# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION

In the Matter of	) Order No.: SE-10-028
CORNERSTONEBANK	) Effective Date: June 17, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia OTS Docket No. 15682	) ) )

#### ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

WHEREAS, CornerstoneBank, Atlanta, Georgia, OTS Docket No. 15682 (Association), by and through its Board of Directors (Board), has executed a Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of an Order to Cease and Desist (Stipulation); and

WHEREAS, the Association, by executing the Stipulation, has consented and agreed to the issuance of this Order to Cease and Desist (Order) by the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to delegated authority, the OTS Regional Director for the Southeast Region (Regional Director) is authorized to issue Orders to Cease and Desist where a savings association has consented to the issuance of an order.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

## Cease and Desist.

1. The Association and its directors, officers, employees, and agents shall cease and desist from any action (alone or with another or others) for or toward causing, bringing about, participating in, counseling or the aiding and abetting of any unsafe or unsound practices,

violations of law and regulation, and noncompliance with regulatory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) operating with an inadequate level of capital protection for the volume, type, and quality of assets held by the Association;
- (b) operating without an adequate business plan;
- (c) operating with inadequate earnings to fund growth, support dividend payments and augment capital;
- (d) operating with an excessive level of adversely classified loans and assets;
- (e) operating with an inadequate allowance for loan and lease losses (ALLL) methodology;
- (f) operating with an inadequate level of ALLL for the volume, type, and quality of loans and leases held;
- (g) operating with an excessive concentration of construction, multifamily,
   nonresidential, land and commercial real estate loans as described in the November 16,
   2009 Report of Examination of the Association (2009 ROE); and
- (h) operating in contravention of supervisory policy statements and other regulatory guidance regarding matters addressed herein;
- (i) 12 C.F.R. Part 567 (Capital); and
- (j) 12 C.F.R. § 560.160(b) (ALLL).

#### Capital.

2. By December 31, 2010, the Association shall have and thereafter maintain a Tier 1 Core Capital Ratio equal to or greater than eight percent (8.0%) and a Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio equal to or greater than twelve percent (12.0 %).

- 3. The requirement in Paragraph 2 above to meet and maintain a specific capital level means that the Association may not be deemed to be "well-capitalized" for purposes of 12 U.S.C. § 1831o and 12 C.F.R. Part 565, pursuant to 12 C.F.R. § 565.4(b)(1)(iv).
- 4. By June 30, 2010, the Association shall submit to the Regional Director for review and comment a written plan to achieve and maintain the Association's capital at the levels prescribed in Paragraphs 2 and 3 (Capital Plan). At a minimum, the Capital Plan shall:
  - (a) address the requirements and restrictions imposed by this Order;
  - (b) address the comments and incorporate all recommended corrective actions contained in the 2009 ROE;
  - (c) address the Association's level of classified assets, ALLL, earnings, asset concentrations, liquidity needs, and trends in the foregoing areas;
  - (d) address current and projected trends in real estate market conditions;
  - (e) detail the Association's capital preservation and enhancement strategies with specific narrative goals; and
  - (f) identify the specific sources of additional capital and the timeframes and methods by which additional capital will be raised, including specific target dates and capital levels.
- 5. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of comments from the Regional Director, if any, the Association will revise the Capital Plan to incorporate any recommended changes by the Regional Director and adopt the Capital Plan as revised. Thereafter, the Association shall implement and adhere to the Capital Plan. A copy of the Capital Plan, as revised, shall be provided to the Regional Director.
- 6. At each regular monthly Board meeting, beginning with the month immediately following adoption of the Capital Plan, the Board shall review the Association's compliance with

the Capital Plan. At a minimum, the Board's review shall include:

- (a) a comparison of actual operating results to projected results;
- (b) detailed explanations of any material deviations; and
- (c) a discussion of specific corrective actions or measures that have been or will be implemented to address each material deviation.
- 7. Within fifteen (15) days after (a) the Association fails to meet the capital requirements prescribed in Paragraph 2; (b) the Association fails to comply with the Capital Plan prescribed in Paragraph 4; or (c) request from the Regional Director, the Association shall submit a written Contingency Plan that is acceptable to the Regional Director.
- 8. The Contingency Plan shall detail the actions to be taken, with specific time frames, to achieve one of the following results by the later of the date of receipt of all required regulatory approvals or sixty (60) days after the implementation of the Contingency Plan: (a) merger with, or acquisition by, another federally insured depository institution or holding company thereof; or (b) voluntary liquidation by filing an appropriate application with the OTS in conformity with federal laws and regulations.
- 9. Upon receipt of written notification from the Regional Director, the Association shall implement and adhere to the Contingency Plan immediately. The Association shall provide the Regional Director with written status reports detailing the Association's progress in implementing the Contingency Plan by no later than the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of each month following implementation of the Contingency Plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A deviation shall be considered material under this Paragraph of the Order when the Association: (a) engages in any activity, line of business, or operation that is inconsistent with the Capital Plan; (b) exceeds the level of any activity or growth contemplated in the Capital Plan by more than ten percent (10%); or (c) falls below or fails to meet the target amounts established in the Capital Plan by more than ten percent (10%).

#### Growth.

10. Effective immediately, the Association shall not increase its total assets during any quarter in excess of an amount equal to net interest credited on deposit liabilities during the prior quarter without the prior written notice of non-objection of the Regional Director. The growth restriction imposed by this Paragraph shall remain in effect until the Association receives the Regional Director's written notice of non-objection of its Business Plan pursuant to Paragraph 11 of this Order.

#### Business Plan.

- 11. Within sixty (60) days, the Association shall submit a new business plan for the remainder of calendar year 2010 (Business Plan) and calendar years 2011 and 2012 that is acceptable to the Regional Director. Thereafter, the Association shall submit an updated (3) year Business Plan at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of each calendar year. At a minimum, the Business Plan shall include:
  - (a) plans and strategies to restructure the Association's operations, strengthen and improve the Association's earnings, reduce expenses, and achieve positive core income and profitability on a consistent basis;
  - (b) strategies for ensuring that the Association has the financial and personnel resources necessary to implement and adhere to the Business Plan, adequately support the Association's risk profile, maintain compliance with applicable regulatory capital requirements, comply with this order, and maintain appropriate levels of liquidity;
  - (c) quarterly pro forma financial projections (balance sheet, capital forecasts, and income statement) and a four quarter budget; and
  - (d) identification of all relevant assumptions made in formulating the Business Plan and retention of documentation supporting such assumptions.

- 12. Upon receipt of written notice of non-objection from the Regional Director, the Association shall implement the Business Plan. A copy of the Business Plan and the Board meeting minutes reflecting the Board's adoption thereof shall be provided to the Regional Director within ten (10) days after the Board meeting.
- 13. Any material modifications<sup>2</sup> to the Business Plan must receive the prior written non-objection of the Regional Director. The Association shall submit proposed material modifications to the Regional Director at least forty-five (45) days prior to implementation.
- 14. Within forty five (45) days after the close of each calendar quarter, beginning with the first calendar quarter ending after receipt of written notice of non-objection from the Regional Director, the Board shall review quarterly variance reports on the Association's compliance with the Business Plan (Variance Reports). The Variance Reports shall:
  - (a) identify material variances in the Association's actual performance during the preceding quarter as compared to the projections set forth in the Business Plan;
  - (b) contain an analysis and explanation of identified variances; and
  - (c) discuss the specific measures taken or to be taken to address identified variances.
- 15. The Board's review of the Variance Reports, assessment of the Association's compliance with the Business Plan, and any corrective actions taken by the Board shall be fully documented in the Board meeting minutes.
- 16. A copy of the Variance Reports shall be provided to the Regional Director within ten (10) days after the Board meeting.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A modification shall be considered material under this Section of the Order if the Association plans to: (a) engage in any activity that is inconsistent with the Business Plan; or (b) exceed the level of any activity contemplated in the Business Plan or fail to meet target amounts established in the Business Plan by more than ten percent (10%), unless the activity involves assets risk-weighted fifty percent (50%) or less, in which case a variance of more than twenty-five percent (25%) shall be deemed to be a material modification.

