

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY**

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**In the Matter of:**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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**CONSENT ORDER FOR A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY**

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“Comptroller” or “OCC”), through his national bank examiners, has examined the affairs of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Sioux Falls, South Dakota (“Bank”), and has identified: (1) violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (“SCRA”), 50 U.S.C. §§ 3901-4043, and (2) deficiencies in the Bank’s program for compliance with the SCRA. The Comptroller has informed the Bank of the findings resulting from its examinations.

The Bank, by and through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), has executed a Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of an Order for a Civil Money Penalty, dated September 29, 2016, that is accepted by the Comptroller (“Stipulation”). By this Stipulation, which is incorporated herein by reference, the Bank has consented to the issuance of this Consent Order for a Civil Money Penalty (“Order”) by the Comptroller.

**ARTICLE I**

**COMPTROLLER’S FINDINGS**

The Comptroller finds, and the Bank neither admits nor denies, the following:

(1) Between approximately 2007 and 2014, the Bank failed to apply the six percent interest rate cap to certain servicemember<sup>1</sup> obligations and liabilities, in violation of 50 U.S.C. § 3937(a)(1);

(2) Between approximately 2006 and 2011, the Bank failed to accurately disclose servicemembers' military status in certain affidavits filed in those servicemembers' eviction proceedings, in violation of 50 U.S.C. § 3931(b)(1).

(3) Between approximately 2007 and 2016, the Bank failed to obtain court orders prior to repossessing certain servicemembers' automobiles, in violation of 50 U.S.C. § 3952(a)(1).

(4) The Bank's conduct, as described in Paragraphs (1) through (3) of this Article, were part of a pattern of misconduct.

(5) The Bank's conduct, as described in Paragraphs (1) through (3) of this Article, resulted in financial gain to the Bank.

Pursuant to the authority vested in him by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), the Comptroller hereby ORDERS that:

## ARTICLE II

### ORDER FOR A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY

(1) The Bank shall make payment of a civil money penalty in the total amount of 20 million dollars (\$20,000,000), which shall be paid upon the execution of this Order:

(a) If a check is the selected method of payment, the check shall be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and shall be delivered to:

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<sup>1</sup> As used in this Order, the term "servicemember" is the same as defined by the SCRA, 50 U.S.C. § 3911(1).

Comptroller of the Currency, P.O. Box 979012, St. Louis, Missouri  
63197-9000.

- (b) If a wire transfer is the selected method of payment, it shall be sent in accordance with instructions provided by the Comptroller.
- (c) The docket number of this case (AA-EC-2016-69) shall be entered on the payment document or wire confirmation and a photocopy of the payment document or confirmation of the wire transfer shall be sent immediately, by overnight delivery, to the Director of Enforcement and Compliance, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20219.

(2) This Order shall be enforceable to the same extent and in the same manner as an effective and outstanding order that has been issued and has become final pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818.

### ARTICLE III

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

(1) This Order is intended to be, and shall be construed to be, a final order issued pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i)(2), and expressly does not form, and may not be construed to form, a contract binding on the OCC or the United States.

(2) This Order constitutes a settlement of the civil money penalty proceeding against the Bank contemplated by the Comptroller, based on the violations of the SCRA described in the Comptroller's Findings set forth in Article I of this Order. The Comptroller releases and discharges the Bank from all potential liability for a civil money penalty that has been or might have been asserted by the Comptroller based on the violations of the SCRA described in the

Comptroller's Findings set forth in Article I of this Order, to the extent known to the Comptroller as of the effective date of this Order. Nothing in the Stipulation or the Order, however, shall prevent the Comptroller from:

- (a) instituting enforcement actions, other than a civil money penalty, against the Bank based on the findings set forth in Article I of this Order;
- (b) instituting enforcement actions against the Bank based on any other findings;
- (c) instituting enforcement actions against the Bank's institution-affiliated parties based on the findings set forth in Article I of this Order, or any other findings; or
- (d) utilizing the findings set forth in Article I of this Order in future enforcement actions against the Bank or its institution-affiliated parties to establish a pattern or the continuation of a pattern.

Further, nothing in the Stipulation or this Order shall affect any right of the Comptroller to determine and ensure compliance with the terms and provisions of the Stipulation or this Order.

(3) The terms of this Order, including this paragraph, are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements, or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 29th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Greg J. Coleman  
Greg J. Coleman  
Deputy Comptroller  
Large Bank Supervision

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**STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE  
OF AN ORDER FOR A CIVIL MONEY PENALTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”), based upon information derived from the exercise of his regulatory and supervisory responsibilities, intends to initiate a civil money penalty proceeding against Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Sioux Falls, South Dakota (“Bank”) pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), for the Bank’s violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (“SCRA”), 50 U.S.C. §§ 3901-4043;

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid additional costs associated with administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to the above matter, the Bank, through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors (“Board”), has agreed to execute this Stipulation and Consent to the Issuance of a Civil Money Penalty (“Stipulation”), that is accepted by the OCC, through the duly authorized representative of the Comptroller of the Currency (“Comptroller”);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the above premises, it is stipulated by the Bank that:

## ARTICLE I

### JURISDICTION

(1) The Bank is an “insured depository institution” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2).

(2) The Bank is a “national banking association” within the meaning of 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q)(1)(A), and is chartered and examined by the OCC. *See* 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

(3) The OCC is the “appropriate Federal banking agency” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(q) and is therefore authorized to initiate and maintain this civil money penalty action against the Bank pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i).

