

1 State of New Hampshire Banking Department

2 In re the Matter of:) Case No.: 08-391
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 3 State of New Hampshire Banking)
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 4 Department,) Order to Show Cause
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 5 Petitioner,)
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 6 and)
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 7 Cross Country Lenders, LLC, James F.)
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 8 Dawes, and Geoffrey Chadwick,)
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 9 Respondents)

10 NOTICE OF ORDER

11 This Order commences an adjudicative proceeding under the provisions
12 of RSA 397-A and RSA 541-A.

13 LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

14 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, the Banking Department of the State of New
15 Hampshire (hereinafter the "Department") has the authority to issue an order
16 to show cause why license revocation and penalties for violations of New
17 Hampshire Banking laws should not be imposed.

18 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:18, the Department has the authority to issue a
19 complaint setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion
20 that the licensee or person over whom the Department has jurisdiction is
21 violating or has violated any provision of RSA Chapter 397-A, or any rule or
22 order thereunder.

23 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:20, the Commissioner may issue, amend, or
24 rescind such orders as are reasonably necessary to comply with the
25 provisions of the Chapter.

1 Pursuant to RSA 397-A:21, the Commissioner has the authority to
2 suspend, revoke or deny any license and to impose administrative penalties
3 of up to \$2,500.00 for each violation of New Hampshire banking law and
4 rules.

5 Pursuant to RSA 383:10-d, the Commissioner shall investigate conduct
6 that is or may be an unfair or deceptive act or practice under RSA 358-A and
7 exempt under RSA 358-A:3,I or that may violate any of the provisions of
8 Titles XXXV and XXXVI and administrative rules adopted thereunder. The
9 Commissioner may hold hearings relative to such conduct and may order
10 restitution for a person or persons adversely affected by such conduct. The
11 Commissioner may utilize all remedies available under the Consumer
12 Protection Act.

13 **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING**

14 The above named Respondents have the right to request a hearing on
15 this Order to Show Cause, as well as the right to be represented by counsel
16 at each Respondent's own expense. All hearings shall comply with RSA 541-A.
17 Any such request for a hearing shall be in writing, and signed by the
18 Respondent or the duly authorized agent of the above named Respondent, and
19 shall be delivered either by hand or certified mail, return receipt
20 requested, to the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire, 53 Regional
21 Drive, Suite 200, Concord, NH 03301. Such hearings will be scheduled within
22 10 days of the Department's receipt of the request. If the Respondent fails
23 to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, such person shall be
24 deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against the Respondent
25 upon consideration of the Order to Show Cause, the allegations of which may be

1 deemed to be true.

2 If any of the above named Respondents fails to request a hearing within
3 30 calendar days of receipt of such order or reach formal settlement with the
4 Department within that time frame, then such person shall likewise be deemed
5 in default, and the orders shall, on the thirty-first day, become permanent,
6 and shall remain in full force and effect until and unless later modified or
7 vacated by the Commissioner, for good cause shown.

8 **STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS, APPLICABLE LAWS AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

9 The Staff Petition dated January 7, 2009 (a copy of which is attached
10 hereto) is incorporated by reference hereto.

11 **ORDER**

12 WHEREAS, finding it necessary and appropriate and in the public
13 interest, and consistent with the intent and purposes of the New Hampshire
14 banking laws, and

15 WHEREAS, finding that the allegations contained in the Staff Petition,
16 if proved true and correct, form the legal basis of the relief requested,

17 It is hereby ORDERED, that:

- 18 1. Respondent Cross Country Lenders, LLC ("Respondent Cross
19 Country Lenders") shall show cause why penalties in the
20 amount of \$2,500.00 should not be imposed against it;
- 21 2. Respondent James F. Dawes ("Respondent Dawes") shall show
22 cause why penalties in the amount of \$5,000.00 should not be
23 imposed against him;
- 24 3. Respondent Geoffrey Chadwick ("Respondent Chadwick") shall
25 show cause why penalties in the amount of \$5,000.00 should

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10 I. STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

11 The Staff of the Banking Department, State of New Hampshire (hereinafter
12 "Department") alleges the following facts:

13 Facts Common on All Counts:

- 14 1. Respondent Cross Country Lenders, LLC (hereinafter "Respondent
15 Cross Country Lenders") was licensed as a Mortgage Broker from
16 at least June 22, 2005 (with an amended license date of July 11,
17 2006) until it surrendered its license on March 5, 2008.
- 18 2. Respondent James F. Dawes (hereinafter "Respondent Dawes") was
19 the 50% owner and Managing Director of Respondent Cross Country
20 Lenders, when licensed by the Department.
- 21 3. Respondent Geoffrey Chadwick (hereinafter "Respondent Chadwick")
22 was the 50% owner and Partner of Respondent Cross Country
23 Lenders, when licensed by the Department.