## Lending.

- 17. Effective immediately, the Association shall not originate or purchase, or commit to originate or purchase, any new construction, multifamily, nonresidential, land or commercial real estate loans, except as authorized by the Regional Director as part of the Association's Business Plan under Paragraph 11.
- 18. The Association may fund legally binding commitments entered into prior to January 29, 2010. Within ten (10) days, the Association shall provide the Regional Director with a schedule of all outstanding legally binding commitments as of January 29, 2010 (Loan Schedule). The Loan Schedule shall include the borrower's name, loan amount, collateral description, date of commitment, and the current status of the loan or projected funding date.

#### Problem Assets.

- 19. Within sixty (60) days, the Association shall submit a detailed, written plan with specific strategies, targets and timeframes to reduce<sup>3</sup> the Association's level of criticized assets<sup>4</sup> that is acceptable to the Regional Director (Problem Asset Plan). At a minimum, the Problem Asset Plan shall include the preparation of individual written specific workout plans for each criticized asset and delinquent loan or group of loans to any one borrower or loan relationship of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) or greater (Asset Workout Plans).
- 20. Upon receipt of written notification from the Regional Director that the Problem Asset Plan is acceptable, the Association shall implement and adhere to the Problem Asset Plan.
- 21. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter, beginning with the quarter ending after receipt of written notice of non-objection from the Regional Director, Management shall prepare a quarterly written asset status report (Asset Report). The Asset Report shall

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For purposes of this Paragraph, "reduce" means to collect, sell, charge off, or improve the quality of an asset sufficient to warrant its removal from adverse criticism or classification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The term "criticized assets" shall include all classified assets, assets designated special mention, all nonperforming assets and all delinquent loans.

include, at a minimum:

(a) the current status of all Asset Workout Plans;

(b) a detailed analysis of the calculation and adequacy of the Association's ALLL

levels and comparison of ALLL levels to the total level of classified assets;

(c) a comparison of classified assets to core and risk based capital;

a comparison of classified assets at the current quarter end with the preceding

quarter;

(d)

(e) a breakdown of classified assets by type (residential, acquisition and

development, construction, land loans, etc.);

(f) an assessment of the Association's compliance with the Problem Asset Plan; and

(g) a discussion of the actions taken during the preceding quarter to reduce the

Association's level of criticized assets and delinquent loans.

**Concentrations of Credit.** 

22. Within sixty (60) days, the Association shall develop and submit to the Regional Director

for review a written program for identifying, monitoring, and managing risks associated with

concentrations of credit (Credit Concentration Program). At a minimum, the Credit

Concentration Program shall:

(a) address all recommended corrective actions set forth in the 2009 ROE relating to

concentrations of credit;

(b) establish comprehensive and reasonable loan concentration limits expressed as a

percent of total risk-based capital, and document the appropriateness of such limits;

(c) establish stratification levels and enhanced risk analysis, monitoring, and

management of the concentrations of credit;

(d) contain specific review procedures and reporting requirements, including written

reports to the Board, designed to identify, monitor, and control the risks associated with

concentrations of credit; and

(e) contain a written plan, including specific time frames and target levels, for

reducing the level of concentrations and the risks associated with the Association's

concentrations of credit in construction, multifamily, nonresidential, land, commercial

and commercial real estate loans.

23. Upon receipt of notification from the Regional Director that the concentration limits in

the Credit Concentration Program are acceptable, the Association shall implement and adhere to

the Credit Concentration Program.

