UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

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NATIONAL HOMETEAM SOLUTIONS, LLC; NATIONAL FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC;

v.

Civil Action No. 4:08-cv-067

STIPULATED PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND FINAL

| 1 | Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. have agreed to settle all matters of dispute between them without | | | | | | | |
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| 2 | adjudication. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED , ADJUDGED , AND DECREED : | | | | | | | |
| 3 | FINDINGS | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 1. | This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and personal | | | | | | |
| 5 | jurisdiction over defendants. | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 2. | Venue in the Eastern District of Texas is proper as to all parties. | | | | | | |
| 7 | 3. | The activities of defendants are in or affecting commerce, as defined in the FTC | | | | | | |
| 8 | Act, 15 U.S.C | C. § 44. | | | | | | |
| 9 | 4. | The Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against | | | | | | |
| 10 | Defendants under Sections 5(a) and 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 53(b). | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 5. | Defendants waive all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or | | | | | | |
| 12 | contest the va | lidity of this Final Order. | | | | | | |
| 13 | 6. | Defendants waive any claim, including any claim for attorneys' fees under the | | | | | | |
| 14 | Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, amended by Pub. L. 104-121, 110 Stat. 847, 863- | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 64 (1996), an | d any claims they may have against the Commission, its employees, | | | | | | |
| 16 | representative | es, or agents. | | | | | | |
| 17 | 7. | Defendants enter into this Final Order freely and without coercion and | | | | | | |
| 18 | acknowledge | that they have read, understand, and are prepared to abide by the provisions of this | | | | | | |
| 19 | Final Order. | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 8. | This Final Order is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other civil or | | | | | | |
| 21 | criminal remedies that may be provided by law. | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 9. | Entry of this Final Order is in the public interest. | | | | | | |
| 23 | DEFINITIONS | | | | | | | |
| 24 | For th | e purpose of this Final Order, the following definitions shall apply: | | | | | | |
| 25 | 1. | "Assisting others" means knowingly providing any of the following goods or | | | | | | |
| 26 | services to another business venture: (A) performing customer service functions, including, but | | | | | | | |
| 27 | not limited to, receiving or responding to consumer complaints; (B) formulating or providing, or | | | | | | | |
| 28 | arranging for the formulation or provision of, any marketing material; (C) providing names of, or | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | assisting in the generation of, potential customers; (D) hiring, recruiting, or training personnel; |
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1 owner in obtaining from the beneficiary, mortgagee, trustee under a power of sale, or counsel for 2 the beneficiary, mortgagee, or trustee, the remaining proceeds from the foreclosure sale of the 3 owner's residence. The foregoing shall include any manner of claimed assistance, including, but not limited to, debt, budget, or financial counseling; receiving money for the purpose of 4 5 distributing it to creditors; contacting creditors on behalf of the homeowner; arranging or attempting to arrange for an extension of the period within which the owner of property sold at 6 7 foreclosure may cure his or her default; arranging or attempting to arrange for any delay or 8 postponement of the time of a foreclosure sale; and giving advice of any kind with respect to filing for bankruptcy. 9

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The term "and" also means "or," and the term "or" also means "and."

