COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations

Docket No.

2002-98- 16

v.

: File No.

15-98-09992

Thumbs Up Telemarketing, Inc., Respondent

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

PARTIES

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations ("Bureau") and **Thumbs Up Telemarketing, Inc.** ("Respondent") stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned matter:

JURISDICTION

1. This matter is before the Secretary of the Commonwealth ("Secretary") pursuant to the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act ("the Act"), Act of December 19, 1990, P.L. 1200, No. 202, as amended, 10 P.S. §§ 162.1-162.24.

LICENSE AND REGISTRATION STATUS

- 2. Respondent does not deny the truth of the following averments:
- a. Respondent's current address on record with the Bureau is 11861 Westline Industrial Drive, Suite 600, St. Louis, Missouri 63146.
 - b. Respondent is a professional solicitor as defined by the Act.
- c. On or about September 8, 2015, Respondent became registered as a professional solicitor with the Department of State, Bureau of Corporations and

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Charitable Organizations (Bureau) and holds certificate number 13775 issued by the Bureau.

d. Respondent's current registration expires September 7, 2016.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 3. The Respondent admits that the following allegations are true:
- a. On or about May 15, 2012, the Secretary of the Commonwealth issued a Final Adjudication and Order against Respondent for failing to pay an administrative fine assessed to Respondent for providing professional solicitor services without being registered with the Bureau and for soliciting in violation of a cease and desist order.
- b. The May 15, 2012 Final Adjudication and Order imposed an administrative fine in the amount of \$1,000 against Respondent; prohibited Respondent from registering unless and until such time as all penalties are paid, including the \$1,000 fine assessed in the May 15, 2012 Order and the previous administrative fine of \$1,000 assessed on October 24, 2011; and, ordered Respondent to cease and desist from all manner of solicitation activities in the Commonwealth until such time as all information requested by the Bureau has been provided, all penalties imposed have been paid in full and Respondent comes into full compliance with all provisions of the Act, including proper registration.
- c. A true and correct copy of the May 15, 2012 Final Adjudication and Order is attached and incorporated as **EXHIBIT A**.
- d. Respondent provided services as a professional solicitor to a charitable organization with regard to the solicitation of contributions from residents of the Commonwealth.

- e. The services as a professional solicitor provided by Respondent occurred between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2015.
- f. Respondent failed to pay the \$1,000 fine imposed by the May 15, 2012
 Final Adjudication and Order.
- g. Respondent failed to pay a previous administrative fine of \$1,000 assessed on October 24, 2011 and ordered to be paid by the May 15, 2012 Final Adjudication and Order.
- h. Respondent alleges that it did not receive notice of the fine assessed on October 24, 2011 and/or the May 15, 2012 Order.
- Respondent alleges that had it been aware of the fines it would have paid them in a timely manner.
 - j. Respondent alleges that its failure to register was unintentional.

AGREED VIOLATIONS

- 4. The Commonwealth alleges that by engaging in the foregoing activities, Respondent committed multiple violations of Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by having:
 - a. provided services as a professional solicitor regarding the solicitation of contributions in the Commonwealth prior to obtaining approval by the Department of State of a registration statement as required by Section 9(a) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 9(a);
 - b. failed to comply with an order of the Secretary by failing to pay the administrative fines previously imposed.

TERMS OF SECRETARY'S ORDER

5. To address concerns raised by the Commonwealth and to resolve this matter on a compromise basis, the Commonwealth and the Respondent, intending to be legally bound, agree

to this Consent Agreement and Order which shall not be considered an admission of wrongdoing for any purpose, except as set forth in Paragraph 6 below.

