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Federal Trade Commission and

State of Ohio ex rel. Attorney General Dave Yost.

Plaintiffs,

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Madera Merchant Services, LLC, dba E Check Processing and echeckprocessing.net, a Texas company,

B&P Enterprises, LLC, a Texas company,

Bruce C. Woods, individually and as an owner, officer, member, and/or manager of Madera Merchant Services, LLC and B&P Enterprises, LLC,

Patricia Woods, individually and as an owner, manager, and/or member of Madera Merchant Services, LLC and B&P Enterprises, LLC,

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Victor Rodriguez, individually and as an officer, member, and/or manager of Madera Merchant Services, LLC and B&P Enterprises, LLC,

Defendants.

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EX PARTE TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER WITH ASSET
FREEZE, APPOINTMENT OF A
TEMPORARY RECEIVER, AND
OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF, AND
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY A
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
SHOULD NOT ISSUE

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(FILED UNDER SEAL)

Plaintiffs, Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") and the State of Ohio (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), have filed their Complaint for Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief under Section 13(b) and 19 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), 57b, the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act ("Telemarketing Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6108, and Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act ("CSPA"), R.C.

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1345.07 (Docket No. _____), and have moved, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b), for a temporary restraining order, asset freeze, other equitable relief, and an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue against Madera Merchant Services, LLC; B&P Enterprises, LLC; Bruce Woods; Patricia Woods; and Victor Rodriguez (collectively, "Defendants") (Docket No. _____).

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Court, having considered the Complaint, the *ex parte* Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order, declarations, exhibits, and the memorandum of points and authorities filed in support thereof, and being otherwise advised, finds that:

- A. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good cause to believe that it will have jurisdiction over all parties hereto and that venue in this district is proper.
- B. Defendants operate a third-party payment processing scheme that uses remotely created payment orders or remotely created checks ("RCPOs") to withdraw money from consumers' accounts on behalf of third-party merchants. Defendants routinely withdraw funds from consumers for merchants engaged in fraud or deceptive marketing.
- C. Defendants routinely provide RCPO payment processing services to telemarketers in violation of the TSR, which expressly prohibits collecting payments through RCPOs in connection with telemarketing sales. 16 C.F.R. 310.4(a)(9). They have processed more than \$8.6 million in RCPO payments generated through telemarketing since June 13, 2016, the date when the TSR prohibition on the use of RCPOs in telemarketing transactions went into effect.

- D. To execute their scheme, Defendants have opened numerous business checking accounts under various assumed names with numerous banks and credit unions. Defendants routinely fail to disclose to the financial institutions that the accounts will be used to process consumer payments for third-party merchants via RCPOs.
- E. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have engaged in and are likely to engage in acts or practices that violate Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), the TSR, 16 C.F.R. Part 310, and the Ohio CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 *et seq.*, and that Plaintiffs are therefore likely to prevail on the merits of this action. As demonstrated by the declarations of bank and credit union employees, declarations of investigators from the FTC and the Ohio Attorney General's Office, bank records, and other documentation filed by Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs have established a likelihood of success in showing that Defendants have unlawfully processed consumer payments through RCPOs in violation of the FTC Act, the TSR, and the Ohio CSPA.
- F. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable harm will result from Defendants' ongoing violations of the FTC Act, the TSR, and the Ohio CSPA unless Defendants are restrained and enjoined by order of this Court.
- G. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable damage to the Court's ability to grant effective final relief for consumers including monetary restitution, rescission, disgorgement or refunds will occur from the sale, transfer, destruction or other disposition or concealment by Defendants of their assets or records, unless Defendants are immediately restrained and enjoined by order of this Court; and that, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b) the interests of justice require that this Order be granted without prior notice to Defendants. Thus, there is good cause for

C. "Document" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of "document" and "electronically stored information" in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a), Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a), and includes writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound and video recordings, images, Internet sites, web pages, websites, electronic correspondence, including e-mail and instant messages, contracts, accounting data, advertisements, FTP Logs, Server Access Logs, books, written or printed records, handwritten notes, telephone logs, telephone scripts, receipt books, ledgers, personal and business canceled checks and check registers, bank statements, appointment books, computer records, customer or sales databases and any other electronically stored information, including Documents located on remote servers or cloud computing systems, and other data or data compilations from which information can be obtained directly or, if necessary, after translation into a reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate Document within the meaning of the term.

