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## BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

Complainant,

VS.

COVIUS TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY OF UTAH, LLC,

Docket No. 2019-4120

Lisa Watts Baskin **Presiding Officer** 

Respondent.

The Utah Insurance Department ("Department") commences this informal adjudicative proceeding for entry of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order to which the Department and Respondent Covius Title Insurance Agency of Utah, LLC have stipulated. Filed contemporaneously with this Notice of Agency Action are the parties' Stipulation and their proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

The legal authority and jurisdiction under which the proceeding is maintained is

Utah Code §§ 31A-2-201	and 63G-4-20	1 through 203 and	Utah Admin. Code R590-160
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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on this date a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Agency Action was electronically mailed to:

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DATED this 15t day of May, 2019

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**STIPULATION** 

Complainant,

vs.

COVIUS TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY OF UTAH, LLC,

Docket No. 2019-4120

Lisa Watts Baskin Presiding Officer

Respondent.

The Utah Insurance Department ("Department") and Respondent, Covius Title Insurance Agency of Utah, LLC, stipulate as follows:

- 1. The Presiding Officer may enter the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order filed herewith.
- 2. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order shall not be subject to reconsideration, modification, hearing, agency review or appeal.
- 3. The issuance of the signed and adopted Order is solely for the purpose of disposing of the specific matter entitled therein. The only promises, agreements and

understandings that the parties have regarding this matter are contained in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

4. The parties enter into this Stipulation voluntarily, knowingly, and free from any coercion of any kind.

DATED: April 26, 2019

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/s/ Kenneth Nickel

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UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,	FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER		
Complainant,			
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COVIUS TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY OF UTAH, LLC,	Docket No. 2019-4120		
Respondent.	Lisa Watts Baskin Presiding Officer		

Complainant, Utah Insurance Department ("Department") and Respondent, Covius Title Insurance Agency of Utah, LLC, have stipulated to entry of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. Based upon that stipulation, and good cause appearing, the Presiding Officer makes and enters the following:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent is a resident producer organization holding license number 260421.
- 2. Respondent's mailing address is Covius Title Insurance Agency of Utah, LLC, 2825 E Cottonwood Pkwy, Ste 500, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121.
  - 3. On February 8, 2019, the Department initiated an audit of Respondent.

- 4. In assembling documents for the audit, Respondent discovered that its Utah trust account with Chase had been closed.
  - 5. Respondent was unable to provide bank statements for the audit period.
- 6. Respondent conducted 10 closings on Utah properties and placed trust account funds in an account with Citibank, which does not have an office in Utah.
- 7. Respondent provided documentation in March 2019 showing updated trust account banking information with Zions Bank, which has an office in Utah.
- 8. The Department and Respondent have agreed to an administrative forfeiture of \$1,000.00.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Utah Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") has jurisdiction over the parties and this adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Utah Code §§ 31A-1-105 and 31A-2-201.
- 2. The Commissioner has legal authority to impose penalties on the Department's licensees who violate the Utah Insurance Code. Utah Code § 31A-2-308.
- 3. Utah Code § 31A-23a-409(2)(a)(i) requires trust account funds to be depository institution which has an office in this state. Respondent violated this when trust account funds were deposited in an account with Citibank, which does not have an office in Utah.
- 4. As penalties for the violations in this case, Respondent should be ordered to pay a forfeiture of \$1,000.00.

#### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby Ordered that:

- 1. Respondent shall pay a forfeiture of \$1,000.00 for the violations described in the Conclusions of Law.
- 2. Respondent is ordered not to commit the violations described in the Conclusions of Law in the future.

DATED this  $\frac{\sqrt{st}}{day}$  day of  $\frac{may}{day}$ , 2019.

TODD E. KISER Utah Insurance Commissioner

**Presiding Officer** 

Utah Insurance Department

### **NOTICE TO RESPONDENT**

You are hereby notified that a failure to obey an Order of the Commissioner may subject you to further penalties, including forfeitures of up to \$5,000 per violation and the suspension or revocation of your license and the filing of an action in district court, which may impose forfeitures of up to \$10,000 per day for continued violation. You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that on this date a true and correct copy of the foregoing

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order was emailed to:

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DATED this 14th day of May, 2019.

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