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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHED (Instructions on Reverse)	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)			
PLAINTIFFS India Banks, on behalf of herself and all individuals similarly situated,	DEFENDANTS Think Finance SPV, LLC; TC Administrative services, LLC; Tailwind Marketing, LLC; TC Loan Services, LLC and TC Decision Sciences, LLC			
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Kellett & Bartholow PLLC 11300 N. Central Expy, Suite 301 Dallas, TX 75243 214-696-9000	ATTORNEYS (If Known)			
PARTY (Check One Box Only)  □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin  x Creditor □ Other  □ Trustee	PARTY (Check One Box Only)  M Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin □ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee			
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE  1) Violations of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c); 2) Violations of RICO,  4) Unjust Enrichment  NATURE O	, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d); 3) Violation of Florida Usury Laws;			
(Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1, first alternative cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)				
FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property  11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property  12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference  13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer  14-Recovery of money/property - other  FRBP 7001(2) – Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien  21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued)  61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support  68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury  63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan  64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation  (other than domestic support)  65-Dischargeability - other			
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property  31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)  FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief  71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay  72-Injunctive relief – other			
41-Objection / revocation of discharge - \\$727(c),(d),(e)	FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest  81-Subordination of claim or interest			
FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation  51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment  91-Declaratory judgment			
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability  66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims  62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation,	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action  01-Determination of removed claim or cause			
actual fraud  67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny  (continued next column)	Other  SS-SIPA Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq.  02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy case)			
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Other Relief Sought				

#### B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES				
NAME OF DEBTOR Think Finance, LLC		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 17-33964		
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Northern District of Texas		DIVISION OFFICE Dallas	NAME OF JUDGE Hale	
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)				
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
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DATE PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIF		NEY (OR PLAINTIFF)		
1 <mark>2/22/2017</mark>		Theodore O. Bartholow III ("Thad")		

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

**Demand.** Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

IN RE: : CHAPTER 11

THINK FINANCE, LLC, ET AL., : CASE NO. 17-33964(HDH);

DEBTORS : (Jointly Administered)

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INDIA BANKS, on behalf of

herself and all individuals similarly situated, : Adversary Proceeding No.

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Plaintiff,

v.

THINK FINANCE, LLC; THINK FINANCE SPV, LLC; TC ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICES, LLC; TAILWIND MARKETING, LLC; TC LOAN SERVICES, LLC; and TC DECISION

SCIENCES, LLC,

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Defendants. :

#### **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff India Banks, on behalf of herself and all individuals similarly situated, by counsel, file this class action adversary proceeding arising out of a massive predatory lending enterprise that ripped off thousands of Florida borrowers though consumer loans charging astronomical and unlawful interest rates. Some of the primary participants in this fraudulent enterprise were Defendants/Debtors Think Finance, LLC, Think Finance SPV, LLC, TC Administrative Services, LLC, Tailwind Marketing, LLC, TC Loan Services, LLC, and TC Decision Sciences, LLC (collectively "Defendants"). Plaintiff brings claims under

the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations ("RICO") Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961-1968, the usury laws of the state of Florida, and for unjust enrichment, and in support thereof, alleges as follows:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- lender can charge on a loan. The prohibition against making unethical monetary loans with exorbitant interest rates and fees attached is firmly-rooted in the moral fabric of our country: "For nearly three-hundred years, American states were nearly unanimous in their prohibition of usurious lending through double—or even single- digit interest rate caps." Christopher L. Peterson, "Warning: Predatory Lender"—A Proposal for Candid Predatory Small Loan Ordinances, 69 Wash & Lee L. Rev. 893, 896 (2012). Usury laws reflect society's longstanding view that excessive interest rates are unethical and thus, illegal. As a result, a variety of jurisdictions have criminalized this conduct. See, e.g., Leah A. Plunkett & Ana Lucia Hurtado, Small-Dollar Loans, Big Problems: How States Protect Consumers from Abuses and How the Federal Government Can Help, 44 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 31, 36-37 (2011); see also Peterson, supra, at 896, 899; Robin A. Morris, Consumer Debt and Usury: A New Rationale for Usury, 15 Pepp. L. Rev. 151, 151 (1988) (explaining that usury laws are "society's oldest continuous form of commercial regulation").
- 2. Unscrupulous payday lenders, however, have long attempted to evade usury and licensing laws by operating behind a labyrinth of entities designed to shield themselves from the operation of law. For example, payday lenders once originated their loan products in the name of national banks, who were exempt from state interest-rate caps under the National Bank Act. *See* 12 U.S.C. § 85. Under these arrangements, the bank served as a conduit for the loans in exchange

