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2 On August 3, 2006, Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or 3 "Commission"), pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act 4 ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), filed a complaint against Defendant JOANNE GARNEAU a/k/a JOANNE TORKELSON and other defendants, for permanent 5 injunctive and other equitable relief, including consumer redress, applied ex parte 6 7 for a temporary restraining order with asset freeze and for an order to show cause 8 why a preliminary injunction should not be granted pursuant to Rule 65 of the 9 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and why a permanent receiver should not be appointed. On August 9, 2006, the Court issued the ex parte restraining order, 10 11 appointed Robb Evans and Robb Evans & Associates LLC ("Robb Evans") as 12 temporary receiver over the corporate defendants, including over **PROSPER** FINANCIAL ("PROSPER"), and issued an order to show cause why a 13 preliminary injunction ought not be granted. 14

15 In an effort to minimize unnecessary litigation, Plaintiff Commission and 16 Defendant GARNEAU entered into a Stipulated Preliminary Injunction. By 17 Stipulation of the parties, the Receivership over ROBINA CAPITAL, INC. d/b/a 18 PROSPER FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS ("ROBINA") was made permanent and 19 Robb Evans was appointed as the Monitor over Third Party NATIONWIDE 20 SUPPORT SERVICES ("NATIONWIDE"). Subsequently, Plaintiff 21 Commission amended its complaint and in pertinent part, ROBINA was added as a Defendant. 22

Now Plaintiff Commission, negotiating through its counsel, and Defendant
GARNEAU and Defendant ROBINA (collectively "Defendants"), negotiating
through her counsel, have agreed to a settlement of this action.

Accordingly, the Commission and Defendants consent to entry of this
Settlement Agreement and [Proposed] Stipulated Final Order as to Defendant
Joanne Garneau a/k/a Joanne Torkelson and Defendant Robina Capital Inc.

("Order") without adjudication of any issue of fact or law. The parties further
 agree that entry of this Order in the docket by the Court will constitute notice to
 each Defendant of the terms and conditions of the Order. Plaintiff and Defendants
 having requested the Court to enter this Order, the Court hereby finds and orders
 as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Defendants were properly served with the Complaint, Summons,
 TRO and First Amended Complaint in this matter.

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Defendants consented to the entry of the Preliminary Injunction
 against them and were properly served with the Preliminary Injunction in this
 matter.

3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the case and
 personal jurisdiction over Defendants. Venue in the Central District of California
 is proper.

4. The alleged actions of Defendants are in or affecting commerce, as
 defined in Section 4 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.

5. The allegations of the Complaint state a claim upon which relief can
 be granted against Defendants under Sections 5(a) and 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15
 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 53(b).

6. Plaintiff has the authority under Section 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15
 U.S.C. § 53(b), to seek the relief it has requested.

7. Defendants have not admitted liability as to the charges in the
Complaint, and their consent to settle and finally resolve this action shall not be
interpreted to constitute an admission that they have engaged in any violations of
any law or regulations.

27 8. Defendants waive all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise
28 challenge or contest the validity of this Order.

9. Defendants waive any claim that they may hold against the
 Commission, its employees, representatives or agents.

10. Defendants waive any claim that they may hold under the Equal
Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (as amended), concerning the prosecution
of this action to the date of this Order, and any rights to attorneys' fees that may
arise under said provision of law.

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All parties shall bear their own costs and attorneys' fees.

8 12. Defendants enter into this Order freely, and acknowledge that they
9 understand the provisions of this Order and are prepared to abide by its terms.

13. This Order is remedial in nature and shall not be construed as the
payment of a fine, penalty, punitive assessment, or forfeiture.

12 14. Entry of this Order is in the public interest and in the interest of the13 parties.

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For purposes of this order, the following **Definitions** apply:

1. "Assets" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to,
 any real and personal property, including but not limited to chattel, goods,
 instruments, equipment, fixtures, general intangibles, effects, leaseholds, mail or
 other deliveries, inventory, checks, notes, accounts, credits, receivables, and all
 cash, wherever located.

22 2. "Document" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the
 23 usage of the term in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a), and includes writings,
 24 drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and video recordings, electronic
 25 email ("email"), computer records, and other data compilations from which
 26 information can be obtained and translated, if necessary, through detection devices
 27 into reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate
 28 "document" within the meaning of the term.

3. "Defendant" means JOANNE GARNEAU a/k/a JOANNE
 TORKELSON and ROBINA CAPITAL, INC. d/b/a PROSPER FINANCIAL
 SOLUTIONS.

4 4. "Individual Defendants" refers to DENNIS CONNELLY,
 5 RICHARD WADE TORKELSON, a/k/a WADE TORKELSON, and
 6 JOANNE GARNEAU a/k/a JOANNE TORKELSON.

