

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of )	
FRONTIER BANK )	SUPERVISORY
EVERETT, WASHINGTON )	PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION
(INSURED STATE NONMEMBER BANK) )	DIRECTIVE
_____ )	FDIC-10-198PCAS

WHEREAS, Frontier Bank, Everett, Washington (the "Bank") is a significantly undercapitalized depository institution as that term is defined in Section 38(b)(1) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("Act"), 12 U.S.C. §1831o(b)(1), and Section 325.103 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. §325.103;

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated December 2, 2009, the FDIC notified the Bank of its significantly undercapitalized capital category, as a result of the filing of the September 30, 2009 Call Report;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that December 2, 2009 letter, the FDIC notified the Bank that a Capital Restoration Plan compliant with section 38(e)(2) of the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1831o(e)(2), and section 325.104 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 325.104 needed to be filed by January 16, 2010;

WHEREAS, the Bank submitted a capital restoration plan on January 15, 2010;

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated February 11, 2010, the FDIC notified the Bank that its capital plan was unacceptable pursuant to section 38(e)(2) of the Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1831o(e)(2), and section 325.104 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 325.104;

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2010 the FDIC began a limited scope visitation of the Bank;

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated February 19, 2010, the FDIC notified the Bank of

its critically undercapitalized capital category, based on the findings of the January 11, 2010 visitation;

WHEREAS, the Bank's condition continues to deteriorate;

WHEREAS, the Bank's management has not demonstrated the ability to return the Bank to a safe and sound condition;

WHEREAS, the Bank's capital levels and deteriorating condition and management's inability to return the Bank to a safe and sound condition require that prompt corrective action be taken immediately;

WHEREAS, the actions in this directive are necessary to carry out the purposes of Section 38 of the Act including Section 38(e)(5), 12 U.S.C. § 1831o(e)(5);

THEREFORE, the FDIC finds it necessary, in order to carry out the purposes of Section 38 of the Act, to issue this SUPERVISORY PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION DIRECTIVE without providing notice as set forth in Section 308.201(a)(1) of the FDIC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 12 C.F.R. §308.201(a)(1), and hereby issues this SUPERVISORY PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION DIRECTIVE pursuant to Section 38 of the Act, 12 U.S.C. §1831o, and Section 308.201(a)(2) of the FDIC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 12 C.F.R. §308.201(a)(2).

SUPERVISORY PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION DIRECTIVE

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED, that within 30 days of the effective date of this Directive, the Bank shall take one or both of the following actions to recapitalize the Bank:

1. The Bank shall sell enough voting shares or obligations of the Bank so that the Bank will be adequately capitalized after the sale; and/or
2. The Bank shall accept an offer to be acquired by a depository institution holding company or to combine with another insured depository institution;

FURTHER DIRECTED, that during the period this Directive is in effect, the Bank shall not accept, renew or rollover any brokered deposits as defined in section 337.6(a)(2) of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 337.6(a)(2);

FURTHER DIRECTED, that during the period this Directive is effective, the Bank shall restrict the interest rates that the Bank pays on deposits to comply with the interest rate restrictions in section 337.6 of the FDIC Rules and Regulations, 12 C.F.R. § 337.6;

FURTHER DIRECTED, that during the period this Directive is in effect, the Bank shall not permit its average total assets during any calendar quarter to exceed its average total assets during the preceding calendar quarter;

FURTHER DIRECTED, that during the period this Directive is in effect, the Bank shall make no capital distributions or dividend payments to its parent or any affiliate of the Bank or its parent, nor shall the Bank pay any bonuses to, or increase the compensation of, any director or officer of the Bank without prior written approval from the FDIC. The term “capital distribution” shall be defined as at Section 38(b)(2)(B) of the Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831o(b)(2)(B));

FURTHER DIRECTED, that during the period this Directive is in effect, the Bank shall comply with Section 23A of the Federal Reserve Act as if subsection (d)(1) of that section (exempting transactions with certain affiliated institutions) did not apply;

FURTHER DIRECTED, that during the period this Directive is in effect, the Bank shall not engage in branching and shall solicit the FDIC’s prior written approval to relocate, sell or dispose of any existing branch;

FURTHER DIRECTED, that the provisions of this SUPERVISORY PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION DIRECTIVE shall not affect the obligations of the Bank pursuant to any other action issued against the Bank by the FDIC;