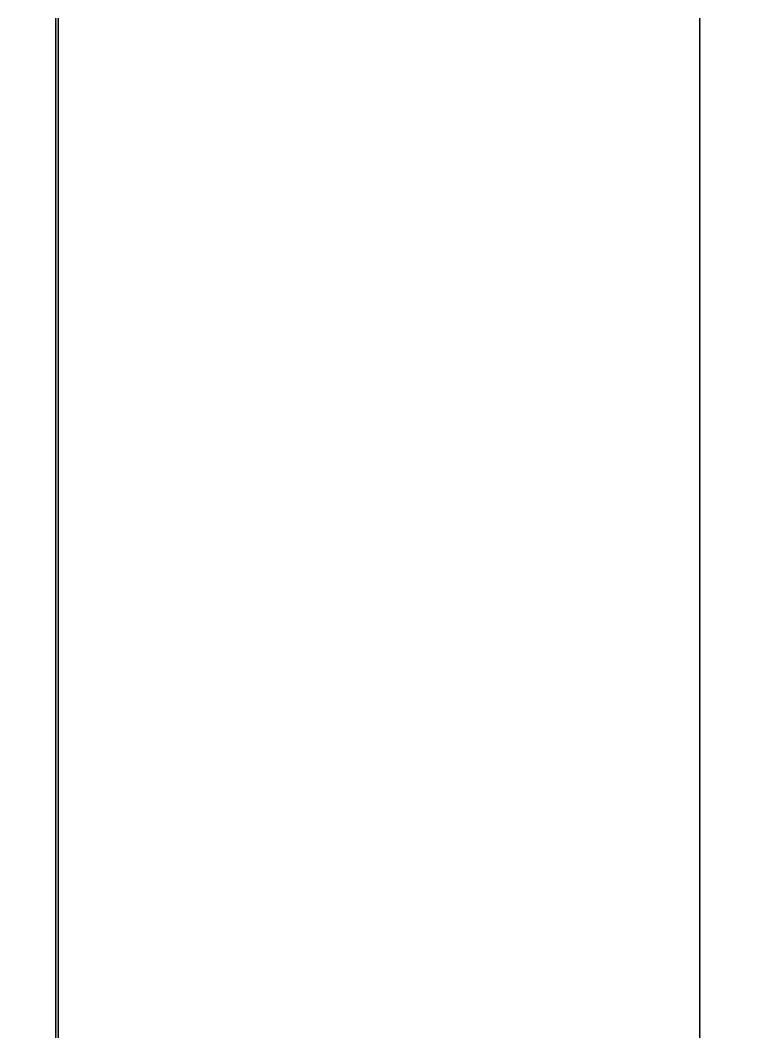
ORDER

I. **PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

IT IS ORDERED that defendants Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr., and their successors, assigns, agents, employees, officers, servants, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Final Order by personal service, facsimile, or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division or other device, are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from:

A. Falsely representing, or assisting others to falsely represent, expressly or by implication, any material fact in connection with the advertising, marketing, promoting, performance, offering for sale, or sale of any mortgage foreclosure rescue service, including but not limited to misrepresenting:

- (1)that home mortgage foreclosure can or will be stopped, postponed, or prevented in all or virtually all instances;
- (2)the likelihood that home mortgage foreclosure can or will be stopped, postponed, or prevented;
- (3) the degree of past success of any efnndll.(dt10 TdddcEe sere)110ned, or



| 1 | | ally, as equitable monetary relief, in favor of the Commission. | | | | | | |
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| 2 | В. | Defendants shall pay \$22,760 to the FTC in accordance with the following | | | | | | |
| 3 | directions: | | | | | | | |
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1 distribution under this Section.

D. Defendants expressly waive their rights to litigate the issue of disgorgement.
 E. Defendants acknowledge and agree that all money paid pursuant to this Final
 Order is irrevocably paid to the Commission for purposes of settlement between plaintiff and defendants.

F. The Commission and defendants acknowledge and agree that this judgment for
equitable monetary relief is solely remedial in nature and is not a fine, penalty, punitive
assessment, or forfeiture.

G. Defendants agree that, if they fail to timely and completely fulfill the
payment and other obligations set forth in this Final Order, the facts alleged in the Complaint
filed in this matter shall be taken as true in any subsequent litigation filed by the Commission to
enforce its rights pursuant to this Final Order, including, but not limited to, a nondischargeability
complaint in any bankruptcy case.

H. Defendants are hereby required, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 7701, to furnish to the Commission defendants' taxpayer identifying numbers (social security number or employer identification number), which shall be used for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of defendants' relationship with the government.

IV. COOPERATION WITH FTC COUNSEL

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Commission, Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. each shall submit additional written reports, sworn to under penalty of perjury; produce documents for inspection and copying; appear for deposition; and/or provide entry during normal business hours to any business location in such defendant's possession or direct or indirect control to inspect the business operation;

B. In addition, the Commission is authorized to monitor compliance with this Final Order by all other lawful means, including, but not limited to, the following:

 Obtaining discovery from any person, without further leave of court, using the procedures prescribed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, and 45;

(2) Posing as consumers and suppliers to Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr., their employees, or any entity managed or controlled in whole or part by any defendant, without the necessity of identification or prior notice; and

C. Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. shall permit representatives of the Commission to interview any employer, consultant, independent contractor, representative, agent, or employee who has agreed to such an interview, relating in any way to any conduct subject to this Final Order. The person interviewed may have counsel present.