24. Within thirty (30) days after the close of each calendar quarter, beginning with the

quarter ending after receipt of written notice of non-objection from the Regional Director, the

Association shall review the appropriateness of established concentration limits and the

Association's compliance with the Credit Concentration Program, including the written action

plan, to reduce the current level of concentrations.

Allowance for Loan and Lease Losses.

25. Within sixty (60) days, the Association shall revise its policies, procedures, and

methodology to ensure the timely establishment and maintenance of an adequate ALLL level in

accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and regulatory guidance (ALLL Policy). At a

minimum, the ALLL Policy shall:

(a) address all recommended corrective actions set forth in the 2009 ROE relating to

the ALLL;

(b) incorporate the results of all internal loan reviews and classifications;

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- (c) include an estimate of the potential loss exposure on each significant<sup>5</sup> credit;
- (d) address the level and impact of concentrations of credit, including geographic concentrations;
- (e) consider current and prospective market and economic conditions; and
- (f) conform to all regulatory requirements and guidance.
- 26. Within forty five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, beginning with the quarter ending June 30, 2010, the Association shall analyze the adequacy of the ALLL consistent with the ALLL Policy (Quarterly ALLL Report). Any deficiency in the ALLL shall be remedied by the Association in the quarter in which it is discovered and before the Association files its Thrift Financial Report (TFR) with the OTS.

#### Dividends.

27. Effective immediately, the Association shall not declare or pay dividends or make any other capital distributions, as that term is defined in 12 C.F.R. § 563.141, without receiving the prior written approval of the Regional Director. The Association's written request for approval should be submitted to the Regional Director at least forty-five (45) days prior to the anticipated date of the proposed declaration, dividend payment or distribution of capital.

#### Transactions with Affiliates.

28. Effective immediately, the Association shall not engage in any transaction with an affiliate unless, with respect to each such transaction, the Association has complied with the notice requirements set forth in 12 C.F.R. § 563.41(c)(4), which shall include the information set forth in 12 C.F.R. § 563.41(c)(3). The Board shall ensure that any transaction with an affiliate

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A credit shall be considered significant for the purposes of assessing, establishing, and maintaining an appropriate level of ALLL if it is/was Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) or greater at origination.

for which notice is submitted pursuant to this Paragraph, complies with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. § 563.41 and Regulation W, 12 C.F.R. Part 223.

## **Brokered Deposits.**

- 29. Effective immediately, the Association shall comply with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. § 337.6(b).
- 30. Within forty-five (45) days after the close of each calendar quarter, beginning with the calendar quarter ending March 31, 2010, Management shall prepare and submit a written report to the Board detailing the level of brokered deposits for each month within the immediately preceding quarter (Brokered Deposit Report). The Board's review of the Brokered Deposit Report shall be detailed in the Board meeting minutes. A copy of the Brokered Deposit Report and the Board meeting minutes detailing the Board's review of the Brokered Deposit Report shall be provided to the Regional Director within ten (10) days after the Board meeting.

## Management Changes.

31. Effective immediately, the Association shall comply with the prior notification requirements for changes in directors and Senior Executive Officers<sup>6</sup> set forth in 12 C.F.R. Part 563, Subpart H.

#### **Employment Contracts and Compensation Arrangements.**

32. Effective immediately, the Association shall not enter into, renew, extend or revise any contractual arrangement relating to compensation or benefits for any Senior Executive Officer or director of the Association, unless it first provides the OTS with not less than forty-five (45) days prior written notice of the proposed transaction. The notice to the OTS shall include a copy of the proposed employment contract or compensation arrangement or a detailed, written description of the compensation arrangement to be offered to such officer or director, including

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The term "Senior Executive Officer" is defined at 12 C.F.R. § 563.555.

all benefits and perquisites. The Board shall ensure that any contract, agreement or arrangement submitted to the OTS fully complies with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. Part 359, 12 C.F.R. §§ 563.39 and 563.161(b), and 12 C.F.R. Part 570 – Appendix A.

