

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

AND

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

DIVISION OF BANKING

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In the Matter of ) )  
AMERICAN METRO BANK ) ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS ) )  
(STATE CHARTERED ) FDIC-09-394b  
INSURED NONMEMBER BANK) DB NO. 2009-DB-64  
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American Metro Bank, Chicago, Illinois ("**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 charges under section 8(b)  
of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("**Act**"), 12 U.S.C.  
§ 1818(b), and under 38 Ill. Adm. Code, section 392.30,  
regarding hearings before the Illinois Department of  
Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking  
("**Division**"), and having waived those rights, entered into  
a STIPULATION AND CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN ORDER TO

CEASE AND DESIST ("**CONSENT AGREEMENT**") with representatives of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("**FDIC**") and the Division, dated October 27, 2009, whereby, solely for the purpose of this proceeding and without admitting or denying the charges of unsafe or unsound banking practices, the Bank consented to the issuance of an ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST ("**ORDER**") by the FDIC and the Division.

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

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 or unsound banking practices:

- A. Operating with management whose policies and practices are detrimental to the Bank and jeopardize the safety of its deposits.
- B. Operating with a board of directors which has failed to provide adequate supervision over and direction to the management of the Bank to prevent unsafe and unsound banking practices.

- C. Operating with an inadequate level of capital protection for the kind and quality of assets held.
- D. Engaging in hazardous lending and lax collection practices.
- E. Operating with an excessive level of adversely classified assets, delinquent loans, and nonaccrual loans.
- F. Operating with an inadequate loan policy.
- G. Operating with inadequate liquidity in light of the Bank's asset and liability mix.
- H. Operating with an inadequate allowance for loan and lease losses ("**ALLL**").
- I. Operating in a manner which has resulted in loss to the institution.
- J. Violating laws, rules or regulations.

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

MANAGEMENT

1. (a) Within 90 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have and retain qualified management. At a minimum, such management shall include: an

additional Senior Executive Officer with an appropriate level of lending, collection, and loan supervision experience for the type and quality of the Bank's loan portfolio; and a demonstrated ability in all financial areas including, but not limited to, accounting, and regulatory reporting. Management shall be provided the necessary written authority to implement the provisions of this ORDER.

(b) The Senior Executive officer required by subparagraph (a) shall be employed by the Bank within 120 days of the effective date of this Order.

(c) 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, rules, and regulations; and
- (iv) Restore all aspects of the Bank to a safe and sound condition, including capital adequacy, asset quality, management effectiveness, earnings,

liquidity, and sensitivity to interest rate risk.

(d) During the life of this ORDER, prior to the addition of any individual to the board of directors or the employment of any individual as a senior executive officer, the Bank shall request and obtain the Division's written approval. For purposes of this ORDER, "senior executive officer" is defined as in section 32 of the Act ("**section 32**"), 12 U.S.C. § 1831i, and section 303.101(b) of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 303.101(b).

#### BOARD PARTICIPATION

2. (a) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the board of directors 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; adoption or modification of operating policies; individual committee reports; audit

reports; internal control reviews including managements responses; reconciliation of general ledger accounts; and compliance with this ORDER. Board minutes shall document these reviews and approvals, including the names of any dissenting directors.

(b) Within 30 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank's board of directors shall have in place a program that will provide for monitoring of the Bank's compliance with this ORDER.

#### CAPITAL

3. (a) Within 120 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall have and maintain its level of Tier 1 capital as a percentage of its total assets ("**capital ratio**") at a minimum of 9 percent and its level of qualifying total capital as a percentage of risk-weighted assets ("**total risk based capital ratio**") at a minimum of 13 percent. For purposes of this ORDER, Tier 1 capital, qualifying total capital, total assets, and risk-weighted assets shall be calculated in accordance with Part 325 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations ("**Part 325**"), 12 C.F.R. Part 325.