5. "<u>Corporate Defendants</u>" means Defendants HOMELAND
 FINANCIAL SERVICES, NATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES, LLC,
 UNITED DEBT RECOVERY, LLC, PROSPER FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS,
 ROBINA CAPITAL, INC. d/b/a PROSPER FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS,
 FINANCIAL LIBERTY LLC and each of them.

6. "<u>Receivership Entities</u>" means Defendants HOMELAND
 FINANCIAL SERVICES, NATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES, LLC,
 UNITED DEBT RECOVERY, LLC., FINANCIAL LIBERTY LLC,
 ROBINA CAPITAL, INC. d/b/a PROSPER FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, and
 each of them.

17 7. "<u>Monitored Entity</u>" means NATIONWIDE SUPPORT
18 SERVICES.

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"<u>Debt Negotiation</u>" means

a. the business or practice of receiving, in return for
consideration, or the scheduled receipt, of a debtor's monies, or evidences
thereof, for the purpose of distribution among certain specified creditors in
payment, or partial payment, of the debtor's obligations; or

b. the business or practice of acting or offering or attempting to act as an intermediary between a debtor and his creditors for the purpose of settling, negotiating, or in any way altering the terms of payment of any debt of a debtor.



9. The terms "and" and "or" have both conjunctive and disjunctive

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| 2 | 10. "Assisting others" means knowingly providing any of the following |
| 3 | goods or services to another person or entity: |
| 4 | a. performing customer service functions, including, but not |
| 5 | limited to, receiving or responding to consumer complaints; or |
| 6 | b. formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or |
| 7 | provision of, any telephone sales script or any other marketing material; or |
| 8 | c. providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential |
| 9 | customers; or |
| 10 | d. performing marketing services of any kind. |
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| 12 | <u>ORDER</u> |
| 13 | I. |
| 14 | PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES |
| 15 | IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendants, their successors, |
| 16 | assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or |
| 17 | entities in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual |
| 18 | notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or |
| 19 | through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with |
| 20 | the advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or sale of any good or |
| 21 | service, are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from falsely representing, |
| 22 | or from knowingly assisting others who are falsely representing, any of the |
| 23 | following: |
| 24 | A. That by enrolling in any debt-negotiation program, it is likely that |
| 25 | consumers will be able to pay off their credit-card or other unsecured debts |
| 26 | for a substantially reduced amount, such as 40 to 60 percent of the total |
| 27 | amount owed to their creditors; or |
| 28 | B. That consumers' creditors are likely to negotiate settlements under |

| 1 | which the creditors will agree to accept substantially less than the amount | |
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| 2 | the consumer owes on an account to settle the account; or | |
| 3 | C. That any Defendants or any other person operating a debt-negotiation | |
| 4 | program are able to negotiate more favorable settlements with consumers' | |
| 5 | creditors than the consumer can negotiate himself; or | |
| 6 | D. That any Defendants or any other person operating a debt-negotiation | |
| 7 | program has an established relationship with any creditor that gives the | |
| 8 | person an advantage in negotiating favorable settlements with the creditor; | |
| 9 | or | |
| 10 | E. That any negative information that appears on a consumer's credit | |
| 11 | report as a result of participating in any debt-negotiation program will be | |
| 12 | removed upon completion of the program or shortly thereafter; or | |
| 13 | F. That any negative effect from participating in any debt-negotiation | |
| 14 | program on a consumer's credit rating, credit score or credit report is likely | |
| 15 | to be either minimal or short-term; or | |
| 16 | G. That creditors are unlikely to sue consumers who participate in any | |
| 17 | debt-negotiation program or who otherwise fail to make their minimum | |
| 18 | monthly payments to their creditors; or | |
| 19 | H. That participating in any debt-negotiation program is likely to end | |
| 20 | most or all harassment or contact from creditors; or | |
| 21 | I. That consumer's creditors will stop harassing consumers or will not | |
| 22 | harass consumers who participate in any debt-negotiation program; or | |
| 23 | J. That consumers' creditors will not contact the consumer after a | |
| 24 | consumer sends the creditor a notice to cease contacting the consumer; or | |
| 25 | K. That consumers who participate in any debt-negotiation program do | |
| 26 | not need to worry about balances on their credit accounts increasing while | |
| 27 | they are in the program; or | |
| 28 | L. That Defendants or any other person will begin negotiating with all of | |

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a consumer's creditors immediately upon the consumer's enrollment in any debt-negotiation program; or

M. Any other fact material to a consumer's decision to participate in any debt-negotiation, debt reduction or debt management program; or

N. Any other fact material to a consumer's decision to purchase any good or service.

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PROHIBITION AGAINST MATERIAL OMISSIONS

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, their successors, assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons or entities 10 11 in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of 12 this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any 13 corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the 14 advertising, promotion, offering for sale or sale of debt negotiation services or credit-related products, programs or services, are hereby permanently restrained 15 and enjoined from failing to disclose, clearly and conspicuously, prior to the time 16 17 when a consumer purchases a service from Defendants, all information material to a consumer's decision to buy any debt negotiation services or credit-related 18 19 products, programs, or services, including but not limited to the following information, where appropriate: 20

A. The possibility that, if consumers stop paying their creditors, one or more of their creditors may sue the consumer;

B. The fact that federal law prohibits creditors from misrepresenting a
consumer's payment history to credit reporting agencies, and that creditors
are permitted to report accurate negative information such as delinquencies
and charge-offs for seven years.