- D. "Electronic Data Host" means any Person in the business of storing, hosting, or otherwise maintaining electronically stored information. This includes, but is not limited to, any entity hosting a website or server, and any entity providing "cloud based" electronic storage.
- E. "Individual Defendants" means Bruce Woods, Patricia Woods, and Victor Rodriguez, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- F. "Payment Processing" means providing a Person, directly or indirectly, with means or service used to charge or debit financial accounts through the use of any payment method or mechanism, including, but not limited to, credit cards, debit cards, prepaid cards, stored value cards, ACH Debits, Remotely Created Payment Orders, and

Remotely Created Checks. Whether accomplished through the use of software or otherwise, Payment Processing includes, among other things: (a) reviewing and approving Merchant applications for payment processing services; (b) providing the means to transmit sales transaction data from third-party merchants to banks, credit unions, Payment Processors, independent sales organizations, payment facilitators or other financial institutions; (c) clearing, settling, or distributing proceeds of sales transactions from banks, credit unions, or other financial institutions to third-oary merchants; or (d) processing chargebacks or returned Remotely Created Payment Orders, checks or Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions on behalf of third-party merchants.

- G. "Payment Processor" means any Person providing Payment Processing services in connection with another Person's sale of goods or services, or in connection with any charitable donation.
- H. "**Person**" means any natural person or any entity, corporation, partnership, or association of persons.
- I. "Remotely Created Payment Order" or "RCPO" means a payment instruction or order, whether created in electronic or paper format, drawn on a payor's account that is initiated or created by or on behalf of the payee, and which is deposited into or cleared through the check clearing system. For purposes of this definition, an account includes any financial account or credit or other arrangement that allows checks, payment instructions, or orders to be drawn against it that are payable by, through, or at a bank.

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- J. "Receiver" means the temporary receiver appointed in Section XII of this

 Order and any deputy receivers that shall be named by the temporary receiver.
- K. "Receivership Entities" means the Corporate Defendants as well as any other entity that has conducted any business related to the Defendants' RCPO payment processing scheme, including receipt of assets or funds derived from any activity that is the subject of the Complaint in this matter, and that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by any Defendant.
- L. "Seller" means any Person who, in connection with a Telemarketing transaction, provides, offers to provide, or arranges for others to provide goods or services to a customers in exchange for consideration.
- M. "Telemarketer" means any Person who, in connection with Telemarketing, initiates or receives telephone calls to or from a customer or donor.
- N. "Telemarketing" means any plan, program, or campaign that is conducted to induce the purchase of goods or services or a charitable contribution by use of one or more telephones.

ORDER

I. PROHIBITION REGARDING PAYMENT PROCESSING

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or indirectly, are temporarily restrained and enjoined from Payment Processing.

II. PROHIBITIONS ON VIOLATING THE TSR

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with Telemarketing of any product or service, are temporarily restrained and enjoined from violating any provision of the TSR, 16 C.F.R. Part 310, attached as Attachment A

III. PROHIBITION ON RELEASE OF CUSTOMER INFORMATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing, the name, address, birth date, telephone number, email address, credit card number, bank account number, Social Security number, or other financial or identifying information of any person that any Defendant obtained in connection with any activity that pertains to the subject matter of this Order; and
- B. Benefitting from or using the name, address, birth date, telephone number, email address, credit card number, bank account number, Social Security number, or other financial or identifying information of any person that any Defendant obtained in connection with any activity that pertains to the subject matter of this Order.

Provided, however, that Defendants may disclose such identifying information to a law enforcement agency, to their attorneys as required for their defense, as required by

any law, regulation, or court order, or in any filings, pleadings or discovery in this action in the manner required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and by any protective order in the case.

IV. ASSET FREEZE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Transferring, liquidating, converting, encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing, dissipating, disbursing, assigning, relinquishing, spending, withdrawing, granting a lien or security interest or other interest in, or otherwise disposing of any assets that are:
 - 1. owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Defendant;
 - 2. held, in part or in whole, for the benefit of any Defendant;
 - 3. in the actual or constructive possession of any Defendant; or
 - 4. owned or controlled by, in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant.
- B. Opening or causing to be opened any safe deposit boxes, commercial mail boxes, or storage facilities titled in the name of any Defendant or subject to access by any Defendant, except as necessary to comply with written requests from the Receiver acting pursuant to its authority under this Order;

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C. Incurring charges or cash advances on any credit, debit, or ATM card issued in the name, individually or jointly, of any corporate defendant or any corporation, partnership, or other entity directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled by any Defendant or of which any Defendant is an officer, director, member, or manager. This includes any corporate bankcard or corporate credit card account for which any Defendant is, or was on the date that this Order was signed, an authorized signor; or

D. Cashing any checks or depositing any money orders or cash received from consumers, clients, or customers of any Defendant.

