

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
STATE OF WYOMING

WYOMING INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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vs.)	Docket No. 07-03
)	
MARK ANDREW PARTEN,)	
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Respondent.)	

ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Commissioner upon a Petition for Notice and Order to Show Cause. The Notice and Order to Show Cause was served upon Respondent on March 21, 2007. The Petitioner and Respondent, Mark Andrew Parten (hereafter "Respondent") having agreed to dispose of this matter informally without the necessity of a hearing or further administrative proceedings, have entered into a Stipulation, which is filed herein.

The Commissioner, having reviewed the Stipulation and being further advised in the matter, finds as follows:

1. That the Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction of this matter under the Wyoming Insurance Code.
2. Respondent Mark Andrew Parten applied for a resident producer license on or about January 16, 2007, which application was received in the Department on January 19, 2007. Respondent submitted supplemental application information on or about February 7, 2007.
3. Petitioner wrote to Respondent on February 13, 2007, requesting additional documentation concerning the status of Respondent's child support obligation and credit history.
4. On or after February 21, 2007, Respondent provided the additional information requested by Petition in the letter dated February 13, 2007.
5. As required with an application for a resident producer license, Respondent provided a Background Report prepared by General Information Services, Inc. which was published on January 18, 2007. The report showed that 6 judgments have been entered against Respondent since 2001 and that 15 accounts have been placed for collection.
6. Question 7 on the Uniform Application for Individual Insurance Producer License reads: "Do you have a child support obligation in arrearage? If you answer yes, a) how many months are you in arrearage? . . ." Respondent answered "yes" and "13 months" to said question.
7. As part of his original application, Respondent provided a report from Child Support Services of Wyoming which showed that as of January 1, 2007, Mark A. Parten had a past due child support obligation in the amount of \$8,641.32 and owed a total amount of \$9,305.32. In response to Petitioner's request for further documentation, Respondent provided a letter dated February 21, 2007, from Child Support Services of Wyoming which states, "Mark

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Parten is not in compliance with paying his child support, however; he does contact [me] with address and employer information.”

8. Wyoming Statute § 26-9-211(a) provides that, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, the Commissioner may refuse to issue a license or place a license on probation for any one of several causes, including: 1) using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere and 2) failing to comply with an administrative or court order imposing a child support obligation.

9. Respondent admits to the truth of the allegations set forth in the Petition and reiterated herein.

10. Respondent has been cooperative throughout this administrative action.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Petitioner shall issue a resident producer license to Respondent on a probationary basis contingent upon the following conditions:

a) Respondent shall provide to the Department on or before the 10th day of each month a list showing the names and addresses for all consumer contacts and a list of all policies sold during the preceding month;

b) Respondent shall provide to the Department on or before the 10th day of each month a statement or receipt from the court having jurisdiction over Respondent's child support obligation, showing Respondent to be in compliance with any orders issued by said court;

c) Respondent shall pay his bills and provide proof to the Department on or before the 10th day of each month that he is making attempts to satisfy all monetary judgments entered against him, as well as other collection accounts;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Department may, without further notice or hearing herein, immediately revoke Respondent's license should it receive any substantiated complaint regarding Respondent which reflects upon Respondent's honesty, trustworthiness or financial responsibility, or if Respondent violates any term of his probation or any provision of the Wyoming Insurance Code or the Rules and Regulations of the Wyoming Insurance Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Petitioner will review this matter at the end of one year and make recommendations at that time as to whether Respondent is eligible for full licensing, continuation of a probationary licensing or whether his license should be revoked.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2007.



KENNETH G. VINES
WYOMING INSURANCE COMMISSIONER