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| 2 | MONETARY RELIEF | |
| 3 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that: | |
| 4 | A. Within ten (10) business days of entry of this Order, Defendants shall | |
| 5 | pay to the Commission the sum of six hundred thirty thousand dollars | |
| 6 | (\$630,000) by certified or cashier's check made payable to the Federal | |
| 7 | Trade Commission or through wire transfer to an account designated by the | |
| 8 | Commission or its agent. Payment by certified or cashier's check shall be | |
| 9 | remitted to the Federal Trade Commission, Western Region, 10877 Wilshire | |
| 10 | Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, California 90024; | |
| 11 | B. If Defendants fail to make the payments under Paragraph III A of this | |
| 12 | Order within the prescribed time period, the Commission may apply to the | |
| 13 | Court for entry of a judgment against Defendants in the amount of four | |
| 14 | million dollars (\$4,000,000) which amount shall be immediately due and | |
| 15 | payable, less any amounts already paid. For purposes of this Paragraph, | |
| 16 | Defendants waive any right to contest any of the allegations set forth in the | |
| 17 | Complaint filed in this matter or the amount of the requested judgment and | |
| 18 | agrees that the Court shall enter the monetary judgment in the amount of | |
| 19 | four million dollars (\$4,000.000) upon a showing by the Commission that | |
| 20 | Defendants failed to make the payment as set forth under Paragraph III A; | |
| 21 | Provided, that Defendants may cure a late payment by delivering such | |
| 22 | payment to the Commission within three (3) days of the original payment date; | |
| 23 | C. Defendants remain obligated to pay for the actual costs incurred by | |
| 24 | all consumer witnesses who have appeared for depositions in this litigation, | |
| 25 | FTC v. Dennis Connelly et al, SACV06-701 DOC, at the request of the | |
| 26 | defendants and shall reimburse all such consumers within ten (10) days of | |
| 27 | receipt of any written notification of the amount owed; | |
| 28 | D. Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, Defendants shall send a | A |
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letter by first class mail, at their expense, to all consumers who enrolled in the debt negotiation program through **PROSPER** through December 31, 3 2005 and who are currently still in the debt negotiation program being serviced by the MONITORED ENTITY, advising each of them of their right to guit the debt negotiation program. The letter may be sent on PROSPER letterhead. The text and format of the letter and envelope must be approved by the Commission, or its designated representatives, before it is sent. Each party shall have the right to bring any irreconcil ole differences about the mailing to this Court;

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10 E. The bank accounts of the Defendants including Defendant 11 GARNEAU's personal accounts, including but not limited to those 12 corporate bank accounts held in the name of DePalma Regency, Inc., 13 Palermo Capital Funding Corp., JAG Enterprises and Marbrisa Equities, LLC, and any other assets which were frozen pursuant to the orders entered 14 15 in this case, shall be unfrozen upon the entry of this Order;

16 F. All funds paid pursuant to this Paragraph shall be deposited into a 17 fund administered by the Commission or its agent to be used for equitable 18 relief, including but not limited to restitution and any attendant expenses for 19 the administration of any restitution fund. In the event that direct restitution 20 to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or funds remain after 21 restitution is completed, the Commission may apply any remaining funds for 22 such other equitable relief (including consumer information remedies) as it 23 determines to be reasonably related to the practices alleged in the 24 Complaint. Any funds not used for such equitable relief shall be deposited 25 to the Department of the Treasury as disgorgement and not as a fine or 26 penalty. The Commission shall have full and sole discretion to:

> 1. Determine the criteria for participation by individual claimants in any consumer restitution program implemented pursuant to this

