

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**COMMISSIONERS: Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman  
Pamela Jones Harbour  
Jon Leibowitz  
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J. Thomas Rosch**

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<b>In the Matter of</b>		)	
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<b>NATIONS TITLE AGENCY, INC.</b>		)	<b>DOCKET NO. C-4161</b>
<b>a corporation,</b>		)	
		)	<b>DECISION AND ORDER</b>
<b>NATIONS HOLDING COMPANY,</b>		)	
<b>a corporation,</b>		)	
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<b>and</b>		)	
		)	
<b>CHRISTOPHER M. LIKENS,</b>		)	
<b>individually and as an officer of</b>		)	
<b>Nations Holding Company.</b>		)	
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The Federal Trade Commission having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of the Respondents named in the caption hereof, and the Respondents, having been furnished thereafter with a copy of a draft Complaint that the Bureau of Consumer Protection proposed to present to the Commission for its consideration and which, if issued by the Commission, would charge the Respondents with violations of the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C. 6801 et seq. and the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45 et seq.

The Respondents, their attorney, and counsel for the Commission having thereafter executed an Agreement Containing Consent Order (“Consent Agreement”), an admission by the Respondents of all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the aforesaid draft Complaint, a statement that the signing of said Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in such Complaint, or that

the facts as alleged in such Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true, and waivers and other provisions as required by the Commission's Rules; and

The Commission having thereafter considered the matter and having determined that it has reason to believe that the Respondents have violated the said Acts, and that a Complaint should issue stating its charges in that respect, and having thereupon accepted the executed Consent Agreement and placed such Consent Agreement on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days, and having duly considered the comments filed thereafter by interested persons pursuant to Section 2.34 of its Rules, now in further conformity with the procedure described in Section 2.34 of its Rules, the Commission hereby issues its Complaint, makes the following jurisdictional findings and enters the following Order:

1. Proposed respondent Nations Title Agency, Inc. (“Nations Title”) is a Kansas corporation with its principal office or place of business at 9415 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, Kansas 66207. NTA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nations Holding Company.
2. Proposed respondent Nations Holding Company (“Nations Holding”) is a Kansas corporation with its principal office or place of business at 5370 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Prairie Village, Kansas 66207. Nations Holding is a Subchapter “S” corporation.
3. Proposed respondent Christopher M. Likens is president and sole owner of Nations Holding. Individually or in concert with others, he formulates, directs, or controls the policies, acts, or practices of the respondent corporations. His principal office or place of business is the same as that of Nations Holding.

## **ORDER**

### **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

1. “Personally identifiable information” or “personal information” shall mean individually identifiable information from or about an individual consumer including, but not limited to: (a) a first and last name; (b) a home or other physical address, including street name and name of city or town; (c) an email address or other online contact information, such as an instant messaging user identifier or a screen name that reveals an individual’s email address; (d) a telephone number; (e) a Social Security number; (f) a bank, loan, or credit card account number; (g) a persistent identifier, such as a customer number held in a “cookie” or processor serial number, that is combined with other available data that identifies an individual consumer; or (h) any information that is combined with any of (a) through (g) above.

2. Unless otherwise specified, “respondents” shall mean Nations Holding and Nations Title and their successors and assigns, officers, agents, representatives, subsidiaries, affiliates, and employees, and Christopher M. Likens, individually and as an officer of Nations Holding.
3. All other terms are synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of such terms in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C. § 6801 *et seq.*
4. “Commerce” shall mean as defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.

I.

**IT IS ORDERED** that respondents, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the collection of personally identifiable information from or about consumers, in or affecting commerce, shall not misrepresent in any manner, expressly or by implication, the extent to which respondents maintain and protect the privacy, confidentiality, or integrity of any personal information collected from or about consumers.

II.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, or sale of any product or service, in or affecting commerce, shall, no later than the date of service of this order, establish and implement, and thereafter maintain, a comprehensive information security program that is reasonably designed to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information collected from or about consumers. Such program, the content and implementation of which must be fully documented in writing, shall contain administrative, technical, and physical safeguards appropriate to respondents’ size and complexity, the nature and scope of respondents’ activities, and the sensitivity of the personal information collected from or about consumers, including:

- A. the designation of an employee or employees to coordinate and be accountable for the information security program.
- B. the identification of material internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information that could result in the unauthorized disclosure, misuse, loss, alteration, destruction, or other compromise of such information, and assessment of the sufficiency of any safeguards in place to control these risks. At a minimum, this risk assessment should include consideration of risks in each area of relevant operation, including, but not limited to: (1) employee training and management; (2) information systems, including network and

software design, information processing, storage, transmission, and disposal; and (3) prevention, detection, and response to attacks, intrusions, or other systems failures.

C. the design and implementation of reasonable safeguards to control the risks identified through risk assessment, and regular testing or monitoring of the effectiveness of the safeguards' key controls, systems, and procedures.

D. the evaluation and adjustment of respondents' information security program in light of the results of the testing and monitoring required by Part II.C., any material changes to respondents' operations or business arrangements, or any other circumstances that respondents know or have reason to know may have a material impact on the effectiveness of their information security program.