for a fee, but the payday lender funded, serviced, and collected the loans—a tactic known as "rent-a-bank." When federal regulators began cracking down on these rent-a-bank arrangements, the payday lenders developed a solution—they adapted the structure to use Native American tribal entities as the conduit to ostensibly cloak the loans in tribal sovereign immunity. See, e.g., Nathalie Martin & Joshua Schwartz, The Alliance Between Payday Lenders and Tribes: Are Both Tribal Sovereignty and Consumer Protection at Risk?, 69 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 751, 785 (2012) (providing background on payday loans and describing the rent-a-tribe model as "the most recent incarnation of payday lending companies regulation-avoidance").

3. This case involves one such unlawful rent-a-tribe enterprise in which Defendants were primary participants. When Defendant Think Finance, LLC's rent-a-bank arrangement with First Bank of Delaware ("FBD") was shut down by federal regulators, it went on to establish rent-a-tribe enterprises with the Chippewa Cree Tribe and Otoe-Missouria Tribe (collectively the "Tribes") for purposes of continuing its predatory lending practices. In 2011, Defendants then began making high-interest loans to consumers in the name of Plain Green, LLC ("Plain Green") and Great Plains, LLC ("Great Plains")—the tribal entities that served as fronts to disguise Defendants' true role as lender and to ostensibly shield the scheme from liability.¹ Although Plain Green and Great Plains were held out as the actual lenders of these internet loans, the Tribes had minimal involvement in the day-to-day operations and received a nominal percentage of the revenues from the loans. Defendants, in contrast, received the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although Plain Green loans are the subject of other litigation elsewhere, Plaintiff's Complaint is limited to seeking relief for borrowers of Great Plains loans, as that was the issuer of Plaintiff's loans.

majority of the profits; provided the infrastructure to market, fund, and collect the loans; and controlled the tribal entities' bank accounts.

- 4. Presumably due to their faith that the rent-a-tribe structure would protect them from prosecution under Florida law, Defendants made payday loans in Florida with annual percentage rates in excess of 350% without being licensed by the Florida Office of Financial Regulation. The loans Defendants made were illegal and usurious under Florida law. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 687.03, interest rates greater than 18% per annum on loans in the amount of \$500,000 or less are usurious. Moreover, loans at rates between 25% and 45% per annum constitute criminal usury punishable as a second degree misdemeanor, Fla. Stat. § 687.071(2), and loans at rates greater than 45% per annum constitute criminal usury punishable as a third degree felony. Fla. Stat. § 687.071(3). Those who violate the usury provisions must forfeit double the amount of interest paid. Fla. Stat. § 687.04.
- 5. Based on Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff also alleges violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"), 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961-1968, which prohibits the "collection of unlawful debt." Defendants acted in concert and conspired with each other to repeatedly violate Florida's lending statutes—resulting in the collection of an unlawful debt from Plaintiff and class members. Indeed, the very structure of Defendants' rent-a-tribe scheme was premised on creating a labyrinth of shell entities that operated in concert through a consumerfacing online lender. Defendants are "persons" as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3), and the usurious debts they sought to collect and did collect are "unlawful debts" under 18 U.S.C. § 1962.

6. Plaintiff also asserts a class claim for violations of Florida's usury laws and unjust enrichment. Because the loans exceed the annual percentage rates ("APR") discussed in paragraph 4, *supra*, such loans are null and void and neither the lender nor any third party may collect, obtain, or receive any principal, interest, or charges on the loans. 15 U.S.C. § 1541(A); Fla. Stat. § 516.02(1-2). Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks to disgorge all amounts paid by Florida consumers, plus twice the amount of such usurious interest that was paid. Fla. Stat. § 687.04.

## **JURISDICTION**

- 7. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334(b). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 8. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), (B), (E), (H), (J), and (O). To the extent any of the claims asserted in this matter are determined to be non-core, Plaintiff consents to the entry of final orders and judgments by the Court in this adversary proceeding. Pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7008(a), to the extent the Court determines that the bankruptcy judge, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgment consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. Further, to the extent that any court determines that the Bankruptcy Court does not have the authority to enter a final judgment on any cause of action set forth herein, Plaintiff requests that the Bankruptcy Court issue a report and recommendation for a judgment to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas on any such cause of action.

#### **PARTIES**

9. Plaintiff India Banks ("Banks") is a natural person and resident of the Middle District of Florida and the Tampa Division.