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| 2 | 2. Determine the manner and timing of any notices to be given to |
| 3 | consumers regarding the existence and terms of such programs, and |
| 4 | 3. Delegate any and all tasks connected with such restitution |
| 5 | program to any individual, partnerships, or corporations; and pay |
| 6 | reasonable fees, salaries, and expenses incurred thereby from the |
| 7 | payments made pursuant to this Order; |
| 8 | G. Defendants expressly waive any rights they may possess to litigate |
| 9 | the issue of monetary relief. Defendants acknowledge and agree that all |
| 10 | money paid pursuant to this Order is irrevocably paid to the Commission for |
| 11 | purposes of settlement between Plaintiff and Defendants; and |
| 12 | H. Defendants shall have no right to challenge the Commission's choice |
| 13 | of remedies under this Paragraph. |
| 14 | IV. |
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| 15 | RELIANCE ON REPRESENTATIONS |
| 15 16 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that; |
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(four million dollars), which represents the approximate amount of 1 2 payments made to Defendants and corporate entities under Defendant 3 GARNEAU's possession, custody and control out of funds paid by 4 consumers, and will become immediately due and payable, less any 5 payments already made. 6 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, Defendants agree 7 that in any subsequent proceedings to enforce payment, including but not 8 limited to a non-dischargeability complaint filed in a bankruptcy 9 proceeding, Defendants waive any right to contest any of the allegations set forth in the Complaint filed in this matter or the \$4,000,000 (four million 10 11 dollars) judgment referenced above. 12 V. 13 CUSTOMER LISTS 14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, their officers, agents, 15 servants, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons or entities in active 16 concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by 17 personal service or otherwise, are permanently restrained and enjoined from 18 selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name, address, 19 telephone number, credit card number, bank account number, e-mail address, or 20 other identifying information of any person who paid any money to any of the 21 Defendants in this litigation, FTC v. Dennis Connelly, et al. SACV06-701 DOC, 22 or paid money to any of the Corporate Defendants, or the Receivership Entities, at 23 any time prior to entry of this order, in connection with telemarketing or with the 24 advertising, promotion, offering for sale or sale of debt negotiation services. 25 *Provided, however, that such identifying information may be disclosed to a* 26 law enforcement agency or as required by any law, regulation, or court order, and 27 *Provided further* that nothing herein shall prevent the transfer of such information to a parent, subsidiary, agent or affiliate of Defendants including 28

| 1 | NATIONWIDE SUPPORT SERVICES or as part of the sale of Defendants' | |
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| 2 | business or all or substantially all of Defendants' assets, except that Defendants | |
| 3 | may not directly or indirectly transfer any such information to either of the other | |
| 4 | individual Defendants in this litigation or to any parent, subsidiary agent or | |
| 5 | affiliate of any of those individual Defendants. | |
| 6 | VI. | |
| 7 | COMPLIANCE MONITORING | |
| 8 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring and | |
| 9 | investigating compliance with any provision of this Order: | |
| 10 | A. Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of written notice from a | |
| 11 | representative of the Commission, Defendants shall submit additional | |
| 12 | written reports, sworn to under penalty of perjury; produce documents for | |
| 13 | inspection and copying; appear for deposition; and/or provide entry to any | |
| 14 | Commission representatives during normal business hours to any business | |
| 15 | location in Defendants' possession or direct or indirect control for the | |
| 16 | purpose of inspecting the business operation. Defendants, after attempting | |
| 17 | to resolve a dispute without court action, and for good cause shown, may | |
| 18 | file a motion with this Court seeking an order which justice requires to | |
| 19 | protect Defendants or any party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, | |
| 20 | oppression, or undue burden or expense, including one or more of the | |
| 21 | protections set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 (c); | |
| 22 | B. In addition, the Commission is authorized to monitor compliance with | |
| 23 | this Order by all other lawful means, including but not limited to the | |
| 24 | following: | |
| 25 | 1. Obtaining discovery from any person, without further leave of court, | |
| 26 | using the procedures prescribed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, | |
| 27 | and 45; | |
| 28 | 2. Posing as consumers and suppliers to Defendants' employees, or any | |

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| 2 | I | Defendants', without the necessity of identification or prior notice; | |
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| 4 | C. I | Defendants shall permit representatives of the Commission to | |
| 5 | intervie | w any employer, consultant, independent contractor, representative, | |
| 6 | agent, c | or employee who has agreed to such an interview, relating in any way | |
| 7 | to any conduct subject to this Order. The person interviewed may have | | |
| 8 | counsel | present. | |
| 9 | Provide | ed, however, that nothing in this Order shall limit the Commission's | |
| 10 | lawful use of | compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, | |
| 11 | 15 U.S.C. §§ 4 | 49, 57b-1, to obtain any documentary material, tangible things, | |
| 12 | testimony, or i | information relevant to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or | |
| 13 | affecting com | merce (within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 45(a)(1)). | |
| 14 | | VII. | |
| 15 | | COMPLIANCE REPORTING BY DEFENDANTS | |
| 16 | IT IS F | URTHER ORDERED that, in order that compliance with the | |
| 17 | provisions of | this Order may be monitored: | |
| 18 | A. F | or a period of three (3) years from the date of entry of this Order, | |
| 19 | Defenda | ant Garneau shall notify the Commission in writing of: | |
| 20 | 1. A | ny change in residence, mailing address and/or telephone numbers | |
| 21 | 0 | f Defendant Garneau within ten (10) days of such change; and | |
| 22 | 2. A | ny change in employment status (including self employment) of | |
| 23 | D | efendant and any change in the ownership interest of Defendant in | |
| 24 | ar | ny business entity, within ten (10) days of such change. Such notice | |
| 25 | sł | nall include the name and address of each business that Defendant is | |
| 26 | at | ffiliated with, employed by, or performs services for, a statement of | |
| 27 | tb | e nature of the business, and a statement of Defendant's duties and | |
| 28 | re | sponsibilities in connection with the business and employment; and | |
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Any changes in Defendant's name or use of any aliases or fictitious names.