1 Violation of RSA 397-A:12,V Failure to Pay Examination Fee (1 Count):

2 Violation of RSA 397-A:13,VI Failure of Officer and Owner to Respond to

3 Department Inquiries (1 Count):

4 4. Paragraphs 1 through 3 are hereby realleged as fully set forth
5 herein.

6 5. The Department conducted an examination of Respondent Cross
7 Country Lenders on January 21, 2008, while Respondent Cross
8 Country Lenders was still licensed with the Department.

9 6. On May 12, 2008, the Department mailed the report of examination
10 and invoice for \$500.00 to Respondent Cross Country Lenders, via
11 U.S. Certified Mail Return Receipt requested, which Respondents
12 received on May 15, 2008.

13 7. The above named Respondents failed to respond to the May 12, 2008
14 correspondence from the Department.

15 8. The Department mailed a second notice on June 24, 2008 and a third
16 notice on August 1, 2008.

17 9. The above named Respondents did not respond to any of the three
18 notices for payment of the \$500.00 invoice.

19 10. To date, the above named Respondents still owe the \$500.00
20 examination fee for the one day examination.

21 **II. ISSUES OF LAW**

22 The staff of the Department, alleges the following issues of law:

23 1. The Department realleges the above stated facts in Paragraphs 1
24 through 10 as fully set forth herein.

25 2. The Department has jurisdiction over the licensing and regulation

1 of persons engaged in mortgage banker or broker activities
2 pursuant to NH RSA 397-A:2 and RSA 397-A:3.

3 3. RSA 397-A:12,V provides that the expense of such examination shall
4 be chargeable to and paid by the licensee. Each of the above
5 named Respondents violated this provision on at least one
6 occasion as alleged above. To date, the above named Respondents
7 have failed to pay the \$500.00 examination invoice.

8 4. RSA 397-A:13,VI provides that any officer, owner, manager or agent
9 of any licensee shall reply promptly in writing, or other
10 designated form, to any written inquiry from the Department.
11 Respondent Dawes and Respondent Chadwick each violated this
12 provision on at least one occasion as alleged above.

13 5. RSA 397-A:18,I provides that the Department may issue a complaint
14 setting forth charges whenever the Department is of the opinion
15 that the licensee or person over whom the Department has
16 jurisdiction, has violated any provision of RSA 397-A or orders
17 thereunder.

18 6. RSA 397-A:21,IV provides that any person who, either knowingly or
19 negligently, violates any provision of Chapter 397-A, may upon
20 hearing, and in addition to any other penalty provided for by
21 law, be subject to an administrative fine not to exceed
22 \$2,500.00, or both. Each of the acts specified shall constitute
23 a separate violation, and such administrative action or fine may
24 be imposed in addition to any criminal penalties or civil
25 liabilities imposed by New Hampshire Banking laws.

1 7. RSA 397-A:21,V provides that every person who directly or
2 indirectly controls a person liable under this section, every
3 partner, principal executive officer or director of such person,
4 every person occupying a similar status or performing a similar
5 function, every employee of such person who materially aids in the
6 act constituting the violation, and every licensee or person acting
7 as a common law agent who materially aids in the acts constituting
8 the violation, either knowingly or negligently, may, upon notice
9 and opportunity for hearing, and in addition to any other penalty
10 provided for by law, be subject to suspension, revocation, or
11 denial of any registration or license, including the forfeiture of
12 any application fee, or the imposition of an administrative fine
13 not to exceed \$2,500, or both. Each of the acts specified shall
14 constitute a separate violation, and such administrative action or
15 fine may be imposed in addition to any criminal or civil penalties
16 imposed.

17 **III. RELIEF REQUESTED**

18 The staff of the Department requests the Commissioner take the following
19 action:

- 20 1. Find as fact the allegations contained in section I of this Staff
21 Petition;
- 22 2. Make conclusions of law relative to the allegations contained in
23 section II of this Staff Petition;
- 24 3. Pursuant to RSA 397-A:17, order each of the above named
25 Respondents to show cause why their license should not be revoked;