#### Severance and Indemnification Payments.

33. Effective immediately, the Association shall not make any golden parachute payment<sup>7</sup> or prohibited indemnification payment<sup>8</sup> unless, with respect to each such golden parachute payment, the Association has complied with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. Part 359 and, as to indemnification payments, 12 C.F.R. § 545.121.

#### Violations of Law.

- 34. Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall ensure that all violations of law, rule, and/or regulation cited in the Association's 2009 ROE are corrected. Within ninety (90) days, the Board shall prepare, adopt, and thereafter ensure that the Association adheres to specific procedures to prevent future violations.
- 35. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of any subsequent report, which cites or discusses any violations of law, rule, or regulation, the Board shall prepare, adopt, and thereafter ensure the Association adheres to specific procedures to correct such violations and prevent future violations.

#### Third Party Contracts.

36. Effective immediately, the Association shall not enter into any arrangement or contract with a third party service provider that is significant to the overall operation or financial condition of the Association<sup>9</sup> or outside the Association's normal course of business unless, with

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The term "golden parachute payment" is defined at 12 C.F.R. § 359.1(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The term "prohibited indemnification payment" is defined at 12 C.F.R. § 359.1(l).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> A contract will be considered significant to the overall operation or financial condition of the Association where the annual contract amount equals or exceeds two percent (2%) of the Association's total capital.

respect to each such contract, Association has: (i) provided the OTS with a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior written notice of such arrangement or contract; (ii) determined that the arrangement or contract complies with the standards and guidelines set forth in Thrift Bulletin 82a (TB 82a); and (iii) received written notice of non-objection from the Regional Director.

#### **Board Compliance Committee.**

- 37. Within thirty (30) days, the Board shall appoint a committee to monitor and coordinate the Association's compliance with the provisions of this Order and the completion of all corrective actions required in the 2009 ROE (Regulatory Compliance Committee). The Regulatory Compliance Committee shall have three (3) or more directors, the majority of whom shall be independent directors.
- 38. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter, beginning with the quarter ending June 30, 2010, the Regulatory Compliance Committee shall submit a written compliance progress report to the Board (Compliance Report). The Compliance Report shall, at a minimum:
  - (a) separately list each corrective action required by this Order, including the paragraph number for each corrective action in the Order, and the Matters Requiring Board Attention section of the 2009 ROE;
  - (b) identify the required or anticipated completion date for each corrective action; and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> For purposes of this Order, an individual who is "independent with respect to the Association" shall be any individual who:

a. is not employed in any capacity by the Association, its subsidiaries, or its affiliates, other than as a director;

b. does not own or control more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding shares of the Association or its affiliates;

c. is not related by blood or marriage to any officer or director of the Association or its affiliates, or to any shareholder owning more than ten percent (10%) of the outstanding shares of the Association or its affiliates, and who does not otherwise share a common financial interest with any such officer, director or shareholder; and

d. is not indebted, directly or indirectly, to the Association or any of its affiliates, including the indebtedness of any entity in which the individual has a substantial financial interest, in an amount exceeding ten percent (10%) of the Association's total Tier 1 capital and allowance for loan and lease losses.

(c) discuss the current status of each corrective action, including the action(s) taken

or to be taken to comply with each corrective action.

39. The Board shall review the Compliance Report and all reports required to be prepared by

this Order. Following its review, the Board shall adopt a resolution: (a) certifying that each

director has reviewed the Compliance Report and all required reports and (b) documenting any

corrective actions adopted by the Board. A copy of the Compliance Report and the Board

resolution shall be provided to the Regional Director within ten (10) days after the Board

meeting. Nothing contained herein shall diminish the responsibility of the entire Board to ensure

the Association's compliance with the provisions of this Order.

Effective Date, Incorporation of Stipulation.

40. This Order is effective on the Effective Date as shown on the first page. The Stipulation

is made a part hereof and is incorporated herein by this reference.

Duration.