(b) If, while this ORDER is in effect, the Bank increases capital by the sale of new securities, the board of directors of the Bank shall adopt and implement a plan

for the sale of such additional securities, including the voting of any shares owned or proxies held by or controlled by them in favor of said plan. Should the implementation of the plan involve public distribution of Bank securities, including a distribution limited only to the Bank's existing shareholders, the Bank shall prepare detailed offering materials fully describing the securities being offered, including an accurate description of the financial condition of the Bank and the circumstances giving rise to the offering, and other material disclosures necessary to comply with Federal securities laws. Prior to the implementation of the plan and, in any event, not less than 20 days prior to the dissemination of such materials, the materials used in the sale of the securities shall be submitted to the FDIC Registration and Disclosure Section, 550 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429 and to Scott D. Clarke, Assistant Director, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Banking, 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1900, Chicago, Illinois 60603, for their review. Any changes requested to be made in the materials by the FDIC or the Division shall be made prior to their dissemination.

(c) In complying with the provisions of this paragraph, the Bank shall provide to any subscriber and/or

purchaser of Bank securities written notice of any planned or existing development or other changes which are materially different from the information reflected in any offering materials used in connection with the sale of Bank securities. The written notice required by this paragraph shall be furnished within 10 calendar days of the date any material development or change was planned or occurred, whichever is earlier, and shall be furnished to every purchaser and/or subscriber of the Bank's original offering materials.

PROHIBITION OF ADDITIONAL LOANS TO CLASSIFIED BORROWERS

4. (a) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower who is already obligated in any manner to the Bank on any extensions of credit (including any portion thereof) that has been charged off the books of the Bank or classified "Loss" in the Report of Examination dated April 27, 2009 ("**ROE**"), so long as such credit remains uncollected.

(b) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not extend, directly or indirectly, any additional credit to, or for the benefit of, any borrower whose loan or other credit has been classified "Substandard", "Doubtful", or is listed for Special Mention

in the ROE, and is uncollected unless the Bank's board of directors has adopted, prior to such extension of credit, a detailed written statement giving the reasons why such extension of credit is in the best interest of the Bank. A copy of the statement shall be signed by each Director, and incorporated in the minutes of the applicable board of directors' meeting. A copy of the statement shall be placed in the appropriate loan file.

REDUCTION OF DELINQUENCIES AND CLASSIFIED ASSETS

5. (a) Within 60 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt, implement, and adhere to, a written plan to reduce the Bank's risk position in each asset in excess of \$500,000 which is more than 60 days delinquent or classified "Substandard" or "Doubtful" in the ROE. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, provisions which:

- (i) Prohibit an extension of credit for the payment of interest, unless the Board provides, in writing, a detailed explanation of why the extension is in the best interest of the Bank;
- (ii) Provide for review of the current financial condition of each delinquent or classified borrower, including a

review of borrower cash flow and collateral value;

- (iii) Delineate areas of responsibility for loan officers;
- (iv) Establish dollar levels to which the Bank shall reduce delinquencies and classified assets within 6 and 12 months from the effective date of this ORDER; and
- (v) Provide for the submission of monthly written progress reports to the Bank's board of directors for review and notation in minutes of the meetings of the board of directors.

(b) As used in this paragraph, "reduce" means to: (1) collect; (2) charge off; (3) sell; or (4) improve the quality of such assets so as to warrant removal of any adverse classification by the FDIC and the Division.

(c) A copy of the plan required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director for the FDIC's Chicago Region ("**Regional Director**") and to the Division.

(d) While this ORDER remains in effect, the plan shall be revised to include assets which become more than

60 days delinquent after the effective date of this ORDER or are adversely classified at any subsequent examinations.

LENDING AND COLLECTION POLICIES

6. (a) Within 90 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall revise, adopt, and implement written lending and collection policies to provide effective guidance and control over the Bank's lending function, which policies shall include specific guidelines for placing loans on a non-accrual basis. In addition, the Bank shall obtain adequate and current documentation for all loans in the Bank's loan portfolio.

(b) The revisions to the Bank's loan policy and practices, required by this paragraph, at a minimum, shall incorporate the items discussed on pages 1 through 3, and 13 and 14 of the ROE.

(c) Copies of the policies and revisions thereto required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division.

LIQUIDITY PLAN

7. (a) Within 60 days of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt a written contingency funding plan ("**Liquidity Plan**"). The Liquidity Plan shall identify sources of liquid assets to meet the Bank's contingency funding needs over time horizons of one month, two months,

and three months. At a minimum, the Liquidity Plan shall be prepared in conformance with the Liquidity Risk Management Guidance found at FIL-84-2008.

