

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
JACKSONVILLE DIVISION**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Petitioner,

vs.

Case No. 3:16-mc-45-J-34JRK

AFR FINANCIAL LLC,

Respondent.

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

This cause is before the Court on the Petition of the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) for an Order Enforcing Administrative Investigative Process and Memorandum of Law (Doc. No. 1; “Petition”), filed July 29, 2016, that seeks to require Respondent to comply with a Civil Investigative Demand (“CID”) that “was issued in the course of a nonpublic investigation concerning possible violations by [Respondent] AFR Financial, a debt collection firm, of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), and provisions of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692-1692p.” Petition at 1. According to Petitioner, “[t]he CID directs [Respondent] to respond to 14 interrogatories and 4 document requests concerning its purchase of debt portfolios from third parties, its attempts to collect on the consumer loans listed in those portfolios, and its efforts to verify the validity of those loans.” *Id.* Petitioner issued the CID on March 23, 2016, directing a response by April 8, 2016. *Id.* at 1, 6-7. Petitioner represents that it has communicated with Respondent on a number of occasions regarding the CID, and Respondent still has failed to comply.

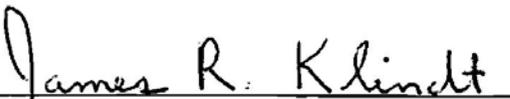
Upon review of the Petition, it is

**ORDERED:**

1. Petitioner shall ensure that, no later than **August 25, 2016**, a copy of this Order to Show Cause, together with the Petition (Doc. No. 1) and all exhibits attached thereto, are personally served on Respondent AFR Financial LLC by a duly authorized official of the FTC, by the United States Marshals Service, or by a private process server.

2. No later than **September 15, 2016**, Respondent AFR Financial LLC shall file a written **SHOW CAUSE RESPONSE** stating why it should not be compelled to comply with the CID issued by Petitioner. The show-cause response must be filed with the Court and also served on counsel for Petitioner at the address provided in the Petition. Failure to show cause by September 15, 2016 may result in an Order directing Respondent to comply with the CID.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Jacksonville, Florida on August 4, 2016.

  
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**JAMES R. KLINDT**  
United States Magistrate Judge

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Copies to:  
Counsel of record  
AFR Financial LLC (through Petitioner)