41. This Order shall remain in effect until terminated, modified, or suspended by written

notice of such action by the OTS, acting by and through its authorized representatives.

Time Calculations.

42. Calculation of time limitations for compliance with the terms of this Order run from the

Effective Date and shall be based on calendar days, unless otherwise noted.

43. The Regional Director, or an OTS authorized representative, may extend any of the

deadlines set forth in the provisions of this Order upon written request by the Association that

includes reasons in support for any such extension. Any OTS extension shall be made in writing.

Submissions and Notices.

44. All submissions, including any reports, to the OTS that are required by or contemplated

by this Order shall be submitted within the specified timeframes.

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- 45. Except as otherwise provided herein, all submissions, requests, communications, consents or other documents relating to this Order shall be in writing and sent by first class U.S. mail (or by reputable overnight carrier, electronic facsimile transmission or hand delivery by messenger) addressed as follows:
  - (a) To the OTS:
    Regional Director
    Office of Thrift Supervision
    1475 Peachtree St., N.E.
    Atlanta, Georgia 30309
    404.897.1861 (Fax)
  - (b) To the Association:
    Board of Directors
    Cornerstone Bank
    2060 Mount Paran Road, NW, Suite 100
    Atlanta, Georgia 30327
    404.601.1251 (Fax)

## No Violations Authorized.

46. Nothing in this Order or the Stipulation shall be construed as allowing the Association, its Board, officers, or employees to violate any law, rule, or regulation.

#### IT IS SO ORDERED.

#### OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION

By:	<u>/s/</u>
	James G. Price
	Regional Director, Southeast Region

Date: See Effective Date on page 1

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CORNERSTONEBANK	)	Effective Date: June 17, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia OTS Docket No. 15682	)	
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#### STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO ISSUANCE OF ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

WHEREAS, the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), acting by and through its Regional Director for the Southeast Region (Regional Director), and based upon information derived from the exercise of its regulatory and supervisory responsibilities, has informed CornerstoneBank, Atlanta, Georgia, OTS Docket No. 15682 (Association), that the OTS is of the opinion that grounds exist to initiate an administrative proceeding against the Association pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b);

WHEREAS, the Regional Director, pursuant to delegated authority, is authorized to issue Orders to Cease and Desist where a savings association has consented to the issuance of an order; and

WHEREAS, the Association desires to cooperate with the OTS to avoid the time and expense of such administrative cease and desist proceeding by entering into this Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of Order to Cease and Desist (Stipulation) and, without admitting or denying that such grounds exist, but only admitting the statements and conclusions in Paragraphs

1 and 2 below concerning Jurisdiction, hereby stipulates and agrees to the following terms:

## Jurisdiction.

- 1. The Association is a "savings association" within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1813(b) and 12 U.S.C. § 1462(4). Accordingly, the Association is "an insured depository institution" as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c).
- 2. Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q), the Director of the OTS is the "appropriate Federal banking agency" with jurisdiction to maintain an administrative enforcement proceeding against a savings association. Therefore, the Association is subject to the authority of the OTS to initiate and maintain an administrative cease and desist proceeding against it pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b).

#### **OTS Findings of Fact.**

- 3. Based on its November 16, 2009 examination of the Association (2009 ROE), the OTS finds that the Association has engaged in unsafe or unsound practices and failed to comply with applicable regulatory guidance as follows:
  - (a) operating with an inadequate level of capital protection for the volume, type, and quality of assets held by the Association;
  - (b) operating without an adequate business plan;
  - (c) operating with inadequate earnings to fund growth, support dividend payments to the holding company in support of its obligations, and augment capital;
  - (d) operating the Association with an excessive level of adversely classified loans and assets;
  - (e) operating with an inadequate allowance for loan and lease losses (ALLL) methodology;

- (f) operating with an inadequate level of ALLL for the volume, type, and quality of loans and leases held:
- (g) operating with an excessive concentration of construction, multifamily,
   nonresidential, land and commercial real estate loans as described in the November 16,
   2009 Report of Examination of the Association (2009 ROE); and
- (h) operating in contravention of supervisory policy statements and other regulatory guidance.
- 4. Based on the 2009 ROE, the OTS finds that the Association also has violated the following laws or regulations:
  - (a) 12 C.F.R. Part 567 (Capital); and
  - (b) 12 C.F.R. § 560.160(b) (ALLL).