- 10. Think Finance, LLC ("Think Finance") is a limited liability company with a principal place of business at 5080 Spectrum Drive, Suite 700 West Addison, TX 75001.

  Although the Tribes held themselves out as the actual lender of Plaintiff's and class members' internet loans, Think Finance ran the day-to-day operations of the lending enterprises described herein.
- 11. Think Finance SPV, LLC ("Think Finance SPV") is a limited liability company formed under the laws of Delaware with a principal place of business at 5080 Spectrum Drive, Suite 700 West Addison, TX 75001-3232. Think Finance created Think Finance SPV as the special purpose vehicle to acquire shares of GPL Servicing, Ltd. ("GPLS")—"the fund created to allow investors to purchase interests in the consumer loans originated by Native American Tribal lending businesses." *See Think Finance, LLC, v. Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC*, Case No. 17-03106 (Bank N.D. Tex.) (Dkt. 1, Compl. at ¶ 24) (explaining Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC's ("Victory Park") creation of GPLS).
- 12. TC Administrative Services, LLC ("TC Administrative") is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 5080 Spectrum Drive, Suite 700 West Addison, TX 75001-3232. As explained below, TC Administrative participated in the enterprise as an administrative service provider and, more importantly, as the entity who received Think Finance's share of the profits of the scheme. Pursuant to the parties' agreements, TC Administrative received the net income generated from the enterprises after accounting for the fixed return of 18-20% allocated to the investors who funded the scheme.
- 13. Tailwind Marketing, LLC ("Tailwind") is a limited liability company with a principal place of business at 5080 Spectrum Drive, Suite 700 West Addison, TX 75001-3232. As

explained below, Tailwind participated in the enterprise as the marketing and technology arm of the enterprise.

- 14. Defendant TC Decision Sciences, LLC ("TC Decision Sciences"), is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 5080 Spectrum Drive, Suite 700 West Addison, TX 75001-3232. As explained below, TC Decision Sciences participated in the enterprise as the website operator and software administrator for the rent-a-tribe enterprises. TC Decision Sciences also provided risk management, *i.e.*, it performed analysis to help predict payment risk and developed the lending criteria to ensure the profitability of the rent-a-tribe scheme.
- 15. TC Loan Services, LLC ("TC Loan Services") is a limited liability with a principal place of business at 5080 Spectrum Drive, Suite 700 West Addison, TX 75001-3232. TC Loan Services participated in the enterprise as the controlling member of Tailwind. TC Loan Services was created to further insulate Defendants from liability by adding an extra layer of corporate protection.

### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

### A. Overview of Tribal Lending

16. With a "payday" loan, a consumer who can't afford to wait until his or her payday receives a cash advance and, in exchange, the lender subtracts a larger amount from the consumer's paycheck. In an age of digital banking, consumers contract over the internet with payday lenders and allow them to withdraw funds directly from their banking accounts. The payday loan industry capitalizes on the fact that consumers will often be forced to renew the loans when they are unable to pay them off, creating a cycle of mounting debt.

- 17. Over the past ten years, payday lending has become "one of the fastest growing segments of the consumer credit industry," and as of 2005 "there were more payday-loan stores in the United States than McDonald's, Burger King, Sears, J.C. Penney, and Target stores combined." Martin & Schwartz, *supra* at 759 (quoting Karen E. Francis, Note, *Rollover, Rollover: A Behavioral Law and Economics Analysis of the Payday Loan Industry*, 88 Tex. L. Rev. 611, 611-12 (2010)).
- 18. It is no secret that "internet payday lenders have a weak history of complying with state laws." *Id.* at 764. Prior to the rent-a-tribe business model, some payday lenders, including Think Finance, entered into partnerships with national banks to avoid compliance with state law. *See, e.g.*, Jean Ann Fox & Edmund Mlerzwinkski, *Consumer Fed'n of Am. & U.S. Pub. Interest Research Grp.*, *Rent-a-Bank Payday Lending: How Banks Help Payday Lenders Evade State Consumer Protection* at 17-22 (2001), available at

http://www.consumerfed.org/pdfs/pavdavreport.pdf.