The assets covered by this Section shall include: (1) all assets of Defendants as of the time this Order is entered; and (2) assets obtained by Defendants after this Order is entered if those assets are derived from any activity that is the subject of the Complaint in this matter or that is prohibited by this Order. This Section does not prohibit any transfer of assets to the Receiver or repatriation of assets specifically required by this Order, and does not freeze JPMorgan Bank account X2365.

V. DUTIES OF ASSET HOLDERS AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any financial or brokerage institution,

Electronic Data Host, credit card processor, Payment Processor, merchant bank,

acquiring bank, independent sales organization, third party processor, payment gateway,

insurance company, business entity, or Person who receives actual notice of this Order

(by service or otherwise) that:

(a) has held, controlled, or maintained custody, through an account or otherwise, of any Document on behalf of any Defendant or any asset that has been owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Defendant; held, in part or in

whole, for the benefit of any Defendant; in the actual or constructive possession of any Defendant; or owned or controlled by, in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant;

- (b) has held, controlled, or maintained custody, through an account or otherwise, of any Document or asset associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of any Defendant, including reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities; or
- (c) has extended credit to any Defendant, including through a credit card account, shall:
- A. Hold, preserve, and retain within its control and prohibit the withdrawal, removal, alteration, assignment, transfer, pledge, encumbrance, disbursement, dissipation, relinquishment, conversion, sale, or other disposal of any such Document or asset, as well as all Documents or other property related to such assets, except by further order of this Court; provided, however, that this provision does not prohibit an individual defendant from incurring charges on a personal credit card established prior to entry of this Order, up to the pre-existing credit limit;
- B. Deny any Person, except the Receiver, access to any safe deposit box, commercial mail box, or storage facility that is titled in the name of any Defendant, either individually or jointly, or otherwise subject to access by any Defendant;

- C. Provide Plaintiffs' counsel and the Receiver, within three (3) days of receiving a copy of this Order, a sworn statement setting forth, for each asset or account covered by this Section:
 - 1. The identification number of each such account or asset;
 - 2. The balance of each such account, or a description of the nature and value of each such asset as of the close of business on the day on which this Order is served, and, if the account or other asset has been closed or removed, the date closed or removed, the total funds removed in order to close the account, and the name of the Person whom such account or other asset was remitted; and
 - The identification of any safe deposit box, commercial mail box, or storage facility that is either titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant, or is otherwise subject to access by any Defendant;
 and
- D. Upon the request of Plaintiffs' counsel or the Receiver, promptly provide Plaintiffs' counsel and the Receiver with copies of all records or other Documents pertaining to any account covered by this Section or asset, including originals or copies of account applications, account statements, signature cards, checks, drafts, deposit tickets, transfers to and from the accounts, including wire transfers and wire transfer instructions, all other debit and credit instruments or slips, currency transaction reports, 1099 forms, and all logs and records pertaining to safe deposit boxes, commercial mail boxes, and storage facilities.

This Section does not prohibit any transfer of assets to the Receiver or repatriation of assets specifically required by this Order.

VI. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Defendant, within five (5) days of service of this Order upon them, shall prepare and deliver to Plaintiffs' counsel and the Receiver:

- A. Completed financial statements on the forms attached to this Order as

 Attachment B (Financial Statement of Individual Defendant) for each Individual

 Defendant, and Attachment C (Financial Statement of Corporate Defendant) for each

 Corporate Defendant; and
- B. Completed **Attachment D** (IRS Form 4506, Request for Copy of a Tax Return) for each Defendant.