#### Consent.

5. The Association consents to the issuance by the OTS of the accompanying Order to Cease and Desist (Order). The Association further agrees to comply with the terms of the Order upon the Effective Date of the Order and stipulates that the Order complies with all requirements of law.

## Finality.

6. The Order is issued by the OTS under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b). Upon the Effective Date, the Order shall be a final order, effective, and fully enforceable by the OTS under the provisions of 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i).

## Waivers.

- 7. The Association waives the following:
  - (a) the right to be served with a written notice of the OTS's charges against it as

provided by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b) and 12 C.F.R. Part 509;

(b) the right to an administrative hearing of the OTS's charges as provided by 12

U.S.C. § 1818(b) and 12 C.F.R. Part 509;

(c) the right to seek judicial review of the Order, including, without limitation, any

such right provided by 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h), or otherwise to challenge the validity of the

Order; and

(d) any and all claims against the OTS, including its employees and agents, and any

other governmental entity for the award of fees, costs, or expenses related to this OTS

enforcement matter and/or the Order, whether arising under common law, federal

statutes, or otherwise.

**OTS Authority Not Affected.** 

8. Nothing in this Stipulation or accompanying Order shall inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise

prevent the OTS from taking any other action affecting the Association if at any time the OTS

deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon the OTS by law.

Other Governmental Actions Not Affected.

9. The Association acknowledges and agrees that its consent to the issuance of the Order is

solely for the purpose of resolving the matters addressed herein, consistent with Paragraph 8

above, and does not otherwise release, discharge, compromise, settle, dismiss, resolve, or in any

way affect any actions, charges against, or liability of the Association that arise pursuant to this

action or otherwise, and that may be or have been brought by any governmental entity other than

the OTS.

Miscellaneous.

10. The laws of the United States of America shall govern the construction and validity of

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this Stipulation and of the Order.

11. If any provision of this Stipulation and/or the Order is ruled to be invalid, illegal, or

unenforceable by the decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, the validity, legality, and

enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired

thereby, unless the Regional Director in his or her sole discretion determines otherwise.

12. All references to the OTS in this Stipulation and the Order shall also mean any of the

OTS's predecessors, successors, and assigns.

13. The section and paragraph headings in this Stipulation and the Order are for convenience

only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Stipulation or the Order.

14. The terms of this Stipulation and of the Order represent the final agreement of the parties

with respect to the subject matters thereof, and constitute the sole agreement of the parties with

respect to such subject matters.

15. The Stipulation and Order shall remain in effect until terminated, modified, or suspended

in writing by the OTS, acting through its Regional Director or other authorized representative.

## Signature of Directors/Board Resolution.

16. Each Director signing this Stipulation attests that he or she voted in favor of a Board Resolution authorizing the consent of the Association to the issuance of the Order and the execution of the Stipulation.

WHEREFORE, the Association, by its directors, executes this Stipulation.

	Accepted by:	
CORNERSTONEBANK Atlanta, Georgia	OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION	
By: /s/ William B. Pendleton Chairperson	By: /s/ James G. Price Southeast Regional Director	
	Date: See Effective Date on page 1	

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<u>/s/</u>	<u>/s/</u>
Robert F. Tomain, Director	Gary R. Page, Director
<u>/s/</u>	<u>/s/</u>
Frederick D. Clemente, Director	Frank H. Roach, Director
<u>/s/</u>	<u>/s/</u>
Daniel M. DuPree, Director	Clayton J. Shellings, Director
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