

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

In the Matter of:)
Kirk N. Dowdell)
Former Chief Executive Officer)
of Golden Pacific Bank, N.A.,)
Sacramento, California)

AA-EC-2014-72

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) intends to initiate prohibition, cease and desist order for restitution, and civil money penalty proceedings against Kirk N. Dowdell (“Respondent”) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(b), (e), and (i) on the basis of Respondent’s actions while serving as Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of Golden Pacific Bank, N.A., Sacramento, California (“Bank”), during the period of at least 2012 through 2013; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid the costs associated with future administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to this matter, Respondent, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, desires to enter into this Consent Order (“Order”) issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(b), (e), and (i);

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

Initials: KD
Date: 8/12/16

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).

(2) Respondent is the former CEO 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) Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q), the Comptroller is the “appropriate Federal banking agency” to maintain an enforcement proceeding against institution-affiliated parties. Therefore, Respondent is subject to the authority of the Comptroller to initiate and maintain civil money penalty assessment proceedings against him pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(b), (e), and (i).

Article II

COMPTROLLER’S FINDINGS

The Comptroller finds, and Respondent neither admits nor denies, the following:

(1) During the period of at least 2012 through August 2013, Respondent possessed a Bank credit card issued to Respondent for charging business expenses. Respondent used the Bank credit card for personal expenses, including family vacations, meals, and other personal expenses. Respondent charged a minimum of \$29,973 in

personal expenses on the Bank owned credit card. Respondent never reimbursed the Bank for these personal expenses.

(2) Respondent continued to use the Bank credit card for personal expenses, without reimbursing the Bank even after the Bank's president informed the Respondent of the need to reimburse the Bank.

(3) By reason of the foregoing conduct, Respondent engaged in a pattern of misconduct, involving violations of law and regulation, 18 U.S.C. 656, and 12 C.F.R. Part 215 (Regulation O). Respondent also engaged in unsafe or unsound practices; and breaches of his fiduciary duty to the Bank; received a personal benefit, and caused financial loss to the Bank; and demonstrated willful and continuing disregard for the safety and soundness of the Bank. Respondent was also unjustly enriched.

Article III

ORDER OF 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 depository institution 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 Board 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 Comptroller and the institution's “appropriate Federal financial institutions regulatory agency,” as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1818(e)(7)(D) (as amended).

(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(e) and (h).

Article IV

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 twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), which shall be paid in full upon execution of this Order.

(2) Respondent shall make payment by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, and shall deliver the payment to: Comptroller of the Currency, P.O. Box 979012, St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000. The docket number of this case (AA-EC-2014-72) shall be entered on the submitted payment, and a copy of the check or money order shall be returned to the OCC along with this original signed Order to the Director, Enforcement and Compliance Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

(3) 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(i) and (h).

Article V

ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION

Respondent consents to, and it is ORDERED that:

(1) Respondent shall pay restitution to the Bank in the amount of twenty nine thousand nine hundred and seventy three dollars (\$29,973) upon execution of this Order.

(2) Within seven (7) days of payment, Respondent shall deliver a copy of proof of payment of restitution to Director, Enforcement & Compliance Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20219. The docket number of this case (AA-EC-2014-72) shall be included with your correspondence.

(3) 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 become final pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(6) and (h).

Article VI

CLOSING

- (1) By executing this Order, Respondent waives:
- (a) the right to a Notice of Intention to Prohibit Further Participation, Notice of Charges for Issuance of an Order to Cease and Desist, and Notice of Civil Money Penalty Assessment under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b),(e) and (i);
 - (b) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b),(e) and (i) and 12 C.F.R. Part 19;
 - (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 his 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) Respondent shall not cause, participate in or authorize the Bank (or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof) to incur, directly or indirectly, any expense for the payment of the civil money penalty under this Order, or any legal (or other professional) expense relative to the negotiation and issuance of this Order except as permitted by 12 C.F.R. § 7.2014 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 thereof) with respect to such amounts except as permitted by 12 C.F.R. § 7.2014 and Part 359.

(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 Comptroller, or his agents or employees, 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 Comptroller's Findings (Article II of this Order). The Comptroller agrees not to institute proceedings for the specific acts,

omissions, or violations referenced in Article II of this Order, unless such acts, omissions, or violations reoccur. However, the specific acts, omissions, or violations described in Article II may be used by the Comptroller 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 in paragraph (4) above, shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any action affecting Respondent if, at any time, he deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon him by the several laws of the United States of America.

(6) Nothing herein shall preclude any proceedings brought by the Comptroller to enforce the terms of this Order, and nothing herein 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 the Comptroller or the United States. Respondent expressly acknowledges that no officer or employee of the Comptroller has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the United States Treasury Department, the Comptroller, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer or

employee of those entities, to a contract affecting the Comptroller's exercise of his 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 Comptroller through his 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 Comptroller, through his authorized representative.

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

/s/Kirk N. Dowdell
Kirk N. Dowdell

8/12/16
Date

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/Michael R. Brickman
Michael R. Brickman
Deputy Comptroller
Special Supervision

9/20/16
Date