- 19. Beginning in 2005, the Federal Deposit and Insurance Corporation (FDIC) began cracking down on rent-a-bank arrangements, and they were nearly eliminated by 2010—largely due to the assessment of significant penalties and fines against the banks. See, e.g., Creola Johnson, America's First Consumer Financial Watchdog Is on A Leash: Can the CFPB Use Its Authority to Declare Payday-Loan Practices Unfair, Abusive, and Deceptive?, 61 Cath. U. L. Rev. 381, 399 n. 16 (2012).
- 20. In response to this crackdown on the rent-a-bank arrangement, several payday lenders reincarnated the lending model through associations with Native American tribes to avoid state laws. *Id.*; see also Martin & Schwartz, supra at 1; Ben Walsh, Outlawed By The States,

Payday Lenders Take Refuge on Reservations, Huffington Post (June 29, 2015, updated Sept. 8, 2015), <a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/29/online-payday-lendersreservations\_n">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/06/29/online-payday-lendersreservations\_n</a> 7625006.html (last visited Dec. 15, 2017).

21. Under the rent-a-tribe model, "online payday lenders register businesses on Native American lands in an attempt to claim exemption from lawsuits and state usury caps under tribal sovereign immunity. Such rent-a-tribe lenders like Defendants argue that because their businesses are located on or headquartered within the borders of a Native American reservation, they are bound by the laws of that reservation only, not the laws of the state in which the reservation is located or the state in which the borrower resides." Walsh, *supra*. They are wrong. Non-tribal lenders cannot benefit from tribal immunity when they are merely using tribal actors as a front for illegal activities, i.e., where, as here Defendants are the true lenders, with only nominal participation from (and nominal payment to) the Tribes.

## B. Overview of Defendants' Role In Illegal Rent-A-Tribe Enterprises

- 22. RICO defines an "enterprise" as "any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, and any union or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity." 18 U.S.C. § 1691(4) (emphasis added).
- 23. The Supreme Court has held that an association-in-fact enterprise is "a group of persons associated together for a common purpose of engaging in a course of conduct." *United States v. Turkette*, 452 U.S. 576, 583 (1981).
- 24. Defendants, acting in concert with non-parties GPLS, Kenneth Rees, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Great Plains, Victory Park, Haynes Investments, and other individuals and

entities not yet known to Plaintiff, worked together for the common purpose of making and collecting the usurious Great Plains loans.

- 25. Prior to the formation of Plain Green and Great Plains, Defendants were involved in a nearly identical venture where loans were originated through First Bank of Delaware, which served as nothing more than a nominal lender on behalf of Defendants. (*See* Ex. 1, May 1, 2009 Universal Fund Investor Overview.)
- 26. After the FDIC shut down Defendants' arrangement with the First Bank of Delaware—ordering the bank to terminate its relationship with "all third-party lending programs" Think Finance's chief executive officer, Kenneth Rees, sent a letter to the Chippewa Cree Tribe proposing that they participate in a similar arrangement with his company. Instead of pursuing legitimate business ventures, Defendants' chose—in plain disregarding of the law—to continue their predatory lending practices in substantially similar form, but under a different front.
- 27. Like the rent-a-bank format, the loans would be originated in the name of the tribe, but the tribe would serve as nothing more than a nominal lender.
- 28. Shortly thereafter, Defendants entered into a term sheet dated March 11, 2011 with other entities—the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Haynes Investments, Think Finance, and GPLS—to form would become the Plain Green enterprise. (Ex. 2, Mar. 11, 2011 Term Sheet For Think Finance-Chippewa Cree Transaction).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, e.g., In the Matter of First National Bank, Case No. FDIC-07-256b, Order to Cease and Desist, Order for Restitution, and Order to Pay (Oct. 9, 2008), available at https://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/enforcement/2008-10-03.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Walsh, supra.

- 29. As part of this transaction, Think Finance agreed "to license its software to the Tribe pursuant to a software license agreement acceptable to the parties" and to also "provide risk management, application processing, underwriting assistance, payment processing, and ongoing customer service support coterminous with the software license agreement." (Ex. 2 at p. 1.)
- 30. In contrast to the substantial and material role assumed by Think Finance, the Chippewa Cree Tribe had only nominal responsibility, agreeing to commit "its best efforts" to complete certain "critical path items" within 14 days, including establishing Plain Green, revising the Tribal Transaction Code to allow for the arrangement's lending products, setting up bank accounts and ACH processing for Plain Green, and obtaining separate originating and servicing addresses for Plain Green. (Ex. 2 at p. 3.)
- As compensation for serving as the front, the Chippewa Cree Tribe was to be paid 4.5% of the revenue received on the loans, reimbursed all expenses, and advanced \$50,000. (Ex. 2 at p. 2.)<sup>4</sup> Of significance, although Plain Green was to receive 4.5% of the revenue on paper, these funds were actually diverted to tribal leaders such as Neal Paul Rosette and Billi Anne Morsette, the former "chief executive officers" of Plain Green, both of whom were sent to prison for accepting bribes in exchange for facilitating the award of tribal contracts and for helping another tribal member siphon over \$55,000 in tribal monies, which were laundered through the predecessor company of Plain Green. *See* The United States Attorney's Office, District of Montana, *Plain Green Officials Sent to Prison* (March 8, 2016), available at <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/plain-green-officials-sent-prison">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/plain-green-officials-sent-prison</a>. As part of this