- a. Respondent violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), in that Respondent provided services as a professional solicitor regarding the solicitation of contributions in the Commonwealth prior to obtaining approval by the Department of State of a registration statement as required by Section 9(a) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 9(a);
- b. Respondent violated Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), in that Respondent failed to comply with an order of the Secretary by failing to pay the administrative fines previously imposed.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE

- c. An **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE** in the amount of **FOUR-THOUASAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00)** is hereby levied upon Respondent.
- d. Respondent shall tender the full sum of the ADMINISTRATIVE FINE as follows:
 - (1) Respondent shall tender the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) with this executed Consent Agreement;
 - (2) Respondent shall make the second payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) on or before January 15, 2017;
 - (3) Respondent shall make the third payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) on or before February 15, 2017;

- (4) Respondent shall make the fourth and final payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) on or before March 15, 2017.
- e. Payment of the ADMINISTRATIVE FINE shall be by certified check, cashier's check, attorney's check, or money order issued by a usual, customary, and reputable issuer (e.g. U.S. Postal Money Order, Western Union Money Order, etc.).
- f. The instrument of payment shall be payable to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,' and shall be valid for a period of at least one hundred eighty (180) days.

CASE SETTLED AND DISCONTINUED

- g. This case shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Secretary issuing an Order approving and adopting this Consent Agreement and upon the Respondent's successful completion of the requirements of this Order.
- h. Nothing in this Consent Agreement and Order shall preclude the Prosecuting Attorney for the Bureau from filing charges, or the Secretary from imposing, disciplinary or corrective measures for violations or facts not contained in this Consent Agreement and Order.

ADMISSIBILITY OF CONSENT AGREEMENT IN FUTURE PROCEDINGS

6. Respondent agrees that if Respondent is charged with a violation of an Act enforced by the Secretary in the future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence without objection in that proceeding.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTICE AND WAIVER OF HEARING

- 7. Respondent waives the filing of an Order to Show Cause in this matter.
- 8. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and knowingly and voluntarily waives the following rights related to that hearing: to

be represented by counsel at the hearing; to present witnesses and testimony in defense or in mitigation of any sanction that may be imposed for a violation; to cross-examine witnesses and to challenge evidence presented by the Commonwealth; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RIGHT TO ATTORNEY

- 9. Respondent acknowledges that it is aware that it has the right to consult with, and be represented by, private legal counsel of Respondent's choosing and at Respondent's expense when reviewing, considering and accepting the terms of this Consent Agreement.
- 10. To the extent that Respondent is not represented by legal counsel, Respondent has knowingly elected to proceed in this matter without the assistance of legal counsel.

WAIVER OF CLAIM OF COMMINGLING AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIMS

11. Respondent expressly waives any constitutional rights and issues, such as commingling of prosecutorial and adjudicative functions by the Secretary or his counsel, which may arise or have arisen during the negotiation, preparation and/or presentation of this Consent Agreement. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Secretary does not approve this Consent Agreement.

NO MODIFICATION OF ORDER

12. Respondent agrees, as a condition of entering into this Consent Agreement, not to seek modification at a later date of the Stipulated Order adopting and implementing this Consent Agreement without first obtaining the express written concurrence of the Prosecution Division.

AGREEMENT NOT BINDING ON OTHER PARTIES

13. This Consent Agreement is between the Bureau and Respondent only. It does not bind any other governmental or administrative entity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including any other bureau within the Department of State.

14. The Office of General Counsel has approved this Consent Agreement as to form and legality; however, this Consent Agreement shall have no legal effect unless and until the Secretary issues an Order approving and adopting this Consent Agreement.

EFFECT OF SECRETARY'S REJECTION OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

15. Should the Secretary not approve this Consent Agreement, presentation to and consideration of this Consent Agreement and other documents and matters by the Secretary shall not prejudice the Secretary from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Secretary does not approve this Consent Agreement.

AGREEMENT DOES NOT PREVENT REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES

16. The parties acknowledge that other federal, state, and/or local agencies may have jurisdiction over the activities of, or representations made by, Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, employees or independent contractors. Nothing in this Consent Agreement or the Order based upon this Consent Agreement shall preclude representatives of the Bureau from referring any information or data produced as a result of this matter to any federal, state, or local agency or governmental unit having jurisdiction over the activities of Respondent or any officer, director, agent, employee or independent contractor of the Respondent.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

17. This agreement contains the whole agreement between the participants; provided however, that the captions printed in the various provisions of this agreement are for ease of reading only and are not to be interpreted as forming any part of this agreement. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this agreement.