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B. For a period of four (4) years from the date of entry of this Order, Defendants shall notify the Commission of any changes in corporate structure of Defendants that may affect compliance obligations arising under this Order, including but not limited to a dissolution, assignment, sale, merger, or other action that would result in the emergence of a successor entity; the creation or dissolution of a subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this Order; the filing of a bankruptcy petition; or a change in the corporate name or address, at least thirty (30) days prior to such change, *provided* that, with respect to any proposed change in the corporation about which Defendants learn less than thirty (30) days prior to the date such action is to take place, they shall notify the Commission as soon as is practicable after obtaining such knowledge.

C. One hundred eighty (180) days after the date of entry of this Order, Defendants shall provide a written report to the Commission, sworn to under penalty of perjury, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which they have complied and are complying with this Order. This report shall include, but not be limited to:

- A copy of each acknowledgment of receipt of this Order, obtained pursuant to Paragraph X, below; and
- Any other changes required to be reported under Subparagraph A of this Paragraph VII, above.

D. For the purposes of this Order, Defendants shall, unless otherwise
 directed by the Commission's authorized representatives, mail all written
 notifications to the Commission to:

Assistant Regional Director

| 1 | Western Region, Los Angeles |
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| 2 | Federal Trade Commission 10877 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 700 Los Angeles, CA 90024 |
| 3 | Re: <u>FTC v. Dennis Connelly et al</u> , SACV-06-0701 DOC (x) |
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| 5 | E. For purposes of the compliance reporting and monitoring required by |
| 6 | this Order, the Commission is authorized to communicate directly with the |
| 7 | Defendants. |
| 8 | VIII. |
| 9 | COOPERATION WITH FTC COUNSEL |
| 10 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall, in connection with |
| 11 | this action or any subsequent investigations related to or associated with the |
| 12 | transactions or occurrences that are the subject of the Commission's Complaint, |
| 13 | cooperate in good faith with the Commission and appear, at such places and times |
| 14 | as the Commission shall reasonably request, after written notice, for interviews, |
| 15 | conferences, pretrial discovery, review of documents, and for such other matters as |
| 16 | may be reasonably requested by the Commission. If requested in writing by the |
| 17 | Commission or by the Commission's attorneys, Defendants shall appear and |
| 18 | provide truthful testimony in any trial, deposition, or other proceeding related to or |
| 19 | associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the |
| 20 | Complaint, without the service of a subpoena. The Commission shall provide |
| 21 | reasonable notice to Defendants of any need for her appearance and shall keep |
| 22 | designated counsel for Defendants apprised of developments in the litigation. The |
| 23 | Commission acknowledges that these Defendants may provide the same level of |
| 24 | cooperation to any other Defendant in this action under the same terms and |
| 25 | conditions. |
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| 2 | RECORD KEEPING PROVISIONS | |
| 3 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of six (6) years from the | |
| 4 | date of entry of this Order, Defendants and their agents, employees, officers, | |
| 5 | corporations, successors, and assigns, and those persons in active concert or | |
| 6 | participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal | |
| 7 | service or otherwise, while engaging in conduct related to the subject matter of | |
| 8 | this Order, are hereby restrained and enjoined from failing to create and retain the | |
| 9 | following records: | |
| 10 | A. Accounting records that reflect the cost of goods or services sold, | |
| 11 | revenues generated, and the disbursement of such revenues; | |
| 12 | B. Personnel records accurately reflecting: the name, address, email (if | |
| 13 | any) and telephone number of each person employed in any capacity by | |
| 14 | such business, including as an independent contractor; that person's job title | |
| 15 | or position; the date upon which the person commenced work; and the date | |
| 16 | and reason for the person's termination, if applicable; | |
| 17 | C. Customer files containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, | |
| 18 | dollar amounts paid, quantity of items or services purchased, and | |
| 19 | description of items or services purchased, to the extent such information is | |
| 20 | obtained in the ordinary course of business; | |
| 21 | D. Complaints and refund requests (whether received directly, indirectly | |
| 22 | or through any third party) and any responses to those complaints or | |
| 23 | requests; | |
| 24 | E. Copies of all sales scripts, training materials, advertisements, website | |
| 25 | printouts, or other marketing materials; and | |
| 26 | F. All records and documents necessary to demonstrate full compliance | |
| 27 | with each provision of this Order, including but not limited to, copies of | |
| 28 | acknowledgments of receipt of this Order, required by Paragraph X, below, | |