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investigation, the Montana Attorney General's office uncovered that Rosette, Morsette, and James Eastlick, Jr., each received \$400,000 from a consulting company, Ideal Consulting, LLC, involved in the Plain Green operation. *Id.* In other words, the Chippewa Cree Tribe actually received far less than the 4.5% allocated to it under the agreement.

- 32. On or around January 12, 2011, Think Finance pitched a similar rent-a-tribe arrangement—which would become the Great Plans enterprise—to the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. (Ex. 3, Jan. 12, 2011 Great Plains Lending Meeting.)
- 33. This presentation provided an overview of Think Finance's consumer finance products (Ex. 3 at TF-VA000918), the underwriting chain of command for the loans (Ex. 3 at TF-VA000921), the marketing strategy for the loans (Ex. 3 at TF-VA000922), the lending structure, and key contractual agreements, including a loan purchase agreement evidencing the almost automatic transfer of loans originated by Great Plains to GPLS, which committed to purchasing the loans within two days of origination. (Ex. 3 at TF-VA000923-924.)
- 34. Great Plains did not exist prior to this meeting, and, as part of Think Finance's presentation, the next steps were to "[c]reate tribal entity—Great Plains Lending, LLC," "setup tribal bank account at FBD," "review/approve consumer legal documents," and "[r]eview/sign contractual agreements." (Ex. 3 at TF-VA000927.)
- 35. Like Plain Green, Great Plains also received a nominal amount of the revenue generated by the loans and did not need to invest any capital or resources in the operation.
- 36. Rather, GPLS fronted the cash, depositing the initial \$1 million used to fund the illegal loans made in Great Plains' name. (Ex. 4, Flow of Funds Overview.)

- 37. Additionally, Defendants determined the major policies of lending fronts Great Plains and Plain Green.
- 38. For example, Defendants controlled the application requirements, application processing timelines, the application rejection rules, when to resell loans, pricing and loan amounts, the states where loans would be offered, funding options, payment rules, and waiving of fees. (*See* Ex. 5, *Installment Loan Product Functionality*, TC Decision Services 2012 at TF-VA022202-31, *Gibbs v. Plain Green LLC*, No. 3:17-cv-00495-MHL (E.D. Va Sept. 25, 2017), ECF No. 35.)
- 39. Defendants also controlled the interest-rates that would be offered to consumers. (See Ex. 5 at TF-VA022229-22231.)
- 40. In short, although Plain Green and Great Plains held themselves out as the actual lenders of these internet payday loans, Defendants were the *de facto* owners and controlled the operations of Plain Green and Great Plains.
  - 41. Defendants also received the majority of the profits generated by the scheme.
- 42. Each of Defendants furthermore played an integral role in ensuring as much money as possible was returned to Think Finance.
- 43. For example, TC Administrative participated in the enterprise as an administrative service provider and, more importantly, as the pass through entity who received Think Finance's share of the profits of the scheme. (*See* Ex. 3 at TF-VA000923.)
- 44. In this role, TC Administrative received the "net income" from the Plain Green and Great Plain enterprises. (*See id.*)

- 45. Pursuant to a servicing agreement, TC Decision Sciences participated in the enterprises as the website operator and software administrator for Plain Green and Great Plains.
- 46. As part of this role, TC Decision Sciences also handled customer service responsibilities, such as communications with consumers under the guise of Great Plains.
- 47. Tailwind Marketing handled the online and other advertisements for Great Plains.

  Tailwind Marketing also handled the lead generation used to identify and solicit potential consumers.<sup>5</sup>
- 48. Tailwind received \$100 for every borrower provided to Plain Green and Great Plains. Tailwind's flat-fee was deducted from the nominal amount of the proceeds allocated to Plain Green and Great Plains. (*See* Ex. 3 at TF-VA000923; Ex. 4 at ¶ 6.)

