

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before The
OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION

In the Matter of) Re: Resolution No. SF-91-039
) Dated: September 16, 1991
THOMAS G. WELCH,)
 an Officer of)
 Pioneer Federal Savings)
 and Loan,)
 Deer Lodge, Montana)

STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO ISSUANCE OF
ORDER OF CIVIL MONEY PENALTY ASSESSMENT

The Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS"), by and through the Regional Director for the West Region of the OTS, and Thomas G. Welch ("Respondent") stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Consideration.

(a) The OTS, based upon information reported to it, is of the opinion that grounds exist to initiate an administrative civil money penalty assessment proceeding against Respondent pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i). Respondent desires to cooperate with OTS and both parties desire to avoid the time and expense of such administrative litigation.

(b) Respondent, without admitting or denying that such grounds exist, hereby stipulates and agrees to all of the terms set forth in this Stipulation and Consent in consideration of the agreement of OTS to refrain from initiating such administrative civil money penalty assessment proceeding against Respondent for certain alleged violations, described immediately below, of 18 U.S.C. § 1001, 18 U.S.C. § 1006, and 12 U.S.C. 375b. The alleged violations arose from the following actions of Respondent: (1) advancement of due dates on personal loans without payment of interest to the institution for a period of five years; (2) making false entries to bank records; and (3) making false statements to OTS examiners to conceal a material fact and deceive an OTS examiner.

2. Jurisdiction.

(a) Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan Association, Deer Lodge, Montana, is a "savings association" within the meaning of Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDIA") and Section 2 of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, as amended by the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 ("FIRREA"), Pub. L. No. 101-73, 103 Stat. 183. Accordingly it is an "insured depository institution" as that term is defined in Section 3(c) of the FDIA, as amended by FIRREA, 12 U.S.C § 1813(c).

(b) Respondent is an institution-affiliated party within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. 1813(u).

(c) Pursuant to Section 3 of the FDIA, as amended by FIRREA, OTS is the "appropriate Federal banking agency" to maintain civil money penalty assessment proceedings against such an institution-affiliated party. Therefore, Respondent is subject to the authority of OTS to initiate and maintain the assessment of a civil money penalty pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2).

3. Consent.

Respondent consents to the issuance by OTS of the accompanying Order and further agrees to comply with its terms upon issuance and stipulates that the Order complies with all requirements of law.

4. Finality.

The Order is issued under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2). Upon its issuance by the Regional Director for the West Region OTS, it shall be a final order, effective and fully enforceable by OTS under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i).

5. Waivers.

Respondent waives the right to a Notice of Assessment of Civil Money

... Corporation, has consented to the issuance of
this Order of Civil Money Penalty Assessment pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818
(1)(2).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that within seven days of the effective date
of this Order, Respondent shall pay to OTS a sum of \$5900, by tendering a check
to OTS in that amount made payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION

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By: _____

Michael Patriarca
Regional Director
West Region