VII. FOREIGN ASSET REPATRIATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within five (5) days following the service of this Order, each Defendant shall:

A. Provide Plaintiffs' counsel and the Receiver with a full accounting, verified under oath and accurate as of the date of this Order, of all assets, Documents, and accounts outside of the United States which are: (1) titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant; (2) held by any Person for the benefit of any Defendant or for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant; or (3) under the direct or indirect control, whether jointly or singly, of any Defendant;

- B. Take all steps necessary to provide Plaintiffs' counsel and the Receiver access to all Documents and records that may be held by third parties located outside of the territorial United States of America, including signing the Consent to Release of Financial Records appended to this Order as **Attachment E**.
- C. Transfer to the territory of the United States any and all Documents and assets located in foreign countries which are: (1) titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant; (2) held by any Person for the benefit of any Defendant or for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant; or (3) under the direct or indirect control, whether jointly or singly, of any Defendant; and
- D. The same business day as any repatriation, (1) notify the Receiver and counsel for Plaintiffs of the name and location of the financial institution or other entity that is the recipient of such Documents or assets; and (2) serve this Order on any such financial institution or other entity.

VIII. NON-INTERFERENCE WITH REPATRIATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from taking any action, directly or indirectly, which may result in the encumbrance or dissipation of foreign assets, or in the hindrance of the repatriation required by this Order, including, but not limited to:

A. Sending any communication or engaging in any other act, directly or indirectly, that results in a determination by a foreign trustee or other entity that a

"duress" event has occurred under the terms of a foreign trust agreement until such time that all Defendants' assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to this Order; or

B. Notifying any trustee, protector or other agent of any foreign trust or other related entities of either the existence of this Order, or of the fact that repatriation is required pursuant to a court order, until such time that all Defendants' assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to this Order.

IX. CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs may obtain credit reports concerning any Defendants pursuant to Section 604(a)(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681b(a)(1), and that, upon written request, any credit reporting agency from which such reports are requested shall provide them to Plaintiffs.

X. PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

A. Destroying, erasing, falsifying, writing over, mutilating, concealing, altering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, directly or indirectly, Documents that relate to: (1) the business, business practices, assets, or business or personal finances of any Defendant; (2) the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under the control of any Defendant; or (3) the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under common control with any other Defendant; and

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B. Failing to create and maintain Documents that, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and completely reflect Defendants' incomes, disbursements, transactions, and use of Defendants' assets.

XI. REPORT OF NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITY

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from creating, operating, or exercising any control over any business entity, whether newly formed or previously inactive, including any partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, or corporation, without first providing Plaintiffs' counsel and the Receiver with a written statement disclosing: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals, managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended activities.

XII. TEMPORARY RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Susan M. Forbes is appointed as temporary receiver of the Receivership Entities with full powers of an equity receiver.

The Receiver shall be solely the agent of this Court in acting as Receiver under this Order.

XIII. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver is directed and authorized to accomplish the following:

- A. Assume full control of Receivership Entities by removing, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable, any director, officer, independent contractor, employee, attorney, or agent of any Receivership Entity from control of, management of, or participation in, the affairs of the Receivership Entity;
- B. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all assets and Documents of, or in the possession, custody, or under the control of, any Receivership Entity, wherever situated;
- C. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all Documents or assets associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;
- D. Conserve, hold, manage, and prevent the loss of all assets of the Receivership Entities, and perform all acts necessary or advisable to preserve the value of those assets. The Receiver shall assume control over the income and profits therefrom and all sums of money now or hereafter due or owing to the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall have full power to sue for, collect, and receive, all assets of the Receivership Entities and of other Persons whose interests are now under the direction, possession, custody, or control of, the Receivership Entities. Provided, however, that the Receiver shall not attempt to collect any amount from a consumer if the Receiver believes the consumer's debt to the Receivership Entities has resulted from the deceptive acts or practices or other violations of law alleged in the Complaint in this matter, without prior Court approval;

- E. Obtain, conserve, hold, manage, and prevent the loss of all Documents of the Receivership Entities, and perform all acts necessary or advisable to preserve such Documents. The Receiver shall: divert mail; preserve all Documents of the Receivership Entities that are accessible via electronic means (such as online access to financial accounts and access to electronic Documents held onsite or by Electronic Data Hosts, by changing usernames, passwords or other log-in credentials); take possession of all electronic Documents of the Receivership Entities stored onsite or remotely; take whatever steps necessary to preserve all such Documents; and obtain the assistance of the FTC's Digital Forensic Unit for the purpose of obtaining electronic Documents stored onsite or remotely.
- F. Choose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and other independent contractors and technical specialists, as the Receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order;
- G. Make payments and disbursements from the receivership estate that are necessary or advisable for carrying out the directions of, or exercising the authority granted by, this Order, and to incur, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging his or her duties as Receiver. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for prior approval of any payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the Receivership Entities prior to the date of entry of this Order, except payments that the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to secure assets of the Receivership Entities, such as rental payments for business premises?;