### C. Facts as To Plaintiff India Banks

- 49. On or about July 7, 2014, Plaintiff Banks applied for and received a payday loan in the amount of \$1,000 from Great Plains by completing an application on the www.greatplainslending.com website.
- 50. On 23 occasions between July 24, 2014 and May 28, 2015, Great Plains initiated debit transactions from Plaintiff Banks's checking account in Florida, each time in the amount of \$143.34. On June 11, 2015, Great Plains initiated a debit transaction from Plaintiff Banks's checking account in Florida in the amount of \$142.63. As a result, Plaintiff Banks paid \$3,439.45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In order to find potential customers, internet lenders pay companies known as "lead generators," which are businesses that collect information on potential consumers to solicit for high-interest loans. Pew Charitable Trust, *Fraud and Abuse Online: Harmful Practices in Internet Payday Lending* (Oct. 2014), <a href="http://www.pewtrusts.org/~/media/assets/2014/10/payday-lending-report/fraud and abuse online harmful practices in internet payday lending.pdf">http://www.pewtrusts.org/~/media/assets/2014/10/payday-lending-report/fraud and abuse online harmful practices in internet payday lending.pdf</a>. Lead generators pay high fees to several sources, such as consumer reporting agencies, to acquire borrower information to determine whether a consumer has ever applied or received an internet loan or whether a consumer may be in need or qualify for an additional loan. *Id.* 

in a period of less than 12 months to satisfy a \$1,000 loan. Thus, the annual percentage rate on the loan was nearly 350%.

- 51. On or about September 1, 2015, Plaintiff Banks applied for and received a payday loan in the amount of \$700 from Great Plains by completing an application on the www.greatplainslending.com website.
- 52. On 11 occasions between September 18, 2015, and February 5, 2016, Great Plains initiated debit transactions from Plaintiff Banks's checking account in Florida, each time in the amount of \$118.43. As a result, Plaintiff Banks paid \$1,302.73 on a \$700 loan in a period of less than five months. The annual percentage rate charged by the bank on the loan was nearly 400%.

## D. Defendants' Loans Violated Florida's Usury Laws

- 53. Defendants, together with GPLS, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Great Plains, Kenneth Rees, Victory Park, Haynes Investments, and other members of the Great Plains enterprise and individuals not yet known to Plaintiff, marketed, initiated, and collected usurious loans in Florida.
- 54. In order to qualify for Defendants' loan products, consumers were required to electronically sign form contracts authored by Great Plains entitled "Consumer Loan Agreement" or "Consumer Installment Loan Agreement."
- 55. Fla. Stat. §§ 687.03 and 516.02 prohibit any person or company from making such loans to Floridians in excess of eighteen percent (18%). Fla. Stat. § 687.071 makes it a criminal offense to make usurious loans at rates of 25% or higher.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Based on the payments Plaintiff Banks made on the loan over a five-month period alone, she paid an interest rate of over 200%

- 56. Under Fla. Stat. § 516.02(c), loans made at rates in excess of 18% are unenforceable. Moreover, loan contracts in excess of the 25% threshold triggering criminal liability for usury are "void as against the public policy of the state as established by its Legislature." *Richter Jewelry Co. v. Schweinert*, 169 So. 750, 758-59 (Fla. 1935).
- 57. Accordingly, Defendants' loans were null and void, and it was unlawful for Defendants or any of their affiliated entities to collect or receive any principal, interest, or charges on the loans, including the amounts paid by Plaintiff.
- 58. Additionally, Plaintiff and the class members are entitled to disgorgement of twice the amount of usurious interest that was paid. Fla. Stat. § 687.04.

### E. Defendants' Loans Collected Interest in Violation of RICO

- 59. Defendants' conduct also violated § 1962(c) of RICO, which prohibits the "collection of unlawful debt." 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
- 60. RICO defines "unlawful debt" as a debt that was incurred in connection with "the business of lending money or a thing of value at a rate usurious under State or Federal law, where the usurious rate is at least twice the enforceable rate." 18 U.S.C. § 1961(6).
- 61. Defendants charged an interest rate far in excess of the enforceable rate established by Fla. Stat. §§ 687.03, 687.071, and 516.02, and, thus, Defendants violated RICO's prohibition against the collection of unlawful debt.
- 62. As a result of Defendants' participation in the Enterprise and violations of RICO, Defendants are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff and putative class members for their actual damages, treble damages, costs, and attorneys' fees pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c).