VERIFICATION OF FACTS AND STATEMENTS

18. Respondent verifies that the facts and statements set forth in this Consent Agreement are true and correct to the best of Respondent's knowledge, information and belief. Respondent understands that statements in this Consent Agreement are made subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Trese M. Evancho

Prosecuting Attorney
Department of State

DATED: 12/28/2016

Thumbs Up Telemarketing, Inc.

Respondent

DATED

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Bureau of Charitable Organizations

vs. : Docket No. 0009-98-12 : File No. 12-98-01821

Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc.,

Respondent

FINAL ADJUDICATION AND ORDER

Carol Aichele Secretary of the Commonwealth

302 North Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 787-7630



HISTORY

This matter comes before the Secretary of the Commonwealth (Secretary) from an order to show cause filed March 7, 2012, alleging that Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc. (Respondent), a professional solicitor not currently registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is subject to administrative sanctions under the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act ("Act"). The order to show cause alleges that Respondent violated the Act at 10 P.S. §162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. §162.17(b)(3), by failing to pay the administrative fine assessed to Respondent for providing professional solicitor services without being registered with the Bureau and in violation of a cease and desist order.

On April 24, 2012, the Commonwealth filed a motion to enter default and deem facts admitted in accordance with the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure at 1 Pa. Code § 35.37.

Respondent did not submit a reply to either pleading. The Secretary now issues this adjudication and order in final disposition of this matter.

¹ Act of December 19, 1990, P.L. 1200, No. 202, as amended, 10 P.S. § 162.1 et seq.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

- 1. Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc. (Respondent) is a professional solicitor as defined by the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act (Act) and as such is required to be registered with the Bureau. (Order to show cause ¶¶ 1 and 3)
- 2. Respondent's last known address is 13545 Barrett Parkway Drive, Suite 101, St. Louis, MO 63021. (Order to show cause ¶ 2)
- 3. Respondent is not currently registered as a professional solicitor with the Bureau. (Order to show cause ¶ 4)
- 4. Respondent has never been registered as a professional solicitor with the Bureau. (Order to show cause ¶ 5)
- 5. On or about October 17, 1996, the Secretary of the Commonwealth issued a Cease and Desist Order against Respondent. (Order to show cause ¶ 6)
 - 6. That Cease and Desist Order remains in effect. (Order to show cause ¶ 7)
- 7. On or about October 19, 2011, Respondent submitted a registration statement for professional solicitor BCO-155. (Bureau records; Order to show cause, Exhibit A)
- 8. The registration statement indicated that the company acted as a professional solicitor by soliciting contributions in Pennsylvania in the absence of registration and in violation of a cease and desist order. (Order to show cause attached Exhibit A)
- 9. On or about October 24, 2011, Respondent was assessed a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) administrative fine for providing professional solicitor services prior to being registered with the Bureau and in violation of a cease and desist order. (Order to show cause ¶ 8, Exhibit A)
- 10. Respondent was notified of the assessed administrative fine by letter dated October 24, 2011. (Order to show cause ¶ 9, Exhibit A)

- 11. The Bureau's letter required Respondent to pay the administrative fine within thirty (30) days. (Order to show cause ¶ 11)
- 12. As of February 29, 2012, Respondent has not paid the administrative fine assessed by the Bureau on October 24, 2011. (Order to show cause ¶ 12)
- 13. On March 7, 2012, the Commonwealth filed an order to show cause in this matter.

