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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

NETWORK REAL ESTATE OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, INC., WILLIAM PAPOLA, JR.,

Respondents.

No. H-3174 SAC

ACCUSATION

The Complainant, Charles W. Koenig, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California for cause of Accusation against NETWORK REAL ESTATE OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, INC. dba ERA Network Real Estate and ERA Network Real Estate Property Management (hereinafter "Respondent NETWORK") and WILLIAM PAPOLA, JR. (hereinafter "Respondent PAPOLA"), is informed and alleges as follows:

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

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The Complainant, Charles W. Koenig, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in his official capacity.

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Respondent NETWORK is presently licensed and/or has

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COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 8-72) license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) (hereinafter "Code"). At all time herein mentioned, Respondent NETWORK was licensed as a real estate broker corporation by and through its designated broker-officer Respondent PAPOLA.

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Respondent PAPOLA is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Code. At all times herein mentioned, Respondent was licensed as the designated broker-officer of Respondent NETWORK.

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Whenever reference is made in an allegation in this
Accusation to an act or omission of "Respondents", such allegation
shall be deemed to mean the act or omission of each of the
Respondents named in the caption hereof, acting individually,
jointly, and severally.

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Beginning on or before August 1, 1993 through on or about February 28, 1995, Respondents, acting on behalf of another or others and in expectation of a compensation, leased or rented, offered to lease or rent, solicited prospective tenants, or collected rents and otherwise managed certain real properties located in or near Grass Valley, California.

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During the course of the property management activities described in Paragraph V above, Respondents received and disbursed funds held in trust on behalf of another or others.

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Beginning on or before August 1, 1993 through on or about February 28, 1995, Respondents maintained the following trust fund accounts:

# ACCOUNT NAME & NO.

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ERA Network RE, Property Management

Division Account No.

03906 (hereinafter "Trust #1")

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ERA Network RE, Property Management Division Account No.

(hereinafter "Trust #2")

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15 Management, Petty Cash Account No. 16

ERA Network Real Estate Property .0506 (hereinafter "Account #1")

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name of Respondent NETWORK or Respondent PAPOLA as trustee at a 19 bank or other financial institution as required by Section 2830 of 20 Title 10, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter 21

"Regulations"). 22

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Account #1 was not designated a trust account in the

In connection with the collection and disbursement of said trust funds, Respondents failed to deposit and maintain said trust funds in Trust #1 and Trust #2 in such manner that as of February 28, 1995, there was a shortage of \$365.57 of trust funds.

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Respondents failed to obtain prior written consent of their principals for the reduction of the aggregate balance of trust funds in said bank accounts to an amount less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability to the owners of said funds.

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In connection with Account #3, as of February 28, 1995, Respondents had an unexplained trust account overage of \$183.77. Respondents failed to maintain a separate record of said unexplained trust account overage as required by Section 2833 of the Regulations.

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In connection with the receipt and disbursement of trust funds described in Paragraph VI above, as to Account #1,

Respondents failed to adequately maintain a separate record for each beneficiary or transaction, accounting therein for all said trust funds received, deposited, and disbursed in the manner required by Section 2831.1 of the Regulations.

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In connection with the receipt and disbursement of trust funds described in Paragraph VI above, as to Account #1,

Respondents failed to adequately maintain separate records of all trust funds received and disbursed as required by Section 2831.1 of the Regulations. Respondents failed to reconcile the balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records at least once per month, in conformance with Section 2831.2 of the Regulations.

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Within the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of this Accusation, Respondents operated their property management business described in Paragraph V above, using the fictitious business name of "ERA Network RE, Property Management Division" without Respondents obtaining a license bearing said fictitious business name as required by Section 2731 of the Regulations.

### VIX

The acts and/or omissions of Respondents described above are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and/or license rights of Respondents under the following sections of the Code and Regulations:

- 1) As to Paragraphs VII, VIII and IX, under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 10145 of the Code and Sections 2830 and 2832.1 of the Regulations;
- 2) As to Paragraph X, under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 2833 of the Regulations;
- 3) As to Paragraph XI, under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 2831.1 of the Regulations;
- 4) As to Paragraph XII, under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Sections 2831.1 and 2831.2 of the Regulations; and
- 5) As to Paragraph XIII under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 2731 of the Regulations.

In the alternative, the acts and/or omissions of Respondent PAPOLA, as described above, constitute failure on the

part of Respondent PAPOLA, as designated broker-officer for
Respondent NETWORK, to exercise reasonable supervision and control
over the licensed activities of Respondent PAPOLA required by
Section 10159.2 of the Code, and is cause for the suspension or
revocation of Respondent PAPOLA's licenses and/or license rights
under Section 10177(h) of the Code.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

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There is hereby incorporated in this second, separate and distinct cause of accusation, all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs I through III of the First Cause of Accusation with the same force and effect as if herein fully set forth.

IVX

Within the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of this Accusation, in connection with the property management activities described in Paragraph V above, Respondents engaged in the business of claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting for the collection of advance fees within the meaning of Sections 10026 and 10131.2 (advance fees) of the Code. Said advance fees were trust funds pursuant to Section 10145 of the Code.

# XVII

In connection with the collection and handling of said advance fees, Respondents failed to cause their advance fee contracts and materials to be submitted to the Department prior to use as required by Section 10085 of the Code and Section 2970 of the Regulations.

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In connection with the collection and handling of said advance fees, Respondents failed to furnish a verified accounting of the receipt, deposit and disbursement of said trust funds to each principal as required by Section 10146 of the Code and Section 2972 of the Regulations.

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The acts and/or omissions of Respondents described above in this Second Cause of Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and/or license rights of Respondents under the following sections of the Code and Regulations:

- As to Paragraph XVII, under Section 10177(d) of the 1) Code in conjunction with Section 10085 of the Code and Section 2970 of the Regulations; and
- As to Paragraph XVIII, under Section 10177(d) of 2) the Code in conjunction with Section 10146 of the Code and Section 2972 of the Regulations.

# PRIOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

On May 31, 1994, effective June 30, 1994, in Case No. H-2978 SAC, the Real Estate Commissioner suspended the real estate broker licenses of Respondents for ten (10) days all time stayed on terms and conditions for violation of Section 10177(d) of the Business and Professions Code in conjunction with Section 10145 of the Business and Professions Code and Sections 2830 and 2832.1 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations.

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WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents, under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other provisions of law.

CHARLES W. KOENIG Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Sacramento, California, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 1995.

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