

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

In the Matter of:)
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MidSouth Bank, N.A.)
Lafayette, Louisiana)
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AA-SO-2019-66

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

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States of America (“Comptroller”), through his duly authorized representative, has supervisory authority over MidSouth Bank, N.A., Lafayette, Louisiana (“Bank”);

WHEREAS, the Comptroller intends to initiate a civil monetary penalty action against the Bank pursuant to section 102(f) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act, as amended, (“Flood Act”) (42 U.S.C. § 4012a(f)) for a pattern or practice of violations of the Flood Act and its implementing regulations, specifically 12 C.F.R. §§ 22.3 and 22.9;

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”); and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the Comptroller, through his duly authorized representative, and the Bank, through its duly elected and acting Board of Directors, stipulate and agree to the following:

Article I

JURISDICTION

(1) 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 in 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 for Flood Act violations.

Article II

ORDER FOR CIVIL MONEY PENALTY

The Bank hereby consents, and the Comptroller orders that:

(1) The Bank shall pay a civil monetary penalty in the amount of one hundred eight thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars (\$108,796) upon execution of this Order.

(2) The Bank shall make payment in full by check made payable to the National Flood Insurance Program and shall deliver the payment to: Kevin Montgomery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 400 C Street SW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20472. The docket number of this action shall be entered on the check.

(3) The Bank shall submit a copy of the check to Jasmine J. Talton, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 500 N. Akard St., Dallas, TX 75201.

(4) 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

- (1) 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);
 - (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 administrative or 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 the 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.

(2) The Bank declares that no separate promise or inducement of any kind has been made by the Comptroller, his agents or employees, to cause or induce the Bank to agree to consent to the issuance of this Order and/or to execute this Order.

(3) It is hereby agreed that the provisions of this Order constitute a settlement of the civil monetary penalty proceeding contemplated by the Comptroller on the basis of the Bank's violations of the Flood Act and regulations as described in this Order. However, the specific violations described herein may be used by the Comptroller in future enforcement actions to establish a pattern or practice of misconduct or the continuation of a pattern or practice of misconduct.

(4) It is further agreed that the provisions of this Order shall not be construed as an adjudication on the merits and, except as set forth above in paragraph (3) of this Article, shall not inhibit, estop, bar, or otherwise prevent the Comptroller from taking any action affecting the Bank if, at any time, he deems it appropriate to do so to fulfill the responsibilities placed upon him by the several laws of the United States of America.

(5) The Bank understands that nothing herein shall preclude any proceedings brought by the Comptroller to enforce the terms of this Order, and that nothing herein constitutes, nor shall the Bank contend that it constitutes, a waiver of any right, power, or authority of any other representatives of the United States or agencies thereof, including the Department of Justice, to bring other actions deemed appropriate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand.

//s// Digitally Signed, Dated: 2019.9.11

Troy L. Thornton
Deputy Comptroller for Southern District