### III.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents shall not, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, website, or other device, violate any provision of:

A. the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act's Standards for Safeguarding Customer Information Rule, 16 C.F.R. Part 314;

B. the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act's Privacy of Customer Financial Information Rule, 16 C.F.R. Part 313; or

C. the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act's Disposal of Consumer Report Information and Records Rule, 16 C.F.R. Part 682.

In the event that any of these Rules is hereafter amended or modified, respondents' compliance with that Rule as so amended or modified shall not be a violation of this order.

### IV.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in connection with their compliance with Parts II, III.A., and III.C. of this order, respondents shall obtain initial and biennial assessments and reports ("Assessments") from a qualified, objective, independent third-party professional, using procedures and standards generally accepted in the profession. The reporting period for the Assessments shall cover: (1) the first one hundred and eighty (180) days after service of the order for the initial Assessment, and (2) each two (2) year period thereafter for twenty (20) years after service of the order for the biennial Assessments. Each Assessment shall:

A. set forth the specific administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that respondents have implemented and maintained during the reporting period;

B. explain how such safeguards are appropriate to respondents' size and complexity, the nature and scope of respondents' activities, and the sensitivity of the personal information collected from or about consumers;

C. explain how the safeguards that have been implemented meet or exceed the protections required by the Parts II, III.A., and III.C. of this order; and

D. certify that respondents' security program is operating with sufficient effectiveness to provide reasonable assurance that the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information is protected and has so operated throughout the reporting period.

Each Assessment shall be prepared and completed within sixty (60) days after the end of the reporting period to which the Assessment applies by a person qualified as a Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) or as a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA); a person holding Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC) from the SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security (SANS) Institute; or a similarly qualified person or organization approved by the Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

Respondents shall provide the initial Assessment, as well as all: plans, reports, studies, reviews, audits, audit trails, policies, training materials, and assessments, whether prepared by or on behalf of either respondent, relied upon to prepare such Assessment to the Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580, within ten (10) days after the Assessment has been prepared. All subsequent biennial Assessments shall be retained by respondents until the order is terminated and provided to the Associate Director of Enforcement within ten (10) days of request.

V.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents shall maintain, and upon request make available to the Federal Trade Commission for inspection and copying, a print or electronic copy of each document relating to compliance, including but not limited to:

A. for a period of five (5) years: any documents, whether prepared by or on behalf of either respondent, that contradict, qualify, or call into question respondents' compliance with this order; and

B. for a period of three (3) years after the date of preparation of each biennial Assessment required under Part IV of this order: all plans, reports, studies, reviews, audits, audit trails, policies, training materials, and assessments, whether prepared by or

on behalf of either respondent, relating to respondents' compliance with Parts II, III.A., and III.C. of this order for the compliance period covered by such biennial Assessment.

VI.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents shall deliver a copy of this order to all current and future principals, officers, directors, and managers, and to all current and future employees, agents, and representatives having supervisory responsibilities relating to the subject matter of this order. Respondents shall deliver this order to such current personnel within thirty (30) days after service of this order, and to such future personnel within thirty (30) days after the person assumes such position or responsibilities.

VII.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondent Christopher M. Likens, for a period of ten (10) years, after the date of issuance of this order, shall notify the Commission of the discontinuance of his current business or employment, or of his affiliation with any new business or employment that provides financial products or services. The notice shall include respondent Christopher M. Likens's new business address and telephone number and a description of the nature of the business or employment and his duties and responsibilities. All notices required by this Part shall be sent by certified mail to the Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

VIII.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents and their successors and assigns shall notify the Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to any change in the corporation(s) that may affect compliance obligations arising under this order, including, but not limited to, a dissolution, assignment, sale, merger, or other action that would result in the emergence of a successor corporation; the creation or dissolution of a subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this order; the proposed filing of a bankruptcy petition; or a change in the corporate name or address. Provided, however, that, with respect to any proposed change in the corporation about which respondents learn less than thirty (30) days prior to the date such action is to take place, respondents shall notify the Commission as soon as is practicable after obtaining such knowledge. All notices required by this Part shall be sent by certified mail to the Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

IX.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents and their successors and assigns shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days after service of this order, and at such other times as

the Federal Trade Commission may require, file with the Commission a report, in writing, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which it has complied with this order.

X.

This order will terminate on June 19, 2026, or twenty (20) years from the most recent date that the United States or the Federal Trade Commission files a complaint (with or without an accompanying consent decree) in federal court alleging any violation of the order, whichever comes later; provided, however, that the filing of such a complaint will not affect the duration of:

- A. Any Part in this order that terminates in less than twenty (20) years;
- B. This order's application to any respondent that is not named as a defendant in such complaint; and
- C. This order if such complaint is filed after the order has terminated pursuant to this Part.

Provided, further, that if such complaint is dismissed or a federal court rules that one or both of the respondents did not violate any provision of the order, and the dismissal or ruling is either not appealed or upheld on appeal, then the order as to that respondent(s) will terminate according to this Part as though the complaint had never been filed, except that the order will not terminate between the date such complaint is filed and the later of the deadline for appealing such dismissal or ruling and the date such dismissal or ruling is upheld on appeal.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark  
Secretary

SEAL:  
ISSUED: June 19, 2006