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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

2000 POWER REALTY INC., as a corporation and doing business as Power Realty; and ISIDORO P. JIMENEZ, individually, as designated officer of 2000 Power Realty Inc. and doing business as Power Realty;

Respondents.

In the Matter of the Accusation of

EZ J FINANCING INC.; and ISIDORO P. JIMENEZ, individually, as designated officer of EZ J Financing Inc. and doing business as EZ Financing;

Respondents.

No. H-37548 LA L-2012031143

 $\frac{\text{STIPULATION}}{\frac{\text{AND}}{\text{AGREEMENT}}}$

No. H-37462 LA L-2012060251

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent ISIDORO P. JIMENEZ ("JIMENEZ"), individually and as designated officer of 2000 Power Realty Inc., and EZ J Financing Inc., and

doing business as EZ Financing, and as Power Realty (sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), and his attorney of record, John M. Gerro of LAW OFFICES OF JOHN M. GERRO, and the Complainant, acting by and through Amelia V. Vetrone, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusations ("Accusation") filed on August 22, 2011(H-37462 LA), and on September 22, 2011(H-37548 LA), in this matter:

- 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent at a formal hearing on the Accusations, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").
- 2. Respondent has received, read and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusations filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondent filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusations.

 Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that they understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense he thereby waives his right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusations at a contested hearing held in accordance with the

provisions of the APA and that he will waive other rights afforded to him in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in his defense and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

- 4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusations. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary actions stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.
- 5. This Stipulation is made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), or another licensing agency of this state, another state or the federal government is involved, and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.
- Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, the Stipulation shall be void and of no effect and Respondent shall retain the right to

a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein.

- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.
- 8. Respondent JIMENEZ understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148, the cost of the audits which led to these disciplinary actions. The amount of said cost is \$5,171.10 for audit number LA 090004 (EZ J Financing Inc.) and \$5,130.00 for audit number LA 100114 (2000 Power Realty Inc.) for a combined total of \$10,301.10.
- 9. Respondent JIMENEZ has received, read, and understands the "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit."
 Respondent further understands that by agreeing to this
 Stipulation, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondent for the cost of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to
 Business and Professions Code Section 10148 to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit will not exceed \$10,301.10.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

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The conduct of ISIDORO P. JIMENEZ as described in Paragraph 4, herein above, is in violation of Sections 10085, 10137, 10145, 10146, 10148 10159.2, 10159.5, 10160, 10161.8, 10176(i), 10177(d), 10177(g), and 10177(h) of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and Sections 2725, 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2834, 2970, and 2972 of Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") and is a basis for discipline of Respondent's license and license rights as a violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Section 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h).

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

I.

The real estate broker license of Respondent
ISIDORO P. JIMENEZ under the Real Estate Law is revoked;
provided, however, a restricted real estate broker license shall
be issued to Respondent, pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the
Business and Professions Code, if Respondent makes application
therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the
appropriate fee for the restricted license within ninety (90)
days from the effective date of this Decision.

The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code

and the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code.

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- 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent JIMENEZ may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent JIMENEZ's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate

 Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondents have violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted licenses.
- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of the issuance of the restricted license.

II.

Respondent shall submit proof satisfactory to the
Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the
continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling
specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5
of the Business and Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of
this requirement includes evidence that Respondent has
successfully completed the trust fund account and handling

continuing education course within 120 days prior to the effective date of this Decision. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of Respondent's restricted license until the Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

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III.

- 1. Respondent JIMENEZ shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of Respondent's restricted license until the Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.
- 2. Respondent JIMENEZ shall within six (6) months from the effective date of the Decision herein, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent's license until the Respondent passes the examination. The Commissioner shall

afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

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IV.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and
Professions Code, Respondent JIMENEZ shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for (a) the audits which led to this disciplinary action and (b) a subsequent audit to determine if Respondents are now in compliance with the Real Estate Law. The cost of the audits which led to this action is \$10,301.10. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the

Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Said amount for the prior and subsequent audits combined shall not exceed \$20,602.20.

Respondent JIMENEZ shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. The Commissioner may suspend the license of Respondent pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between Respondent and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until said Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing

held pursuant to this condition.

During the term of the restricted license, Respondent

JIMENEZ is prohibited from licensure as the Designated Officer of
any licensed real estate corporate broker unless Respondent

provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent
owns 100% percent of the shares of such licensed real estate
corporation.

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VI.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent JIMENEZ are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner that restitution of advance fees paid by borrowers Arias (\$1,500), Estrada (\$2,500), Rodriguez (\$2,250), Lerin (\$2,500), Amaya (\$4000), Torres (\$900), and Giron (\$2,000) as described in the Accusations, has been made in full or that such borrowers cannot be located as set forth below.

Respondent shall make a diligent effort to locate and repay each of the above-named borrowers beginning upon the execution of this Agreement and prior to the effective date of this Decision. (1) Respondent shall mail the payments by certified mail, return receipt requested to each borrower's last address on file with or known to Respondent. (2) If any payments are returned by the post office marked "unable to deliver" or "unknown", Respondent shall employ a locator service (that may be limited to or include or be limited to the Internet or other database retrieval search) to try to locate said borrowers.

Repayments shall then be made to the address(es) recommended by the locator service. (3) If Respondent is still unable to effect payment after using a locator service, Respondent shall provide proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of his efforts to comply with the provisions of this paragraph. (4) If the Commissioner determines that proof to be unsatisfactory, the Commissioner shall so advise Respondent, and indicate what additional reasonable efforts should be made to locate and repay such (5) If the Commissioner determines that reasonable borrowers. efforts have been made to locate any borrower without success, then that borrower's refund shall escheat to the State of California as unclaimed property. (6) If the Commissioner determines that proof to be unsatisfactory and that reasonable efforts have not been made to locate the borrower, the Commissioner may, by separate order, suspend Respondent's restricted license until such efforts are made and such proof is provided. (7) All proof shall be submitted to the attention of Department Counsel Amelia V. Vetrone, 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105 on or before the effective date of this Decision.

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DATED: 2-15-13

Counsel for

VETRONE, Department of Real Estate

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EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation, and have discussed it with my counsel. Its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusations at a hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

MAILING AND FACSIMILE

Respondent (1) shall mail the original signed signature page of the stipulation herein to Amelia V. Vetrone: Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. Respondents shall also (2) facsimile a copy of signed signature page, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Amelia V. Vetrone.

A facsimile constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this stipulation. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a facsimile copy of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the stipulation that receipt of the facsimile

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