H. Take all steps necessary to secure and take exclusive custody of each nonresidential location from which the Receivership Entities operate their businesses. Such
steps may include, but are not limited to, any of the following, as the Receiver deems
necessary or advisable: (1) securing the location by changing the locks and alarm codes
and disconnecting any internet access or other means of access to the computers, servers,
internal networks, or other records maintained at that location; and (2) requiring any
persons present at the location to leave the premises, to provide the Receiver with proof
of identification, and/or to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Receiver that such
persons are not removing from the premises Documents or assets of the Receivership
Entities. Law enforcement personnel, including, but not limited to, police or sheriffs,
may assist the Receiver in implementing these provisions in order to keep the peace and
maintain security. If requested by the Receiver, the United States Marshal will provide
appropriate and necessary assistance to the Receiver to implement this Order and is
authorized to use any necessary and reasonable force to do so;

- I. Take all steps necessary to prevent the modification, destruction, or erasure of any web page or website registered to and operated, in whole or in part, by any Defendants, including echeckprocessing.net, and to provide access to all such web page or websites to Plaintiffs' representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as Defendants and their representatives;
- J. Enter into and cancel contracts and purchase insurance as advisable or necessary;

- Q. Allow the Plaintiffs' representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as Defendants and their representatives, reasonable access to all Documents in the possession, custody, or control of the Receivership Entities. The purpose of this access shall be to inspect and copy any and all books, records, Documents, accounts, and other property owned by, or in the possession of, the Receivership Entities or their agents. The Receiver shall have the discretion to determine the time, manner, and reasonable conditions of such access;
- R. Cooperate with reasonable requests for information or assistance from any state or federal civil or criminal law enforcement agency;
- S. Suspend business operations of the Receivership Entities if in the judgment of the Receiver such operations cannot be continued legally and profitably;
- T. If the Receiver identifies a nonparty entity as a Receivership Entity, promptly notify the entity as well as the parties, and inform the entity that it can challenge the Receiver's determination by filing a motion with the Court. Provided, however, that the Receiver may delay providing such notice until the Receiver has established control of the nonparty entity and its assets and records, if the Receiver determines that notice to the entity or the parties before the Receiver establishes control over the entity may result in the destruction of records, dissipation of assets, or any other obstruction of the Receiver's control of the entity; and
- U. If in the Receiver's judgment the business operations cannot be continued legally and profitably, take all steps necessary to ensure that any of the Receivership Entities' web pages or websites relating to the activities alleged in the Complaint, including **echeckprocessing.net**, cannot be accessed by the public, or are modified for

consumer education and/or informational purposes, and take all steps necessary to ensure that any telephone numbers associated with the Receivership Entities cannot be accessed by the public, or are answered solely to provide consumer education or information regarding the status of operations.

XIV. TRANSFER OF RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY TO RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and any other Person, with possession, custody or control of property of, or records relating to, the Receivership Entities shall, upon notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver in taking and maintaining possession, custody, or control of the assets and Documents of the Receivership Entities and immediately transfer or deliver to the Receiver possession, custody, and control of, the following:

- A. All assets held by or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities;
- B. All Documents or assets associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;
 - C. All Documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Entities;
- D. All computers, electronic devices, mobile devices and machines used to conduct the business of the Receivership Entities;
- E. All assets and Documents belonging to other Persons whose interests are under the direction, possession, custody, or control of the Receivership Entities; and

F. All keys, codes, user names and passwords necessary to gain or to secure access to any assets or Documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Entities, including access to their business premises, means of communication, accounts, computer systems (onsite and remote), Electronic Data Hosts, or other property.

In the event that any Person or entity fails to deliver or transfer any asset or Document, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of this Section, the Receiver may file an Affidavit of Non-Compliance regarding the failure and a motion seeking compliance or a contempt citation.