 (Docket number 0009-98-12)
- 14. Pursuant to the Certificate of Service attached to the order to show cause, the Commonwealth served the order to show cause upon Respondent by mailing one copy via certified mail, return receipt requested and another copy via fist class mail, postage prepaid, on March 8, 2012, to Respondent at the following address: 13545 Barrett Parkway Drive, Suite 101, St. Louis, MO 63021. (Motion to enter default and deem facts admitted ¶ 1-2; Docket number 0009-98-12)
- 15. Respondent received the order to show cause on March 12, 2012, as evidenced by an electronic receipt for Certified Mail item number 7196 9009 3500 2185 1268. (Motion to enter default and deem facts admitted ¶ 3, Exhibit B)
- 16. The order to show cause sent via first class mail, postage prepaid, was not returned to the Commonwealth. (Motion to enter default and deem facts admitted ¶ 4)
- 17. The order to show cause directed Respondent to file an answer thereto within thirty (30) days of its date. (Motion to enter default and deem facts admitted ¶ 5)
- 18. Thirty days from the date of the order to show cause expired on April 11, 2012. (Motion to enter default and deem facts admitted ¶ 6)
- 19. On April 24, 2012, Respondent was served with a copy of the motion to enter default and deem facts admitted. (Motion to enter default, Certificate of service; docket number 0009-98-12)

- 20. Respondent did not file a response to the order to show cause or the motion to enter default and deem facts admitted. (Docket number 0009-98-12)
- 21. Respondent was served with all pleadings, orders and notices filed of record in this matter. (Docket number 0009-98-12)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter. (Findings of Fact 1, 5, 7-8)
- 2. Respondent has been afforded actual notice of the charges against it and an opportunity to be heard in this proceeding in accordance with the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. §504. (Findings of Fact 2, 13-21)
- 3. There is good cause to grant the Commonwealth's motion to deem facts admitted because Respondent failed to file a written answer to the order to show cause. (Findings of fact 21)
- 4. Respondent violated the Act at 10 P.S. §162.15(a)(1) by and through 10 P.S. §162.17(b)(3) by failing to pay an administrative fine assessed to Respondent for providing professional solicitor services without being registered with the Bureau and soliciting in violation of a cease and desist order. (Findings of Fact 1, 3-12)

DISCUSSION

I. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

This matter is before the Secretary of the Commonwealth (Secretary) pursuant to the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, Act of December 19, 1990, P.L. 1200, No. 202, as amended ("Act"), 10 P.S. §§ 162.1, et seq. The order to show cause issued in this matter comprises one count, alleging that Respondent violated the Act at 10 P.S. 162.15(a)(1) by and through 10 P.S. §162.17(b)(3), which provide in pertinent part as follows:

§ 162.15 Prohibited Acts

(a) General Rule. – Regardless of a person's intent or the lack of injury, the following acts and practices are prohibited in the planning, conduct or execution of any solicitation or charitable sales promotion:

(1) Operating in violation of, or failing to comply with, any of the requirements of this act, regulations of the department or an order of the secretary, or soliciting contributions after registration with the department has expired or has been suspended or revoked or soliciting contributions prior to the solicitation notice and contract having been approved by the department.

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§ 162.17 Administrative enforcement and penalties

- (a) General rule. The secretary may refuse to register or revoke or suspend the registration of any charitable organization, professional fundraising counsel or professional solicitor whenever he finds that a charitable organization, professional fundraising counsel or professional solicitor, or an agent, servant or employee thereof:
 - (1) Has violated or is operating in violation of any of the provisions of this act, the regulations of the department, or an order issued by the secretary.
 - (2) Has refused or failed or any of its principal officers has refused or failed, after notice, to produce any records of such organization or to disclose any information required to be disclosed under this act or the regulations of the department.
 - (3) Has made a material false statement in an application, statement or report required to be filed under this act.
- (b) Additional actions. When the secretary finds that the registration of any person may be refused, suspended or revoked under the terms of subsection (a), the secretary may:
 - (1) Revoke a grant of exemption to any of the provisions of this act.
 - (2) Issue an order directing that the person cease and desist specified fundraising activities.

- (3) Impose an administrative fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each act or omission which constitutes a violation of this act and an additional penalty, not to exceed \$100 for each day during which such violation continues. Registration will be automatically suspended upon final affirmation of an administrative fine until the fine is paid or until the normal expiration date of the registration. No registration shall be renewed until the fine is paid.
- (4) Place the registrant on probation for such period of time and subject to such conditions as he may decide.
- (c) Administrative procedures. —All actions of the secretary shall be taken subject to the right of notice, hearing and adjudication and the right of appeal therefrom in accordance with Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to administrative law and procedure).