## F. The Loan Agreements Are Void and Unenforceable

- 63. Because Defendants charged and collected interests rates on their loans far in excess of the enforceable rate established by Fla. Stat. §§ 687.071 and 516.02, Plaintiff's and class members' loan agreements were void under Florida law. Fla. Stat. § 516.02(c). ("A loan for which a greater rate of interest or charge than is allowed by this chapter has been contracted for or received, wherever made, is not enforceable in this state"); *Richter Jewelry Co. v. Schweinert*, 169 So. 750, 758-59 (Fla. 1935) (loan contracts in excess of the 25% threshold triggering criminal liability for usury are "therefore void as against the public policy of the state as established by its Legislature").
- 64. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment that Plaintiff's and the class members' loans are void and that they no longer owe any amounts under their loans.
- 65. Defendants' loan agreements not only violate Florida's public policy against usurious loans, but they also contain unconscionable choice of law and arbitration provisions that seek to disclaim all federal and state laws in favor of tribal law.
- 66. In particular, Plaintiff's Great Plains' Loan Agreements contain provisions such as:

Version A: THIS AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY TRIBAL LAW. The arbitrator shall apply Tribal Law and the terms of this Agreement, including this Agreement to Arbitrate and the waivers included herein. The arbitrator may decide, with or without a hearing, any motion that is substantially similar to a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim or a motion for summary judgment. The arbitrator shall make written findings and the arbitrator's award may be filed with a Tribal court. The arbitration award shall be supported by substantial evidence and must be consistent with this Agreement and Tribal Law, and if it is not, it may be set aside by a Tribal court upon judicial review. During the arbitration, the amount of any settlement offer made by us or you

shall not be disclosed to the arbitrator until after the arbitrator determines the amount, if any, to which you or we are entitled. The parties will have the right to judicial review in a Tribal court of (a) whether the findings of fact rendered by the arbitrator are supported by substantial evidence and (b) whether the conclusions of law are erroneous under Tribal Law. Judgment confirming an award in such a proceeding may be entered only if a Tribal court determines that the award is supported by substantial evidence and is not based on legal error under Tribal Law.

Version B: THIS AGREEMENT TO ARBITRATE IS MADE PURSUANT TO A TRANSACTION INVOLVING THE INDIAN COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE OTOE-MISSOURIA TRIBE OF INDIANS. The arbitrator will apply the laws of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians and the terms of this Agreement, including the Agreement to Arbitrate. The arbitrator must apply the terms of this Agreement to Arbitrate, including without limitation the waiver of classwide arbitration. The arbitrator may decide, with or without a hearing, any motion that is substantially similar to a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim or a motion for summary judgment. If allowed by statute or applicable law, the arbitrator may award statutory damages and/or reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses. The arbitrator will make written findings and the arbitrator's award may be filed with the tribal court. The arbitration award will be supported by substantial evidence and must be consistent with this Agreement and applicable law or may be set aside by the tribal court upon judicial review.

67. The Fourth Circuit in *Hayes v. Delbert Services Corp.*, 811 F.3d 666, 673 (4th Cir. 2016), recently found a nearly identical provision unenforceable, explaining, "We recognize that the FAA establishes a 'liberal policy favoring arbitration agreements.' But rather than use arbitration as a just and efficient means of dispute resolution, [the defendant] seeks to deploy it to avoid state and federal law and to game the entire system." *Hayes*, 811 F.3d at 676 (internal citations omitted).

- 68. The same is true here. Just like the defendants in *Hayes*, the Defendants' here sought to avoid federal and state laws through the use of unconscionable and unenforceable choice-of-law, forum selection, and arbitration provisions.
- 69. Indeed, the Fourth Circuit reaffirmed the *Hayes* decision in a case involving a Great Plains Loan Agreement. *Dillon v. BMO Harris Bank, N.A.*, 856 F.3d 330, 335-36 (4th Cir. 2017). In doing so, the Fourth Circuit held that Great Plains' choice of law and arbitration provisions were "not distinguishable in substance from the related provisions" in *Hayes*, and it found that the agreement was "an unambiguous attempt to apply tribal law *to the exclusion of federal and state law.*" *Id.* (emphasis in original). Accordingly, the Fourth Circuit held "that the arbitration agreement between Dillon and Great Plains [was] unenforceable . . . ." *Id.* at 332.<sup>7</sup>
- 70. Accordingly, Plaintiff requests the Court to enter a declaratory judgment that the governing law, forum selection, and arbitration provisions of the Great Plains loan agreements are unenforceable as to Florida consumers.
- Plaintiff further requests the Court to enter an injunction (1) prohibiting

  Defendants from collecting any amounts from Florida consumers in connection with their

  unlawful loans; (2) requiring Defendants to provide notice to consumers that the loans are

  unenforceable; and (3) deleting any derogatory reporting on tradelines to the credit bureaus or

  other consumer reporting agencies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The plaintiff in *Dillon* was a North Carolina consumer who commenced a case against BMO Harris and several other financial institutions who facilitated the "collection of unlawful debts" through the electronic transfer of funds between financial institutions. *Id.* Dillion did not seek any relief against Think Finance, Think Finance SPV, Tailwind Marketing, TC Decisions, or GPLS.