| 1 | and all reports submitted to the FTC pursuant to Paragraph VII, above. |
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| 2 | X. |
| 3 | DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS |
| 4 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of three (3) years from the |
| 5 | date of entry of this Order, Defendants shall deliver copies of this Order as |
| 6 | directed below: |
| 7 | A. Defendants must deliver a copy of this Order to all of their principals, |
| 8 | officers, directors, and managers. Defendants must also deliver copies of |
| 9 | this Order to all of their employees, agents, and representatives who engage |
| 10 | in sales or marketing of debt negotiation services. For current personnel, |
| 11 | delivery shall be within five (5) days of service of this Order upon |
| 12 | Defendants. For new personnel, delivery shall occur prior to them assuming |
| 13 | their responsibilities. |
| 14 | B. Defendants must secure a signed and dated statement acknowledging |
| 15 | receipt of the Order, within thirty days of delivery, from all persons |
| 16 | receiving a copy of the Order pursuant to this Paragraph X. |
| 17 | XI. |
| 18 | WIND UP OF NATIONWIDE MONITOR PROCEEDINGS, |
| 19 | WIND UP OF ROBINA RECEIVERSHIP PAYMENT OF FEES AND |
| 20 | EXPENSES AND DISCHARGE OF MONITOR/RECEIVER |
| 21 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, |
| 22 | A. The entry of the Court's order approving this Stipulation shall wind |
| 23 | up the proceedings of Robb Evans as the Monitor of NATIONWIDE and |
| 24 | shall constitute an order for the following relief: |
| 25 | 1. approving and confirming the Monitor's actions and activities during |
| 26 | the course of the Monitor proceedings of NATIONWIDE; |
| 27 | 2. authorizing and approving the wind up of the Monitor proceedings |
| 28 | without the Monitor making, filing or obtaining approval of any |

