

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST
SUNFIRST BANK)	
ST. GEORGE, UTAH)	FDIC-09-409b
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(INSURED STATE NONMEMBER BANK))	
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SunFirst Bank, St. George, Utah (“Bank”), having been advised of its right to a NOTICE OF CHARGES AND OF HEARING detailing the unsafe or unsound banking practices alleged to have been committed by the Bank and of its right to a hearing on the alleged charges under section 8(b)(1) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (“Act”), 12 U.S.C. § 1818(b)(1), and having waived those rights, entered into a STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST (“CONSENT AGREEMENT”) with counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”), dated October 7, 2009, whereby solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying the alleged charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices and violations of law and/or regulations, the Bank consented to the issuance of an ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST (“ORDER”) by the FDIC.

The FDIC considered the matter and determined that it had reason to believe that the Bank had engaged in unsafe or unsound banking practices. The FDIC, therefore, accepted the CONSENT AGREEMENT and issued the following:

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, as that term is defined in section 3(u) of the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), and its successors and assigns, cease and

desist from the following unsafe and unsound banking practices, as more fully set forth in the joint FDIC and Utah Department of Financial Institutions (“UDFI”) Report of Examination dated June 1, 2009 (“ROE”):

- (a) operating with management whose policies and practices are detrimental to the Bank;
- (b) operating with a board of directors which has failed to provide adequate supervision over and direction to the active management of the Bank;
- (c) operating with inadequate capital in relation to the kind and quality of assets held by the Bank;
- (d) operating with an inadequate loan valuation reserve;
- (e) operating with a large volume of poor quality loans;
- (f) operating in such a manner as to produce operating losses; and
- (g) operating with inadequate provisions for liquidity.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, and its successors and assigns, take affirmative action as follows:

1. The Bank shall have and retain qualified management.
 - (a) Management shall include a chief executive officer with proven ability in managing a Bank of comparable size, and experience in upgrading a low quality loan portfolio, improving earnings, and other matters needing particular attention. Management shall also include a senior lending officer with significant appropriate lending, collection and loan supervision experience and experience in upgrading a low quality loan portfolio. Each member of management shall be provided appropriate written authority from the Bank's Board to implement the provisions of this ORDER.
 - (b) The qualifications of management shall be assessed on its ability to:

- (i) comply with the requirements of this ORDER;
- (ii) operate the Bank in a safe and sound manner;
- (iii) comply with applicable laws and regulations; and
- (iv) restore all aspects of the Bank to a safe and sound condition,

including asset quality, capital adequacy, earnings, management effectiveness, liquidity, and sensitivity to market risk.

(c) During the life of this ORDER, the Bank shall notify the Regional Director of the FDIC's San Francisco Regional Office ("Regional Director") in writing when it proposes to add any individual to the Bank's Board or employ any individual as a senior executive officer. The notification must be received at least 30 days before such addition or employment is intended to become effective and should include a description of the background and experience of the individual or individuals to be added or employed.

2. Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank's Board shall increase its participation in the affairs of the Bank, assuming full responsibility for the approval of sound policies and objectives and for the supervision of all of the Bank's activities, consistent with the role and expertise commonly expected for directors of banks of comparable size. This participation shall include meetings to be held no less frequently than monthly at which, at a minimum, the following areas shall be reviewed and approved: reports of income and expenses; new, overdue, renewal, insider, charged-off, and recovered loans; investment activity; operating policies; and individual committee actions. The Bank's Board minutes shall document these reviews and approvals, including the names of any dissenting directors.

3. (a) Within 120 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall increase and thereafter maintain Tier 1 capital in such an amount as to equal or exceed 11 percent of the Bank's total assets.

(b) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop and adopt a plan to meet and thereafter maintain the minimum risk-based capital requirements as described in the FDIC's Statement of Policy on Risk-Based Capital contained in Appendix A to Part 325 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. Part 325, Appendix A. The Plan shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations.

(c) The level of Tier 1 capital to be maintained during the life of this ORDER pursuant to Subparagraph 3(a) shall be in addition to a fully funded allowance for loan and lease losses, the adequacy of which shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

(d) Any increase in Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements of Paragraph 3 of this ORDER may be accomplished by the following:

- (i) the sale of common stock; or
- (ii) the sale of noncumulative perpetual preferred stock; or
- (iii) the direct contribution of cash by the Bank's Board, shareholders, and/or parent holding company; or
- (iv) any other means acceptable to the Regional Director; or
- (v) any combination of the above means.

Any increase in Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements of Paragraph 3 of this ORDER may not be accomplished through a deduction from the Bank's allowance for loan and lease losses.

(e) For the purposes of this ORDER, the terms "Tier 1 capital" and "total assets" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Part 325 of the FDIC's Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. §§ 325.2(v) and 325.2(x).

4. Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank's Board shall develop or revise, adopt and implement a comprehensive policy for determining the adequacy of the allowance for loan and lease losses. Such policy shall address the applicable recommendations contained in the ROE. For the purpose of this determination, the adequacy of the reserve shall be determined after the charge-off of all loans or other items classified "Loss." The policy shall provide for a review of the allowance at least once each calendar quarter. Said review should be completed at least 10 days prior to the end of each quarter, in order that the findings of the Bank's Board with respect to the loan and lease loss allowance may be properly reported in the quarterly Reports of Condition and Income. The review should focus on the results of the Bank's internal loan review, loan loss experience, trends of delinquent and non-accrual loans, an estimate of potential loss exposure of significant credits, concentrations of credit, and present and prospective economic conditions. A deficiency in the allowance shall be remedied in the calendar quarter it is discovered, prior to submitting the Reports of Condition and Income, by a charge to current operating earnings. The minutes of the Bank's Board meeting at which such review is undertaken shall indicate the results of the review. Upon completion of the review, the Bank shall increase and maintain its allowance for loan and lease losses consistent with the allowance for loan and lease loss policy established. Such policy and its implementation shall be satisfactory to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

5. (a) Within 10 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall eliminate from its books, by charge-off or collection, all assets classified "Loss" and one-half of the assets classified "Doubtful" in the ROE dated June 1, 2009, that have not been previously collected or charged off. Elimination of these assets through proceeds of other loans made by the Bank is not considered collection for the purpose of this paragraph.