XV. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall immediately provide to the Receiver:

- A. A list of all assets and accounts of the Receivership Entities that are held in any name other than the name of a Receivership Entity, or by any Person other than a Receivership Entity;
- B. A list of all agents, employees, officers, attorneys, servants and those

 Persons in active concert and participation with the Receivership Entities, or who have

 been associated or done business with the Receivership Entities; and
- C. A description of any Documents covered by attorney-client privilege or attorney work product, including files where such Documents are likely to be located, authors or recipients of such Documents, and search terms likely to identify such electronic Documents.

XVI. COOPERATION WITH THE RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants; Receivership Entities;

Defendants' or Receivership Entities' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, and any other Person with possession, custody, or control of property of or records relating to the Receivership entities who receive actual notice of this Order shall fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall include, but is not limited to, providing information to the Receiver that the Receiver deems necessary to exercise the authority and discharge the responsibilities of the Receiver under this Order; providing any keys, codes, user names and passwords required to access any computers, electronic devices, mobile devices, and machines (onsite or remotely) and any cloud account (including specific method to access account) or electronic file in any medium; advising all Persons who owe money to any Receivership Entity that all debts should be paid directly to the Receiver; and transferring funds at the Receiver's direction and producing records related to the assets and sales of the Receivership Entities.

XVII. NON-INTERFERENCE WITH THE RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants; Receivership Entities;

Defendants' or Receivership Entities' officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, and any other Person served with a copy of this Order, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly:

A. Interfering with the Receiver's efforts to manage, or take custody, control, or possession of, the assets or Documents subject to the receivership;

- B. Transacting any of the business of the Receivership Entities;
- C. Transferring, receiving, altering, selling, encumbering, pledging, assigning, liquidating, or otherwise disposing of any assets owned, controlled, or in the possession or custody of, or in which an interest is held or claimed by, the Receivership Entities; or
- D. Refusing to cooperate with the Receiver or the Receiver's duly authorized agents in the exercise of their duties or authority under any order of this Court.

XVIII. STAY OF ACTIONS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except by leave of this Court, during the pendency of the receivership ordered herein, Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other Persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, and their corporations, subsidiaries, divisions, or affiliates, and all investors, creditors, stockholders, lessors, customers and other Persons seeking to establish or enforce any claim, right, or interest against or on behalf of Defendants, and all others acting for or on behalf of such Persons, are hereby enjoined from taking action that would interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the assets or Documents of the Receivership Entities, including, but not limited to:

- A. Filing or assisting in the filing of a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*, or of any similar insolvency proceeding on behalf of the Receivership Entities;
- B. Commencing, prosecuting, or continuing a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the Receivership Entities, including the issuance or

employment of process against the Receivership Entities, except that such actions may be commenced if necessary to toll any applicable statute of limitations;

C. Filing or enforcing any lien on any asset of the Receivership Entities, taking or attempting to take possession, custody, or control of any asset of the Receivership Entities; or attempting to foreclose, forfeit, alter, or terminate any interest in any asset of the Receivership Entities, whether such acts are part of a judicial proceeding, are acts of self-help, or otherwise.

Provided, however, that this Order does not stay: (1) the commencement or continuation of a criminal action or proceeding; (2) the commencement or continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power; or (3) the enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power.

XIX. COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver and all personnel hired by the Receiver as herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and accountants, are entitled to reasonable compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the assets now held by, in the possession or control of, or which may be received by, the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall file with the Court and serve on the parties periodic requests for the payment of such reasonable compensation, with the first such request filed no more than sixty (60) days after the date of entry of this Order. The Receiver shall not

increase the hourly rates used as the bases for such fee applications without prior approval of the Court.

XX. RECEIVER'S BOND

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver shall file with the Clerk of this Court a bond in the sum of \$\(\frac{10}{0000} \) with sureties to be approved by the Court, conditioned that the Receiver will well and truly perform the duties of the office and abide by and perform all acts the Court directs. 28 U.S.C. § 754.

XXI. ACCESS TO BUSINESS RECORDS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants allow the Receiver and the Receiver's employees and agents immediate access to Corporate Defendants' business premises, including to Corporate Defendants' listed address at 12282 Eagle Heart Dr., El Paso, TX, for the purpose of serving the Order on Defendants and to take immediate possession of and inventory of all Documents that are business records of the Corporate Defendants.