| 1 | | further Monitor reports and/or accountings; |
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| 2 | 3. | authorizing, approving and requiring immediate payment by |
| 3 | | NATIONWIDE of all outstanding fees and expenses of the Monitor, |
| 4 | | its staff and its professionals for the period of October 1, 2006 |
| 5 | | through and including the effective date of the Monitor's discharge, |
| 6 | | including without limitation those fees and expenses for which the |
| 7 | | Monitor has sought approval for the months of October 2006 and |
| 8 | | November 2006 that are subject to the Monitor's pending motion for |
| 9 | | approval set for hearing on February 12, 2007; and |
| 10 | 4. | discharging the Monitor, its members, officers, agents, employees and |
| 11 | | representatives, relieving the Monitor, its members, officers, agents, |
| 12 | | employees and representatives of all duties, liabilities and |
| 13 | | responsibilities pertaining to the Monitor's duties under the |
| 14 | | Preliminary Injunction/Monitor Order, provided that the discharge of |
| 15 | | the Monitor shall not be effective unless and until all fees and |
| 16 | | expenses of the Monitor, its staff and its professionals have been paid |
| 17 | | in full by NATIONWIDE as required herein. |
| 18 | B. | The entry of the Court's order approving this Stipulation shall wind |
| 19 | up th | e proceedings of Robb Evans as the Permanent Receiver of ROBINA, |
| 20 | its af | filiates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns and any other corporations |
| 21 | or bu | sinesses under their control and shall constitute an order for the |
| 22 | follow | wing relief: |
| 23 | 1. | approving and confirming the Receiver's actions and activities during |
| 24 | | the course of the receivership proceedings of ROBINA; |
| 25 | 2. | authorizing and approving the wind up of the receivership |
| 26 | | proceedings of ROBINA without the Receiver making, filing or |
| 27 | | obtaining approval of any further Receiver reports and/or |
| 28 | | accountings; |
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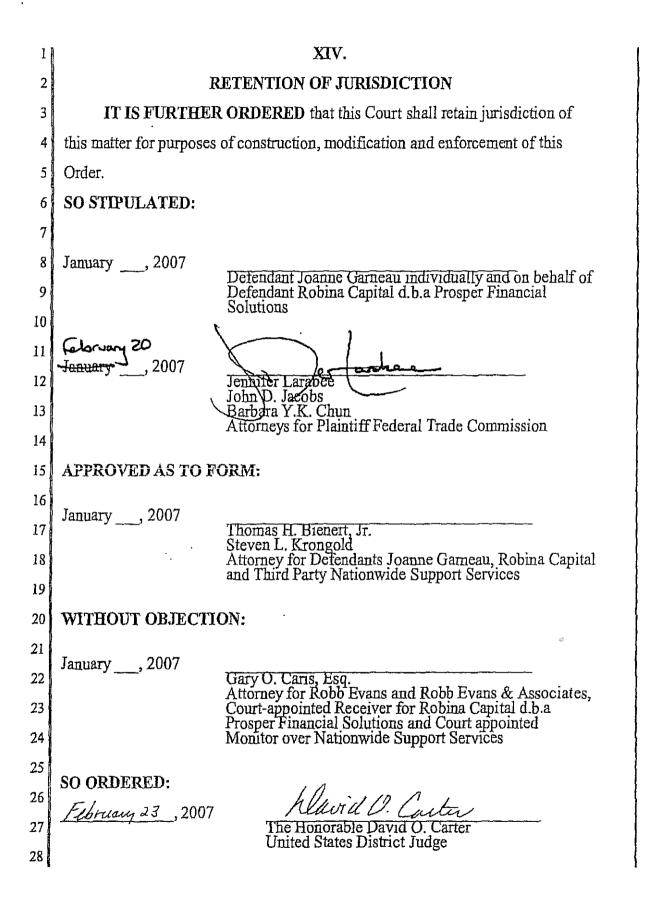
| 1 [| 3. | authorizing and approving immediate payment of all outstanding |
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| 2 | | administrative expenses of the receivership estate pertaining to |
| 3 | | ROBINA and of all outstanding fees and expenses of the Receiver, |
| 4 | | its staff and its professionals for the period of October 1, 2006 |
| 5 | | through and including the effective date of the Receiver's discharge |
| 6 | | from assets of the receivership estate, including without limitation |
| 7 | | those fees and expenses for which the Receiver has sought approval |
| 8 | | for the months of October 2006 and November 2006 that are subject |
| 9 | | to the Receiver's pending motion for approval set for hearing on |
| 10 | | February 12, 2007, with any surplus assets after payment of such fees |
| 11 | | and expenses to be turned over by the Receiver to ROBINA upon |
| 12 | | discharge of the Receiver; |
| 13 | 4. | relieving the Receiver of the obligation or responsibility, if any, to |
| 14 | | pay pre-receivership claims or debts of ROBINA that arose prior to |
| 15 | | the commencement of the receivership, with ROBINA being |
| 16 | | obligated and responsible for the payment of all such pre-receivership |
| 17 | | claims and debts, subject to all defenses, offsets, reductions or |
| 18 | | counterclaims ROBINA may have thereto; and |
| 19 | 5. | discharging the Receiver, its members, officers, agents, employees |
| 20 | | and representatives, relieving the Receiver, its members, officers, |
| 21 | | agents, employees and representatives of all duties, liabilities and |
| 22 | | responsibilities pertaining to the Receiver's duties under the |
| 23 | | Preliminary Injunction/Receiver Order, provided that the discharge of |
| 24 | | the Receiver shall not be effective unless and until all fees and |
| 25 | | expenses of the Receiver, its staff and its professionals have been |
| 26 | | paid in full from the assets of the ROBINA receivership estate and |
| 27 | · | any surplus assets of the ROBINA receivership estate have been |
| 28 | | turned over the Defendants; |