(b) Within 180 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have reduced the assets classified "Substandard" in the ROE dated June 1, 2009, that have not previously been charged off to not more than 120 percent of Tier 1 capital plus the allowance for loan and lease losses.

(c) Within 365 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have reduced the assets classified "Substandard" in the ROE dated June 1, 2009 to not more than 90 percent of Tier 1 capital plus the allowance for loan and lease losses.

(d) Within 545 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have reduced the assets classified as "Substandard" in the ROE dated June 1, 2009 to not more than 60 percent of Tier 1 capital plus the allowance for loan and lease losses.

(e) The requirements of Subparagraphs 5(a), 5(b), 5(c) and 5(d) of this ORDER are not to be construed as standards for future operations and, in addition to the foregoing, the Bank shall eventually reduce the total of all adversely classified assets. Reduction of these assets through proceeds of other loans made by the Bank is not considered collection for the purpose of this paragraph. As used in Subparagraphs 5(b), 5(c), and 5(d) the word "reduce" means:

- (i) to collect;
- (ii) to charge-off; or
- (iii) to sufficiently improve the quality of assets adversely classified to warrant removing any adverse classification, as determined by the FDIC.

(f) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop written asset disposition plans for each classified asset greater than \$500,000. The plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Bank's Board and acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

(g) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt and implement a written plan for the reduction and collection of delinquent loans. The plan shall be acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

6. (a) Beginning with the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who has a loan or other extension of credit from the Bank that has been charged off or classified, in whole or in part, "Loss" and is uncollected. Subparagraph 6(a) of this ORDER shall not prohibit the Bank from renewing or extending the maturity of any credit in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 15 ("FASB 15").

(b) Beginning with the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who has a loan or other extension of credit from the Bank that has been classified, in whole or part, "Substandard" without the prior approval of a majority of the Bank's Board or the loan committee of the Bank.

(c) The loan committee or Bank's Board shall not approve any extension of credit, or additional credit to a borrower in Subparagraph (b) above without first collecting in cash all past due interest.

7. Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop a written plan, approved by its Board and acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations for systematically reducing the amount of loans or other extensions of credit advanced to or for the benefit of, any borrowers in the "Commercial Real Estate" Concentrations, as more fully set forth in the ROE dated June 1, 2009. The Bank shall develop and implement appropriate risk management practices identified in the Interagency Guidance on Concentrations in Commercial Real Estate Lending, Sound Risk Management

Practices. Such practices shall include the establishment of prudent risk limits for each segment of commercial real estate lending.

8. Within 90 days of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop and submit to the Regional Director a written three-year strategic plan. Such plan shall include specific goals for the dollar volume of total loans, total investment securities, and total deposits as of December 31, 2009, December 31, 2010, December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2012. For each time frame, the plan will also specify the anticipated average maturity and average yield on loans and securities; the average maturity and average cost of deposits; the level of earning assets as a percentage of total assets; and the ratio of net interest income to average earning assets. The plan shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

9. (a) Within 90 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall formulate and fully implement a written plan and a comprehensive budget for all categories of income and expense. The plan and budget required by this paragraph shall include formal goals and strategies, consistent with sound banking practices, to improve the Bank's net interest margin, increase interest income, reduce discretionary expenses, and improve and sustain earnings of the Bank. The plan shall include a description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for and adequately support, major projected income and expense components. Thereafter, the Bank shall formulate such a plan and budget by November 30, of each subsequent year.

(b) The plan and budget required by Subparagraph 9(a) of this ORDER, upon completion, shall be submitted to the Regional Director for review and opportunity to comment.

(c) Following the end of each calendar quarter, the Bank's Board shall evaluate the Bank's actual performance in relation to the plan and budget required by

Subparagraph 9(a) of this ORDER and shall record the results of the evaluation, and any actions taken by the Bank, in the minutes of the Bank's Board meeting at which such evaluation is undertaken.

10. Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall develop or revise, adopt, and implement a written liquidity and funds management policy. Such policy shall consider the guidance contained in Financial Institution Letter 84-2008, entitled "Liquidity Risk Management", and address the recommendations contained in the FDIC's ROE dated June 1, 2009. Such policy shall also establish prudent risk limits for non-core funding sources including large deposits, brokered deposits, and other potential volatile liabilities. Such policy and its implementation shall be in a form and manner acceptable to the Regional Director as determined at subsequent examinations and/or visitations.

11. The Bank shall not pay cash dividends without the prior written consent of the Regional Director.

12. Upon the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not accept, renew, or roll over any brokered deposit.

13. Within 30 days of the end of the first quarter, following the effective date of this ORDER, and within 30 days of the end of each quarter thereafter, the Bank shall furnish written progress reports to the Regional Director detailing the form and manner of any actions taken to secure compliance with this ORDER and the results thereof. Such reports shall include a copy of the Bank's Report of Condition and the Bank's Report of Income. Such reports may be discontinued when the corrections required by this ORDER have been accomplished and the Regional Director has released the Bank in writing from making further reports.

14. Following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall send to its shareholder(s) or otherwise furnish a description of this ORDER in conjunction with the Bank's

