment.

(3) If Respondent fails to comply with any provision of this Order, then the entire balance of the civil money penalty amount described in this Article shall become immediately due and payable.

(4) Until the \$100,000 civil money penalty is paid in full, upon each and every subsequent change in place of residence, if any, Respondent shall notify the Director,

Enforcement and Compliance Division, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219, of his new address within seven (7) days of such change in address.

(5) 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 to 12 U.S.C. § 1818.

Article IV

BANKRUPTCY

(1) If Respondent files for bankruptcy protection prior to making the payments in full as required by this Order, Respondent shall notify the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Division, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219, within ten (10) days of the filing by providing a copy of the filing to the Director.

(2) In any bankruptcy proceeding in which it is or may be contended that Respondent's obligation to pay restitution or a civil money penalty pursuant to this Order is subject to discharge, Respondent will in no manner contest the assertion of the Comptroller or any agent, officer, or representative of the United States, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a) or otherwise, that the restitution or civil money penalty obligation in the Order arises out of acts which result in claims not dischargeable in bankruptcy.

Article V

CLOSING

- (1) By executing this Order, Respondent waives:
- (a) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(e) and (i) and 12 C.F.R. Part 109;

- (b) all rights to seek judicial review of this Order;
- (c) all rights in any way to contest the validity of this Order; and
- (d) any and all claims for fees, costs, or expenses against the United States, the OCC, or any officer, employee, or agent of the OCC, 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) Respondent shall not cause, participate in, or authorize the Bank (or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof) to incur, directly or indirectly, any expense relative to the negotiation and issuance of this Order except as permitted by 12 C.F.R. § 145.121 and Part 359. In addition, Respondent shall not, directly or indirectly, obtain or accept any indemnification (or other reimbursement) from the Bank (or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Bank) with respect to such amounts except as permitted by 12 C.F.R. § 145.121 and Part 359; provided, however, Respondent may not obtain or accept such indemnification with respect to the payment of the civil money penalty.

(3) Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understands the premises and obligations of this Order and declares that no separate promise or inducement of any kind has been made by the OCC or any officer, employee, or agent of the OCC to cause or induce Respondent to agree to consent to the issuance of this Order and/or to execute this Order.

(4) This Order constitutes a settlement of any proceedings arising out of the facts, omissions, or violations described in the Notice. The OCC agrees not to institute the proceeding referenced in the first whereas clause of this Order for the specific acts, omissions, or violations described in the Notice, unless such acts, omissions, or violations reoccur. However, the specific

acts, omissions, or violations described in the Notice may be used by the OCC in future enforcement actions to establish a pattern of misconduct or the continuation of a pattern of misconduct.

(5) This Order shall not be construed as an adjudication on the merits and, except as set forth above in paragraph (4) above, shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the OCC from taking any action affecting Respondent if, at any time, the OCC deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon the OCC by the several laws of the United States.

(6) Nothing in this Order shall preclude any proceedings brought by the OCC to enforce the terms of this Order, and nothing in this Order constitutes, nor shall Respondent 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.

(7) This Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818, and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the United States, the OCC, or any officer, employee, or agent of the OCC. Respondent expressly acknowledges that no officer, employee, or agent of the OCC has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the United States Treasury Department, the OCC, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer, employee, or agent of those entities, to a contract affecting the OCC's exercise of its supervisory responsibilities.

(8) This Order is "issued with the consent of . . . the institution-affiliated party concerned," pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h)(2).

(9) The terms of this Order, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements, or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

(10) The provisions of this Order are effective upon issuance by the OCC, through the Comptroller's duly authorized representative, whose hand appears below, and shall remain effective and enforceable, except to the extent that, and until such time as, any provisions of this Order shall have been amended, suspended, waived, or terminated in writing by the OCC, through the Comptroller's duly authorized representative.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand.

s/James E. Plack

James E. Plack

12-17-2015

Date

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Michael R. Brickman

Michael R. Brickman
Deputy Comptroller for Special Supervision

12/17/2015

Date