(b) On each day the Bank is open for business during the life of this ORDER the Bank shall submit to the Regional Director and the Division a liquidity analysis report, in a format that is acceptable to the Regional Director and the Division.

(c) A copy of the plan required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division.

(d) As of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall establish and maintain an account relationship with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to exchange and settle payment transactions through a clearing account balance.

DIVIDEND RESTRICTION

8. As of the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall not declare or pay any cash dividend without the prior written consent of the Regional Director and the Division.

ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN AND LEASE LOSSES

9. (a) Prior to submission or publication of all Reports of Condition and Income required by the FDIC after

the effective date of this ORDER, the board of directors of the Bank shall review the adequacy of the Bank's allowance for loan and lease losses ("**ALLL**"), provide for an adequate ALLL, and accurately report the same. The minutes of the board meeting at which such review is undertaken shall indicate the findings of the review, the amount of increase in the ALLL recommended, if any, and the basis for determination of the amount of ALLL provided. In making these determinations, the board of directors shall consider the FFIEC Instructions for the Reports of Condition and Income and any analysis of the Bank's ALLL provided by the FDIC and the Division.

(b) ALLL entries required by this paragraph shall be made prior to any capital determinations required by this ORDER.

#### PROFIT PLAN AND BUDGET

10. (a) Within 90 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall adopt, implement, and adhere to a written profit plan and a realistic, comprehensive budget for all categories of income and expense for calendar years 2009 and 2010. The plans required by this paragraph shall contain formal goals and strategies, consistent with sound banking practices, to reduce discretionary expenses and to improve the Bank's overall earnings, and shall contain a

description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for major projected income and expense components.

(b) The written profit plan shall address, at a minimum:

- (i) Realistic and comprehensive budgets;
- (ii) A budget review process to monitor the income and expenses of the Bank to compare actual figures with budgetary projections;
- (iii) Identification of major areas in, and means by which, earnings will be improved; and
- (iv) A description of the operating assumptions that form the basis for and adequately support major projected income and expense components.

(c) Within 30 days from the end of each calendar quarter following completion of the profit plans and budgets required by this paragraph, the Bank's board of directors shall evaluate the Bank's actual performance in relation to the plan and budget, record the results of the evaluation, and note any actions taken by the Bank in the minutes of the board of directors' meeting at which such evaluation is undertaken.

(d) A written profit plan and budget shall be prepared for each calendar year for which this ORDER is in effect.

(e) Copies of the plans and budgets required by this paragraph shall be submitted to the Regional Director and the Division.

CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS

11. Within 45 days from the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall eliminate and/or correct all violations of law, rule, and regulations listed on pages 13 and 14 of the ROE.

RESTRICTIONS ON GROWTH

12. During the life of this ORDER, the Bank shall not increase its total assets by more than 5 percent during any consecutive three-month period without providing, at least 30 days prior to its implementation, a growth plan to the Regional Director and the Division. Such growth plan, at a minimum, shall include the funding source to support the projected growth, as well as the anticipated use of funds. This growth plan shall not be implemented without the prior written consent of the Regional Director and the Division.

NOTIFICATION TO SHAREHOLDER

13. Following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall send to its shareholder a copy of this ORDER: (1) in conjunction with the Bank's next shareholder communication; or (2) in conjunction with its notice or proxy statement preceding the Bank's next shareholder meeting.

PROGRESS REPORTS

14. Within 30 days from the end of each calendar quarter following the effective date of this ORDER, the Bank shall furnish to the Regional Director and the Division written progress reports signed by each member of the Bank's board of directors, detailing the actions taken to secure compliance with the ORDER and the results thereof.

The effective date of this ORDER shall be 10 days after the date of its issuance by the FDIC and the Division.

The provisions of this ORDER shall be binding upon the Bank, its institution-affiliated parties, and any successors and assigns thereof.

The provisions of this ORDER shall remain effective and enforceable except to the extent that, and until such

time as, any provision has been modified, terminated, suspended, or set aside by the FDIC and the Division.

Pursuant to delegated authority.

Dated: October 30, 2009.

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