The motion to enter default and deem facts admitted is in accordance with the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure. The relevant provision of the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure states as follows:

§ 35.37 Answers to order to show cause

Any person upon whom an order to show cause has been served . . . shall, if directed to do so, respond to the same by filing within the time specified in the order an answer in writing. The answer shall be drawn so as specifically to admit or deny the allegations or charges which may be in order, set forth the facts upon which respondent relies, and state concisely the matters of law relied upon.

... A respondent failing to file an answer within the time allowed shall be deemed in default, and relevant facts stated in the Order to show cause may be deemed admitted.

1 Pa. Code § 35.37.

II. DUE PROCESS

"It is well established that the requirements of due process of law apply to administrative proceedings." First National Bank of Pike County v. Department of Banking and Bank of Matamoras, Intervening, 300 A.2d 823, 824 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1973) (citation omitted). "Due process requires that a person be provided notice and an opportunity to be heard prior to an adjudication, affecting that person's rights." Goetz v. Department of Environmental Resources, 613 A.2d 65, 67 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1992) (citation omitted), appeal denied, 625 A.2d 1196 (Pa. 1993).

"Notice of administrative action which is mailed to the interested party's last known address has been found to be reasonable notice." <u>Kobylski v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Milk Marketing Board</u>, 516 A.2d 75, 77 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1986), citing <u>Yarbrough v. Department of Public Welfare</u>, 478 A.2d 956 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1984).

A copy of the order to show cause was mailed to Respondent at its last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested and by first class mail, postage prepaid. The order to show cause sent via certified mail was signed for by an individual at that address (William Woeul), as evidenced by the electronic receipt from the United States Postal Service, attached as Exhibit B in the motion to enter default and deem facts admitted. Additionally, the order to show cause mailed by first class mail has not been returned to the Commonwealth. Therefore, the Secretary finds that Respondent received actual notice of the action and allegations against it. The order to show cause clearly and specifically stated the charges against Respondent. The order to show cause directed Respondent to file an answer or risk disciplinary action without a hearing. The order to show cause explained the procedures to request a hearing. Further, the order to show cause warned Respondent that if it failed to request a hearing it would be deemed to have waived its right to a hearing and final judgment might be entered without a hearing. Due process does not confer an absolute right to be heard, but only that a party is provided with an opportunity to be heard. Goetz, 613 A.2d at 67. The Secretary finds that Respondent was given an opportunity to be heard and failed to take advantage of that opportunity. Therefore, the Secretary of the Commonwealth deems the factual allegations contained in the order to show cause admitted, and grants the motion to enter default and deem facts admitted against Respondent.

IV. ANALYSIS AND SANCTION

In the sole count of the order to show cause, the Commonwealth alleges that Respondent violated the Act at 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), which generally prohibits solicitors from operating in violation of, or failing to comply with, any of the requirements of the Act. This includes soliciting contributions without registration with the department as a professional solicitor and soliciting contributions prior to the solicitation notice and contract having been approved by the department.² The Commonwealth specifically charges Respondent with violating the Act at 10 P.S. §162.17(b)(3) by failing to pay an administrative fine of \$1,000 assessed to Respondent. The fine was based on Respondent providing professional solicitor services prior to being registered with the Bureau. The facts deemed admitted establish that a Cease and Desist Order has been in effect against Respondent since October 17, 1996. When Respondent submitted a registration statement for professional solicitor on September 30, 2011, the registration statement indicated that the company had acted as a professional solicitor by soliciting contributions in Pennsylvania in the absence of registration and in violation of cease and desist order. Therefore, on October 24, 2011, Respondent was assessed a \$1,000.00 administrative fine for providing professional solicitor services prior to being registered with the Bureau. To date, Respondent has not paid this administrative fine. Therefore, Respondent violated the Act at 10 P.S. §162.15(a)(1)

² § 162.9 Registration of professional solicitors; contract and disclosure requirements; bonds; records; books (a) Registration and approval required.—No person shall act as a professional solicitor before obtaining department approval of a registration statement pursuant to subsection (d) or after the expiration, suspension or revocation of such registration.