Provided, however, that nothing in this Final Order shall limit the Commission's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1, to obtain any documentary material, tangible things, testimony, or information relevant to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce (within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 45(a)(1)).

VI.

| (1) | Individual defendant Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. shall notify the Commission of |
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| | the following: |

- (a) Any changes in his residence, mailing addresses, and telephone number, within ten (10) days of the date of such change;
- (b) Any changes in his employment status (including selfemployment), and any change in the his ownership in any business entity, within ten (10) days of the date of such change. Such notice shall include the name and address of each business that Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. is affiliated with, employed by, creates or forms, or performs services for; a statement of the nature of the business; and a statement of his duties and responsibilities in connection with the business or employment; and
- (c) Any changes Edwin P. Taylor, Sr.'s name or use of any alias or fictitious name; and
- (2) Defendants Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. shall notify the Commission of any changes in the corporate structure of Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, or any business entity that Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. directly or indirectly controls, or has an ownership interest in, that may affect compliance obligations arising under this Final Order, including, but not limited to, a dissolution, assignment, sale, merger, or other action that would result in the emergence of a successor entity; the creation or dissolution of a subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this Final Order; the filing of a bankruptcy petition; or a change in the corporate name or address, at least thirty (30) days prior to such change, *provided* that, with respect to any proposed change in the corporation about which the defendants learn less than thirty (30) days prior to the date such action is to take place, defendants shall notify the Commission as soon as is practicable after

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| 2 | B. | One l | nundred | eighty (180) days after the date of entry of this Final Order, | | | | | | |
| 3 | Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. each shall provide a written | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | report to the Commission, sworn to under penalty of perjury, setting forth in detail the manner | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | and form in which they have complied and are complying with this Final Order. This report | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | shall include, but not be limited to: | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | (1) For individual defendant Edwin P. Taylor, Sr.: | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | (a) | His then-current residence address, mailing address, and telephone | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | number; | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | (b) | His then-current employment and business addresses and | | | | | | |
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Re: <u>FTC v. National Hometeam Solutions, *et al.*,</u> Civil Action No. 4:08-cv-067 (E.D. Tex.).

For purposes of the compliance reporting and monitoring required by this Final Order, the Commission is authorized to communicate directly with defendants Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr.

VII. RECORD KEEPING PROVISIONS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of eight (8) years from the date of entry of this Final Order, defendants Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, and Edwin P. Taylor, Sr., and those businesses where defendant Edwin P. Taylor, Sr. is the majority owner or otherwise controls the business, and their agents, directors, officers, employees, corporations, successors, and assigns, and other entities or persons directly or indirectly under their control, and all persons or entities in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual notice of this Final Order by personal service, facsimile, or otherwise, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promoting, performance, offering for sale, or sale of mortgage foreclosure rescue services, are hereby restrained and enjoined from failing to create and retain the following records:

A. Accounting records that reflect the cost of goods or services sold, revenues generated, and the disbursement of such revenues;

B. Personnel records accurately reflecting: the name, address, and telephone number of each person employed in any capacity by such business, including as an independent contractor; that person's job title or position; the date upon which the person commenced work; and the date and reason for the person's termination, if applicable;

C. Customer files containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, dollar amounts paid, quantity of items or services purchased, and description of items or services purchased, to the extent such information is obtained in the ordinary course of business;

D. Complaints and refund requests (whether received directly, indirectly or through any third party) and any responses to those complaints or requests;

E. Copies of all sales scripts, training materials, advertisements, or other marketing materials; and

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F. All records and documents necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this Final Order, including but not limited to, copies of acknowledgments of receipt of this Final Order, required by Section VIII.D., and all reports submitted to the FTC pursuant to Section VI.

VIII. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of five (5) years from the date of entry of this Final Order, defendants shall deliver copies of the Final Order as directed below:

A. Defendant Nationwide Foreclosure Services, LLC, must deliver a copy
of this Final Order to all of its principals, officers, directors, and managers. Nationwide
Foreclosure Services also must deliver copies of this Final Order to all of its employees, agents,
independent contractors, and representatives who engage in the advertising, marketing,
promoting, performance, offering for sale, or sale of mortgage foreclosure rescue services. For
current personnel, delivery shall be within five (5) days of service of this Final Order upon
defendants. For new personnel, delivery shall occur prior to them assuming their



RICHARD A. SCHELL UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

