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8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT  
9 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 In the Matter of:	)	ESCROW LICENSE NO. 96DBO-68090
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12 THE COMMISSIONER OF BUSINESS	)	STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF
13 OVERSIGHT,	)	ORDER REVOKING ESCROW AGENT’S
	)	LICENSE UNDER FINANCIAL CODE
14 Complainant,	)	SECTION 17207
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15 v.	)	
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17 NEWLINE ESCROW, INC.,	)	
	)	
18 Respondent.	)	
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21 Jan Lynn Owen, the Commissioner of Business Oversight (Commissioner), is informed and  
22 believes, and based upon such information and belief, alleges and charges Respondent Newline  
23 Escrow, Inc. (Newline Escrow) as follows:

24 **I.**

25 **Jurisdiction and Venue**

26 1. The Commissioner brings this action under the provisions of Financial  
27 Code section 17207 of the Escrow Law (Fin. Code, § 17000 et seq.) and the rules and regulations  
28 promulgated thereunder.



1 (4) If an escrow agent fails to pay the amount due on or before the June  
2 30 following the day upon which payment is due, the commissioner  
3 may by order summarily suspend or revoke the certificate issued to the  
4 company.

5 (5) If, after an order is made pursuant to paragraph (4), a request for a  
6 hearing is filed in writing and a hearing is not held within 60 days  
7 thereafter, the order is deemed rescinded as of its effective date. During  
8 any period when its certificate is revoked or suspended, a company  
9 shall not conduct business pursuant to this division, except as may be  
10 permitted by order of the commissioner. However, the revocation,  
11 suspension, or surrender of a certificate shall not affect the powers of  
12 the commissioner as provided in this division.

13 (f) Fifty dollars (\$50) for investigation services in connection with each  
14 application for qualification of any person under Section 17200.8, other  
15 than investigation services under subdivision (c) of this section.

16 (g) A fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the filing of a  
17 notice or report required by rules adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) or  
18 Section 17203.1.

19 (h)(1) If costs and expenses associated with the enforcement of this  
20 division, including overhead, are or will be incurred by the  
21 commissioner during the year for which the annual license fee is levied,  
22 and that will or could result in the commissioner's incurring of costs  
23 and expenses, including overhead, in excess of the costs and expenses,  
24 including overhead, budgeted for expenditure for the year in which the  
25 annual license fee is levied, then the commissioner may levy a special  
26 assessment on each escrow agent for each office or location in an  
27 amount estimated to pay for the actual costs and expenses associated  
28 with the enforcement of this division, including overhead, in an amount  
not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each office or location.  
The commissioner shall notify each escrow agent by mail of the  
amount of the special assessment levied against it, and that payment of  
the special assessment is payable by the escrow agent within 60 days of  
receipt of notification by the commissioner. The funds received from  
the special assessment shall be deposited into the State Corporations  
Fund and shall be used only for the purposes for which the special  
assessment is made.

(2) If payment is not made within 60 days, the commissioner may  
assess and collect a penalty, in addition to the special assessment, of 10  
percent of the special assessment for each month or part of a month that  
the payment is delayed or withheld. If an escrow agent fails to pay the

1 special assessment on or before 60 days following the day upon which  
2 payment is due, the commissioner may by order summarily suspend or  
3 revoke the certificate issued to the company. If an order is made under  
4 this subdivision, the provisions of paragraph (5) of subdivision (e) shall  
5 apply.

6 (3) If the amount collected pursuant to this subdivision exceeds the  
7 actual costs and expenses, including overhead, incurred in the  
8 administration and enforcement of this division and any deficit  
9 incurred, the excess shall be credited to each escrow agent on a pro rata  
10 basis.

11 **IV.**

12 **Order Revoking Escrow Agent's License**  
13 **(For violations of Financial Code section 17207)**

14 7. The Commissioner realleges and reincorporates by reference paragraphs 1. through 6.  
15 of this Statement of Facts in Support of Order Revoking Escrow Agent's License as though fully set  
16 forth herein.

17 8. Financial Code section 17207, subdivision (e)(4), authorizes the Commissioner to  
18 issue an order to summarily suspend or revoke the license issued to the company, if an escrow agent  
19 fails to pay the amount due on or before the June 30 following the day upon which payment is due.

20 9. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, as set forth fully above in paragraphs 1.  
21 through 6., Newline Escrow has failed to pay its annual assessment that was due to the Commissioner  
22 by June 30.

1           WHEREFORE, good cause showing, and under Financial Code section 17207, subdivision  
2 (e)(4), the Commissioner prays for an order revoking the escrow agent’s license issued to Newline  
3 Escrow unless the company pays its annual assessment plus a penalty of ten percent of the fee for  
4 each month or part of a month that the payment is delayed or withheld. Newline Escrow’s payment  
5 must be received in good funds to the Department of Business Oversight Accounting Office located  
6 at 1515 K Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, California 95814-4052, no later than the close of business  
7 on October 8, 2018. In the event the Revocation Order is issued, Newline Escrow will be ordered and  
8 directed to immediately discontinue the acceptance or processing of any escrow or joint control  
9 business, and the taking of any money, documents, or other property.

10 Dated: September 17, 2018  
11           Los Angeles, California

JAN LYNN OWEN  
Commissioner of Business Oversight

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