⁽e) Contract filing.—No less than ten working days prior to the commencement of each solicitation campaign, event or services, a professional solicitor shall file with the department a copy of the contract described in subsection (f) and a written solicitation notice. No solicitation or services pursuant to the contract shall begin before the department has approved the contract pursuant to subsection (g). The solicitation notice shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25 and shall be signed and sworn to by the authorized contracting officer for the professional solicitor. If more than one event or campaign is conducted under a contract, then a solicitation notice addendum must be filed no less than ten working days prior to the commencement of each additional event or campaign.

by and through 10 P.S. §162.17(b)(3), and the Secretary may impose any or all of the sanctions under 10 P.S. §162.17(b).

The Secretary of the Commonwealth finds that Respondent has violated the Act by failing to pay an administrative fine assessed by the Bureau. That fine was levied for Respondent acting as a professional solicitor by soliciting contributions in Pennsylvania in the absence of registration and in violation of a cease and desist order, as indicated by the registration statement submitted by Respondent. To date, Respondent remains unregistered as a professional solicitor. The obligations that Respondent failed to perform are critical requirements to which a professional solicitor must adhere under the Act. Based on the foregoing findings of facts, conclusions of law and discussion, and in the absence of mitigation, the following order shall issue:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	:	
Bureau of Charitable Organizations	:	
	:	
VS.	:	Docket No. 0009-98-12
	:	File No. 12-98-01821
Thumbs-In Telemarketing, Inc.,	:	

Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc., Respondent

ORDER

AND NOW, this 15th day of May, 2012, upon consideration of the foregoing findings of fact, conclusions of law and discussion, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. An administrative fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be imposed upon the Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc. in accordance with 10 P.S. § 162.17(b)(3). This amount shall be remitted by certified check or U.S. Postal Service money order made payable to "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" within thirty days of the effective date of this order and mailed to:

Martha Brown, Assistant Counsel Pennsylvania Department of State Office of Chief Counsel 301 North Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

- 2. Respondent shall be **prohibited from registering** as a professional solicitor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania unless and until such time as all penalties are paid, including the \$1,000 fine assessed by this order (above) and the previous administrative fine of \$1,000.00, assessed on October 24, 2011.
- 3. Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc., its successors, agents or affiliates, shall CEASE and DESIST from all manner of solicitation activities in this Commonwealth, until such time as all information requested by the Bureau has been provided, all penalties imposed have been paid in full and Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc. comes into full compliance with all provisions of the Act, including proper registration.

Appeal may be taken pursuant to section 17(c) of the Act, 10 P.S. §162.17(c), and 2 Pa. C.S. §702, within 30 days of the date of mailing of this Adjudication and Order as indicated below.

This order shall take effect thirty days from the date it is deposited in the mail.

BY ORDER:

Carol Aichele

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Respondent:

Thumbs-Up Telemarketing, Inc. 13545 Barrett Parkway Drive Suite 101 St. Louis, MO 63021

For the Commonwealth

Eric Spada, Esquire Prosecuting Attorney Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State 212 North Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Date of Mailing:

May 15, 2012

NOTICE

The attached Adjudication and Order represents the final agency decision in this matter. It may be appealed to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania by the filing of a Petition for Review with that Court within 30 days after the entry of the order in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure. See Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure entitled "Judicial Review of Governmental Determinations," Pa. R.A.P 1501 – 1561. Please note: An order is entered on the date it is mailed. If you take an appeal to the Commonwealth Court, you must serve the Secretary of the Commonwealth with a copy of your Petition for Review. The agency contact for receiving service of such an appeal is:

Pennsylvania Department of State
Office of Chief Counsel
Legal Counsel, Bureau of Charitable Organizations
401 North Street
Room 301
Harrisburg, PA 17120



Thumbs Up Telemarketing, Inc.

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ORDER

THIS ORDER shall take effect immediately.

BY ORDER

Pedro A. Cortés

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Date of mailing:

February 9, 2017