1 Department of Real Estate 320 West Fourth Street, Ste. 350 2 Los Angeles, California 90013 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 4 5 6 7 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 To: No. H-36589 LA 11 12 SYNERGY MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, AMENDED ORDER TO DESIST INC., doing business as AND REFRAIN 13 First Premier Capital Lending; JUDI L. WOODS, individually, (B&P Code Section 10086) 14 and as designated officer of Synergy Mortgage Solutions, 15 Inc.; CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY 16 ZARBO; OMAR SEGURA; FABIOLA TERESA PADILLA; MELISSA 17 ESCOBAR; DIANA ORTIZ; DAVID JANSSEN; HUMBERTO CUEVAS; 18 MELISSA HUGHBANKS; JOHN H. **EVDJUKIAN**; BEATRICE 19 LANDAVERDE; JAY M. DAVIS; 20 ANGELINA M. MONTOYA; GENO KIRKLAND; GAIL ROY PUNZALAN; 21 JACKIE GARCIA; RICK RODRIGUEZ;

RAMIRO MARTINEZ; SERGIO GOMEZ;)

ANDRES GONZALEZ; DAVID PEREZ; EDDIE VASQUEZ; WILL RUSH; and

JODI GONZALEZ.

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The Commissioner ("Commissioner") of the California Department of Real Estate ("Department") caused an investigation to be made of the activities of SYNERGY MORTGAGE

SOLUTIONS, INC. ("SYNERGY"), doing business as First Premier Capital Lending; JUDI L.

WOODS ("WOODS"), individually, and as designated officer of Synergy Mortgage Solutions, 1 Inc.; CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY ZARBO; OMAR SEGURA; FABIOLA TERESA PADILLA; MELISSA ESCOBAR; DIANA ORTIZ; DAVID JANSSEN; HUMBERTO 3 CUEVAS; MELISSA HUGHBANKS; JOHN H. EVDJUKIAN; BEATRICE LANDAVERDE: 4 JAY M. DAVIS; ANGELINA M. MONTOYA; GENO KIRKLAND; GAIL ROY PUNZALAN; 5 6 JACKIE GARCIA; RICK RODRIGUEZ; RAMIRO MARTINEZ; SERGIO GOMEZ; ANDRES GONZALEZ; DAVID PEREZ; EDDIE VASQUEZ; WILL RUSH; and JODI GONZALEZ and 7 has determined that each of them engaged in or is engaging in acts or practices constituting violations of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code") and/or Title 10, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") including engaging in the business of, acting in the capacity 10 of, advertising, or assuming to act, as real estate brokers in the State of California within the 11 meaning of Section 10131(d) (soliciting borrowers or lenders or negotiating loans) and Section 12 10131.2 (advance fee handling). Based on the findings of that investigation, as set forth below, 1.3 the Commissioner hereby issues the following Findings of Fact and Desist and Refrain Order 14 pursuant to Section 10086 of the Code. 15

FINDINGS OF FACT

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- 1. SYNERGY was licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code) as a corporate real estate broker. On July 28, 2009, SYNERGY's real estate license expired. SYNERGY has renewal rights under Section 10201 of the Code. The Department retains jurisdiction pursuant to Section 10103 of the Code.
- 2. WOODS is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law as a real estate broker. WOODS is the designated broker-officer for SYNERGY.
- 3. CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY ZARBO, OMAR SEGURA, and FABIOLA TERESA PADILLA, are presently licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law as real estate salespersons.
- 4. At no time herein mentioned have DAVID JANSSEN, HUMBERTO CUEVAS, MELISSA HUGHBANKS, MELISSA ESCOBAR, DIANA ORTIZ, JOHN H.

EVDJUKIAN, BEATRICE LANDAVERDE, JAY M. DAVIS, ANGELINA M. MONTOYA, GENO KIRKLAND, GAIL ROY PUNZALAN, JACKIE GARCIA, RICK RODRIGUEZ, RAMIRO MARTINEZ, SERGIO GOMEZ, ANDRES GONZALEZ, DAVID PEREZ, EDDIE VASQUEZ, WILL RUSH, and JODI GONZALEZ been licensed by the Department in any capacity.

- 5. Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to SYNERGY, those acts are alleged to have been done by SYNERGY, acting by itself, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators, including but not limited to each of those named herein, and using the names First Premium Capital Lending Co., First Premium Capital Lending, First Premium Capital, and/or C.J. Financial & Consulting, LLC, or any fictitious name unknown at this time.
- 6. SYNERGY employed and/or compensated individuals, including those named herein, who were not licensed as real estate salespersons or as real estate brokers to perform some or all of the services alleged in Paragraph 9, below.
- 7. SYNERGY engaged in the business of claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting for the collection of an advance fee, as defined by Code Section 10026, including but not limited to, the activities described in Paragraph 9, below.
- 8. SYNERGY failed to submit the advance fee agreements and advertising referred to in Paragraph 9, below, to the Commissioner ten days before using them.
- 9. At the times set forth below SYNERGY engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, or advertised a real estate loan service and advance fee brokerage offering to perform solicitation, negotiation and modification of loans secured by liens on real property for compensation or in expectation of compensation and for fees collected in advance including for, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