- A. The Receiver and the Receiver's employees and agents are authorized to employ the assistance of law enforcement officers, as they deem necessary to effect service of this Order and to ensure their safety when taking possession of and inventorying Documents at the Corporate Defendants' business premises, including at 12282 Eagle Heart Dr., El Paso, TX. The United States Marshals Service is directed to assist the Receiver and the Receiver's employees and agents in carrying out the provisions of this Section.
- B. The Receiver shall take immediate possession of any electronic information storage device, personal or laptop computer, server, or tablet that holds

information of the Corporate Defendants. If Defendants maintain electronic business records with any Electronic Data Host, Defendants will immediately provide the Receiver with information sufficient to access and secure such electronic business records.

Furthermore, the Receiver is allowed to request that FTC employees and agents to access, secure, copy, and download such business records on behalf of the Receiver.

C. Immediately upon receiving notice of this Order, Defendants must provide the Receiver with the address of all business premises, mail drops, or other addresses used by the Corporate Defendants, including any addresses where employees of the Corporate Defendants work from. Furthermore, Defendants and all employees of the Corporate Defendants upon receiving notice of this Order shall provide the Receiver and the Receiver's employees and agents with immediate and unencumbered access to all business records at those locations for the purpose of taking possession of and inventorying the Corporate Defendants' business records, including all Documents that may be related to this action, including all records of the Corporate Defendants and all records of any payments or assets received by the Individual Defendants derived from the Corporate Defendants.

D. After the Receiver has taken possession of, secured and taken inventory of Corporate Defendants business records, the Receiver shall allow Plaintiffs employees and agents to inspect and copy these records. If necessary, the Receiver may allow Plaintiffs to take possession of some Documents for copying. Plaintiffs shall return such documents within three (3) business days of completing said copying. Production of Documents to the Plaintiffs by the Receiver pursuant to this Order shall not provide grounds for any Defendant to object to any subsequent request for Documents served by

Plaintiffs.

XXII. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall immediately provide a copy of this Order to each affiliate, telemarketer, marketer, sales entity, successor, assign, member, officer, director, employee, agent, independent contractor, client, attorney, spouse, subsidiary, division, and representative of any Defendant, and shall, within ten (10) days from the date of entry of this Order, and provide Plaintiffs and the Receiver with a sworn statement that this provision of the Order has been satisfied, which statement shall include the names, physical addresses, phone number, and email addresses of each such Person who received a copy of the Order. Furthermore, Defendants shall not take any action that would encourage officers, agents, members, directors, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns or other Persons in active concert or participation with them to disregard this Order or believe that they are not bound by its provisions.

XXIII. EXPEDITED DISCOVERY

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d) and (f) and 30(a)(2)(A)(iii), and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a), 34, and 45, Plaintiffs and the Receiver are granted leave, at any time after service of this Order, to conduct limited expedited discovery for the purpose of discovering: (1) the nature, location, status, and extent of Defendants' assets; (2) the nature, location, and extent of Defendants' business transactions and operations; (3) Documents reflecting Defendants' business transactions and operations; or (4) compliance with this Order. The limited expedited discovery set forth in this Section shall proceed as follows:

A. Plaintiffs and the Receiver may take the deposition of parties and non-parties. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice shall be sufficient notice for such depositions. The limitations and conditions set forth in Rules 30(a)(2)(B) and 31(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure regarding subsequent depositions of an individual shall not apply to depositions taken pursuant to this Section. Any such deposition taken pursuant to this Section shall not be counted towards the deposition limit set forth in Rules 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A) and depositions may be taken by telephone or other remote electronic means;

- B. Plaintiffs and the Receiver may serve upon parties requests for production of Documents or inspection that require production or inspection within five (5) days of service, provided, however, that three (3) days of notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such Documents that are maintained or stored only in an electronic format.
- C. Plaintiffs and the Receiver may serve upon parties interrogatories that require response within five (5) days after Plaintiffs serves such interrogatories;
- D. The Plaintiffs and the Receiver may serve subpoenas upon non-parties that direct production or inspection within five (5) days of service.
- E. Service of discovery upon a party to this action, taken pursuant to this Section, shall be sufficient if made by facsimile, email, or by overnight delivery.
- F. Any expedited discovery taken pursuant to this Section is in addition to, and is not subject to, the limits on discovery set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court. The expedited discovery permitted by this