## ARTICLE II

### CONSENT

(1) The Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, consents and agrees to issuance of the accompanying Consent Order for a Civil Money Penalty (“Consent Order”) by the OCC.

(2) The terms and provisions of the Consent Order apply to the Bank and all of its subsidiaries, even though those subsidiaries are not named as parties to the Consent Order.

(3) The Bank consents and agrees that the Consent Order shall be deemed an “order issued with the consent of the depository institution” pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(h)(2), and consents and agrees that the Consent Order shall become effective upon its execution by the OCC through the Comptroller’s duly authorized representative, and shall be fully enforceable by the Comptroller pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i).

(4) Notwithstanding the absence of mutuality of obligation, or of consideration, or of a contract, the OCC may enforce any of the commitments or obligations herein undertaken by the Bank under its supervisory powers, including 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), and not as a matter of contract law. The Bank expressly acknowledges that neither the Bank nor the OCC has any intention to enter into a contract.

(5) The Bank declares that no separate promise or inducement of any kind has been made by the OCC, or by its officers, employees, or agents, to cause or induce the Bank to consent to the issuance of the Consent Order and/or execute this Stipulation.

(6) The Bank expressly acknowledges that no officer, employee, or agent of the OCC has statutory or other authority to bind the United States, the United States Treasury Department, the OCC, or any other federal bank regulatory agency or entity, or any officer, employee, or agent of any of those entities to a contract affecting the OCC's exercise of its supervisory responsibilities.

(7) The Consent Order constitutes a settlement of the civil money penalty proceeding against the Bank contemplated by the OCC, based on the violations of law described in the Comptroller's Findings set forth in Article I of the Consent Order. The OCC releases and discharges the Bank from all potential liability for a civil money penalty that has been or might have been asserted by the OCC based on the violations described in Article I of the Consent Order, to the extent known to the OCC as of the effective date of the Consent Order. Nothing in this Stipulation or the Consent Order, however, shall prevent the OCC from:

- (a) Instituting enforcement actions, other than a civil money penalty, against the Bank based on the findings set forth in Article I of the Consent Order;

- (b) Instituting enforcement actions against the Bank based on any other findings;
- (c) Instituting enforcement actions against the Bank's institution-affiliated parties based on the findings set forth in Article I of the Consent Order, or any other findings; or
- (d) Utilizing the findings set forth in Article I of the Consent Order in future enforcement actions against the Bank or its institution-affiliated parties to establish a pattern or the continuation of a pattern.

Further, nothing in this Stipulation or the Consent Order shall affect any right of the OCC to determine and ensure compliance with the terms and provisions of this Stipulation or the Consent Order.

### ARTICLE III

#### WAIVERS

(1) The Bank, by executing this Stipulation and consenting to the Consent Order, waives:

- (a) Any and all rights to the issuance of a Notice of Charges pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i);
- (b) Any and all procedural rights available in connection with the issuance of the Consent Order;
- (c) Any and all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), and 12 C.F.R. Part 19;



- (d) Any and all rights to seek any type of administrative or judicial review of the Consent Order;
- (e) Any and all claims for fees, costs, or expenses against the OCC, or any officer, employee, or agent of the OCC, related in any way to this enforcement matter or the Consent Order, whether arising under common law or under the terms of any statute, including, but not limited to, the Equal Access to Justice Act, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C. § 2412; and
- (f) Any and all rights to assert this proceeding, this Stipulation, consent to the issuance of the Consent Order, and/or the issuance of the Consent Order, as the basis for a claim of double jeopardy in any pending or future proceeding brought by the United States Department of Justice, or any other governmental entity; and
- (g) Any and all rights to challenge or contest the validity of the Consent Order.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### CLOSING

(1) The provisions of this Stipulation and the Consent Order shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the OCC from taking any other action affecting the Bank if, at any time, the OCC deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon it by the several laws of the United States of America.

(2) Nothing in this Stipulation or the Consent Order shall preclude any proceedings brought by the OCC to enforce the terms of the Consent Order, and nothing in this Stipulation or

the Consent Order constitutes, nor shall the Bank contend that it constitutes, a release, discharge, compromise, settlement, dismissal, or resolution of any actions, or in any way affects any actions that may be or have been brought by any other representative of the United States or an agency thereof, including, without limitation, the United States Department of Justice.

(3) The terms of this Stipulation, including this paragraph, and of the Consent Order are not subject to amendment or modification by any extraneous expression, prior agreements or prior arrangements between the parties, whether oral or written.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, authorized by the Comptroller as his representative, has hereunto set his hand on behalf of the Comptroller.

/s/ Greg Coleman

Greg Coleman

Deputy Comptroller

Large Bank Supervision

9/29/16

Date

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned, as the duly elected and acting Board of Directors of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, have hereunto set their hands on behalf of the Bank.

/s/ John G. Stumpf  
John G. Stumpf

September 29, 2016  
Date

/s/ Lloyd H. Dean  
Lloyd H. Dean

September 29, 2016  
Date

/s/ Enrique Hernandez, Jr.  
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September 29, 2016  
Date

/s/ Cynthia H. Milligan  
Cynthia H. Milligan

September 29, 2016  
Date

/s/ Federico Peña  
Federico F. Peña

September 29, 2016  
Date

/s/ James H. Quigley  
James H. Quigley

September 29, 2016  
Date

/s/ Stephen Sanger  
Stephen W. Sanger

September 29, 2016  
Date