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1	Date Rec'd	Borrower	Amt Collected
2	07/30/2008	Glenda Wilson	\$1,500
3	09/11/2008	Marvin Randall Arnston	\$3,000
4	09/11/2008	Romelia Hidalgo	\$1,500
5	09/18/2008	Christie Zeen	\$1,500
6 7	09/22/2008	Paul & Linda M. Ruiz	\$1,500
8	10/04/2008	Palicarpia Paula Rodriguez	\$3,000
9	10/08/2008	Jessica & David Villegas	\$1,500
10	10/10/2008	Marisol Segovia	\$1,500
11	10/14/2008	Lazaro R. Arteaga	\$3,000
12	10/18/2008	Martha Bautista	\$1,500
13	10/27/2008	Alexander Wain	\$1,500
15	10/28/2008	Josefina Garcia-Magdaleno	\$1,500
16	10/31/2008	Maria Lourdes Guzman	\$3,000
17	11/02/2008	James C. Zammiello	\$4,500
18	11/06/2008	Guillermo Guevara	\$1,500
19	11/28/2008	Oscar Boyerman	\$1,500
20	12/04/2008	Isabel Reynoso	\$1,500
22	12/05/2008	Andrew Gilmor	\$1,500
23	12/09/2008	Tina Saravan	\$1,500
24	12/15/2008	Humberto Nunez	\$3,000
25	12/31/2008	Oscar L. Maldonado	\$6,000
26	01/27/2009	Evel Zepeda Valenzuela	\$2,000
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02/12/2009	Victor & Claudia Villa	\$2,000
02/26/2009	Josephina & Cristino Quezada	\$2,000
03/10/2009	Steven Squires & Barbara Carrillo	\$2,000
03/29/2009	Keith Archibald	\$2,000

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 10. The activities described in Paragraph 9, above, require a real estate license under Section 10131(d) and Section 10131.2 of the Code.
- CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY ZARBO, OMAR SEGURA, FABIOLA TERESA PADILLA, MELISSA ESCOBAR, DIANA ORTIZ, DAVID JANSSEN, HUMBERTO CUEVAS, MELISSA HUGHBANKS, JOHN H. EVDJUKIAN, BEATRICE LANDAVERDE, JAY M. DAVIS, ANGELINA M. MONTOYA, GENO KIRKLAND, GAIL ROY PUNZALAN, JACKIE GARCIA, RICK RODRIGUEZ, RAMIRO MARTINEZ, SERGIO GOMEZ, ANDRES GONZALEZ, DAVID PEREZ, EDDIE VASQUEZ, WILL RUSH, and JODI GONZALEZ performed and/or participated in loan solicitation, negotiation and modification activities which require a real estate broker license under the provisions of Code Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2 during a period of time when none of them was licensed by the Department as a real estate broker nor employed as a real estate salesperson by the broker on whose behalf the activities were performed in violation of Section 10130 of the Code.
- 12. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 6 and 9, above, SYNERGY violated Section 10137 of the Code by employing and/or compensating individuals who were not licensed as a real estate salesperson or as a broker to perform activities requiring a real estate license.

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- 13. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 7 and 9, above, SYNERGY collected fees pursuant to an agreement which constitutes an advance fee agreement within the meaning of Code Section 10085.
- 14. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 7, 8, and 9, above, the failure by SYNERGY to submit the advance fee agreement and advertising to the Commissioner ten days before using it constitutes a violation of Code Section 10085 and Section 2970 of the Regulations.

DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein:

- IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that SYNERGY MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS,
 INC. and JUDI L. WOODS, whether doing business under their own names, or any other fictitious name(s):
- (i) Immediately desist and refrain from charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, in any form, and under any conditions, with respect to the performance of loan modification or any other form of mortgage loan forbearance services in connection with loans on residential property containing four or fewer dwelling units (Code Section 10085.6).
- (ii) Immediately desist and refrain from charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, for any of the other real estate related services offered to others, unless and until SYNERGY MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. and JUDI L. WOODS, and each of them, demonstrate and provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that each:
- (a) has an advance fee agreement which has been submitted to the Department and which is in compliance with Section 10085 of the Code and Section 2970 of the Regulations;

- (b) has placed all previously collected advance fees into a trust account for that purpose and is in compliance with Section 10146 of the Code; and
- (c) has provided an accounting to trust fund owner-beneficiaries from whom advance fees have previously been collected in compliance with Code Section 10146 and Section 2972 of the Regulations.
- 2. SYNERGY MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. and JUDI L. WOODS immediately desist and refrain from employing or compensating any person for performing any act for which a real estate license is required unless that person is licensed as a real estate broker, or as a real estate salesperson licensed under the broker employing or compensating him/her. In particular, SYNERGY MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. and JUDI L. WOODS are ordered to desist and refrain from:
- (i) employing or compensating any person who does not hold a real estate license from soliciting borrowers and/or performing services for borrowers or lenders in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by one or more liens on real property.
- 3. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY ZARBO, OMAR SEGURA, FABIOLA TERESA PADILLA, MELISSA ESCOBAR, DIANA ORTIZ, DAVID JANSSEN, HUMBERTO CUEVAS, MELISSA HUGHBANKS, JOHN H.

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REFRAIN from:

(i) charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, in any form, and under any conditions, with respect to the performance of loan modifications or any other form of mortgage loan forbearance service in connection with loans on residential property containing four or fewer dwelling units (Code Section 10085.6); and

charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, (ii) as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, for any other real estate related services offered by them to others.

> , 2010. DATED:

> > JEFF DAXI Real Estate Commissioner

Notice: Business and Professions Code Section 10139 provides that "Any person acting as a real estate broker or real estate salesperson without a license or who advertises using words indicating that he or she is a real estate broker without being so licensed shall be guilty of a public offense punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed six months, or by both fine and imprisonment; or if a corporation, be punished by a fine not exceeding sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)."

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