

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

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	AA-EC-06-84
U.S. Bank, N.A.	)	
Cincinnati, OH	)	

**STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”) intends to initiate a civil money penalty proceeding against U.S. Bank, N.A., Cincinnati, OH (“Bank”), pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f) for a pattern or practice of making, increasing, extending or renewing loans in a special flood hazard area in which flood insurance is available under the National Flood Insurance Act without requiring the property securing the loans to be covered by the requisite flood insurance;

WHEREAS, in the interest of cooperation and to avoid the costs associated with future administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to the above matter, the Bank, without admitting or denying any wrongdoing, desires to enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order (“Order”);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, it is stipulated by and between the Comptroller, through his duly authorized representative, and the Bank that:

## **Article I**

### **JURISDICTION**

(1) The Bank is a national banking association, chartered and examined by the Comptroller, pursuant to the National Bank Act of 1864, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Bank is an “insured depository institution” as that term is defined in 12 U.S.C. § 1813(c)(2) and is a “regulated lending institution” as that term is defined at 42 U.S.C. § 4003(a)(10).

(2) Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 4003(a)(5) and 4012a(f), the Comptroller is the “appropriate Federal entity for lending regulation” to maintain an enforcement proceeding against the Bank.

## **Article II**

### **ORDER FOR CIVIL MONEY PENALTY**

(3) The Bank hereby consents to the payment of a civil money penalty in the amount of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00), which shall be paid upon execution of this Order.

(4) The Bank shall make payment in full by check made payable to the National Flood Insurance Program and shall deliver the payment to: National Flood Insurance Program, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 7700 Hubble Drive, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

(5) The Bank shall submit a copy of the check to the Director, Enforcement & Compliance Division, 250 E St., S.W., Washington, DC 20219.

(6) 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(h) and (i) and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a.

### **Article III**

#### **WAIVERS**

- (7) By executing this Order, the Bank waives:
- (a) the right to the issuance of a Notice under 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i) and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4) and recognizes that the letter dated September 8, 2006, from Grace Dailey, Deputy Comptroller for Large Bank Supervision, constitutes a valid substitute notice;
  - (b) all rights to a hearing and a final agency decision pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1818(i), 12 C.F.R. Part 19, and 42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)(4);
  - (c) all rights to seek judicial review of this Order;
  - (d) all rights in any way to contest the validity of this Order; and
  - (e) any and all claims for fees, costs or expenses against the Comptroller, or any of his agents or employees, related in any way to this enforcement matter or this 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.