1	Section does not require a meeting or conference of the parties, pursuant to Rules 26(d) &
2	(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
3	G. The Parties are exempted from making initial disclosures under Fed. R.
4	Civ. P. 26(a)(1) until further order of this Court.
5	XXIV. SERVICE OF THIS ORDER
6	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order as well as the Motion for
7	Temporary Restraining Order and all other pleadings, Documents, and exhibits filed
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9	contemporaneously with that Motion (other than the complaint and summons), may be
10	served by any means, including facsimile transmission, electronic mail or other electronic
11	messaging, personal or overnight delivery, U.S. Mail or FedEx, by agents and employees
12	of Plaintiffs, by any law enforcement agency, or by private process server, upon any
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14	Defendant or any Person (including any financial institution) that may have possession,
15	custody or control of any asset or Document of any Defendant, or that may be subject to
16	any provision of this Order pursuant to Rule 65(d)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil
17	Procedure. For purposes of this Section, service upon any branch, subsidiary, affiliate or
18	office of any entity shall effect service upon the entire entity.
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20	XXV. CORRESPONDENCE AND SERVICE ON PLAINTIFFS
21	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of this Order, all
22	correspondence and service of pleadings on Plaintiffs shall be addressed to:
23	Christopher E. Brown
24	J. Ronald Brooke, Jr.
25	Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (CC-8528)
26	Washington, DC 20580
27	Fax: 202-326-3395 Email: cbrown3@ftc.gov; jbrooke@ftc.gov

Jeffrey Loeser (Ohio Bar #82144) 1 Erin Leahy (Ohio Bar #69509) Assistant Attorneys General 2 Consumer Protection Section 3 30 E. Broad Street, 14th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 4 Email: jeff.loeser@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov; erin.leahy@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov 5 6 XXVI. PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING 7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b), Defendants 8 shall appear before this Court on the 30^{74} day of Ju/y, 2019, at 9 10 ! O ρ. Μ, to show cause, if there is any, why this Court should not enter a 11 preliminary injunction, pending final ruling on the Complaint against Defendants, 12 enjoining the violations of the law alleged in the Complaint, continuing the freeze of their 13 assets, continuing the receivership, and imposing such additional relief as may be 14 15 appropriate. 16 XXVII. BRIEFS AND AFFIDAVITS CONCERNING PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION 17 18 Α. Defendants shall file with the Court and serve on Plaintiffs' counsel any 19 answering pleadings, affidavits, motions, expert reports or declarations, or legal 20 memoranda no later than four (4) days prior to the order to show cause hearing scheduled 21 pursuant to this Order. Plaintiffs may file responsive or supplemental pleadings, 22 materials, affidavits, or memoranda with the Court and serve the same on counsel for 23 24 Defendants no later than one (1) day prior to the order to show Cause hearing. Provided 25 that such affidavits, pleadings, motions, expert reports, declarations, legal memoranda or 26 oppositions must be served by personal or overnight delivery, facsimile or email, and be 27

received by the other party or parties no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on the appropriate dates set forth in this Section.

- B. An evidentiary hearing on Plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction is not necessary unless Defendants demonstrate that they have, and intend to introduce, evidence that raises a genuine and material factual issue. The question of whether this Court should enter a preliminary injunction shall be resolved on the pleadings, declarations, exhibits, and memoranda filed by, and oral argument of, the parties.
- C. Live testimony shall be heard only on further order of this Court. Any motion to permit such testimony shall be filed with the Court and served on counsel for the other parties at least five (5) days prior to the preliminary injunction hearing in this matter. Such motion shall set forth the name, address, and telephone number of each proposed witness, a detailed summary or affidavit revealing the substance of each proposed witness's expected testimony, and an explanation of why the taking of live testimony would be helpful to this Court. Any papers opposing a timely motion to present live testimony or to present live testimony in response to another party's timely motion to present live testimony shall be filed with this Court and served on the other parties at least three (3) days prior to the order to show cause hearing.

Provided, however, that service shall be performed by personal or overnight delivery, facsimile or email, and Documents shall be delivered so that they shall be received by the other parties no later than 5:00 p.m. MDT on the appropriate dates provided in this Section.

1	XXVIII. DURATION OF THE ORDER
2	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall expire fourteen (14) days
3	from the date of entry noted below, unless within such time, the Order is extended for an
4	additional period pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b)(2).
5	XXIX. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION
6	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this
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15	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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