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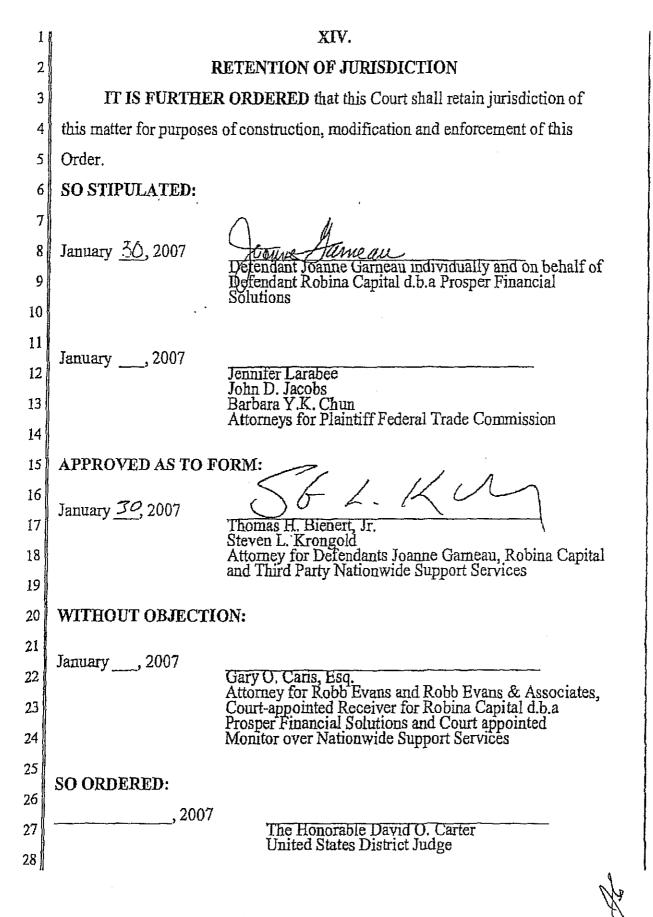
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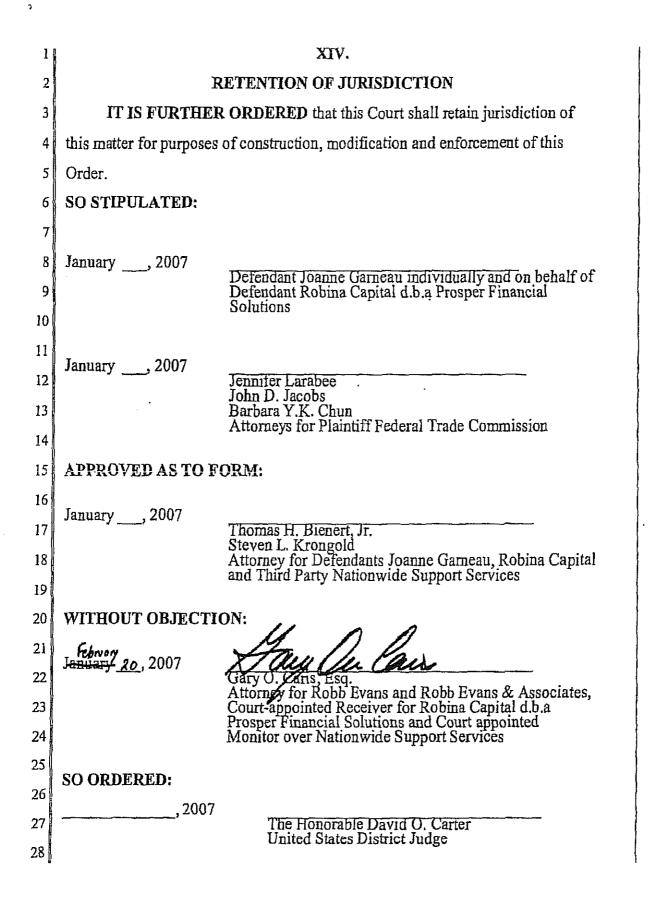
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| 1 | C. Defendants have agreed to pay all outstanding amounts owed to the |
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| 2 | Receiver for the expenses and costs of the Receivership over Defendant |
| 3 | ROBINA and owed to the Monitor for the expenses and costs of the |
| 4 | Monitor over NATIONWIDE, as approved by the Court in this Order. |
| 5 | D. The Receiver/Monitor may redact financial information pertaining to |
| 6 | ROBINA, PROSPER or NATIONWIDE from all current and future |
| 7 | reports that may be posted to any web site of the Receiver or Monitor. |
| 8 | XII. |
| 9 | ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ORDER |
| 10 | BY DEFENDANTS |
| 11 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within five (5) business days of receipt |
| 12 | of this Order as entered by the Court, Defendants must submit to the Commission |
| 13 | a truthful sworn statement acknowledging receipt of this Order. |
| 14 | XIII. |
| 15 | SEVERABILITY |
| 16 | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this Order are separate |
| 17 | and severable from one another. If any provision is stayed or determined to be |
| 18 | invalid, all of the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. |
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| | 1 2 | <u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u> I, Jennifer Larabee, certify as follows: |
| ł | 3 | I am over the age of 18 and am employed by the Federal Trade Commission. My |
| | 5 4 | business address is 10877 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Los Angeles, California 90024. |
| | 5 | On February 20, 2007, I caused the attached document entitled "SETTLEMENT |
| | | AGREEMENT AND [Proposed] STIPULATED FINAL ORDER AS TO |
| ļ | 6 7 | DEFENDANT JOANNE GARNEAU a/k/a JOANNE TORKELSON AND |
| | | DEFENDANT ROBINA CAPITAL, INC. D.B.A PROSPER FINANCIAL |
| | 8 9 | SOLUTIONS INC." be served by email to: |
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| | 11 | 444 South Flower Street, 8 th Floor Fax: 213-243-6330 Los Angeles, CA 90071 |
| ł | 12 | Robb Evans & Associates LLP <u>Permanent Receiver and Monitor</u> |
| | 13 | P.O. Box 880 E-mail: brick.kane@robbevans.com Sun Valley, CA 91353-0880 E-mail: kenton.johnson@robbevans.com |
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| | 25 | I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. |
| ļ | 26 | Dated: February 20, 2007 |
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