## COUNT ONE: VIOLATIONS OF RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) (CLASS CLAIM AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

- 72. Plaintiff restates each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as if set forth at length herein.
- 73. Pursuant to Rule 7023 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Plaintiff brings this action for herself and on behalf of a class—the "Florida RICO Class"—initially defined as:

All Florida residents who executed a loan with Great Plains where the loan was originated and/or any payment was made on or after September 20, 2013.

- 74. Plaintiff is a member of the Florida RICO Class.
- Numerosity. Fed. R. Civ. P 23(a)(1). Plaintiff alleges that the class members are so numerous that joinder of all is impractical. Great Plains lent numerous loans to Floridians; one internal document distributed by Think Finance indicates that as of October 31, 2014, in Florida, Great Plains had lent over \$2.5 million in principal dollars that was less than 61 days past due. (Ex. 6, Outstandings by State Great Plains, Think Finance, 2014). Given that Defendants' business model involved issuing small-dollar loans, it is thus likely that there are thousands of class members. (See Ex. 5 at TF-VA022229-30.)
- 76. The names and addresses of the class members are furthermore readily identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice. Indeed, Defendants have admitted in their bankruptcy filings that they have mailing address information for "individuals that obtained a [Great Plains] loan" during the class period. *See In Re Think Finance, LLC*, No. 17-33964-hdh11 (Dkt. 69) at 14 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 3, 2017).

- 23(a)(2). Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the putative class, and there are no factual or legal issues that differ between the putative class members. These common questions predominate over the questions affecting only individual class members. The common questions include: whether Defendants, Rees, GPLS, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Great Plains, Victory Park, Haynes Investments, and others not yet known to Plaintiff constitute an "enterprise" under RICO; (2) whether Defendants conducted the affairs or participated in the enterprise's affairs; (3) whether the loans violated Fla. Stat. §§ 687.03, 687.071, and 516.02 because the interest rates were too high; and (4) what is the proper recovery for Plaintiff and the class members against each of Defendants.
- 78. **Typicality.** Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3). Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of each putative class member. Plaintiff is entitled to relief under the same causes of action as the other members of the putative class. Additionally, Plaintiff's claims are based on the same facts and legal theories as each of the class members.
- Adequacy of Representation. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4). Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the putative class because her interests coincide with, and are not antagonistic to, the interests of the members of the class that she seeks to represent. Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in such litigation, and she intends to continue to prosecute the action vigorously. Plaintiff and her counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the class. Neither Plaintiff nor her counsel have any interests that might cause them to not vigorously pursue this action.

- Superiority. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Questions of law and fact common to the class members predominate over questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available methods for fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. The damages sought by each member are such that individual prosecution would prove burdensome and expensive. It would be virtually impossible for members of the class individually to effectively redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the members of the class themselves could afford such individual litigation, it would be an unnecessary burden on the courts. Furthermore, individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and increases the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system presented by the legal and factual issues raised by Defendants' conduct. By contrast, the class action device will result in substantial benefits to the litigants and the Court by allowing the Court to resolve numerous individual claims based upon a single set of proof in a case.
- 81. Injunctive Relief Appropriate for the Class. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2). Class certification is appropriate because Defendants acted on grounds generally applicable to the class, making appropriate injunctive relief with respect to Plaintiff and the class members. Plaintiff and the putative class seek an injunction ordering Defendants to divest themselves of any interest in the Great Plains enterprise (including the receipt of any proceeds arising from the unlawful collection of debt) and prohibiting Defendants from continuing to engage in the Great Plains enterprise or selling the outstanding balances on the Great Plains loans to any third parties.
- 82. As alleged above, Defendants violated § 1962(c) of RICO through the "collection of unlawful debt." 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).

- 83. RICO defines "unlawful debt" as a debt which was incurred in connection with "the business of lending money or a thing of value at a rate usurious under State or Federal law, where the usurious rate is at least twice the enforceable rate." 18 U.S.C. § 1961(6).
- 84. All of the Great Plains loans made to Florida residents and collected by Defendants included an interest rate well in excess of twice the enforceable rate in Florida.
- 85. This conduct began as early as 2011, and can be repeated again and again in the future to the detriment of Florida consumers if not stopped by this Court.
- 86. Plaintiff and the class members were injured as a result of Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c).
- 87. Accordingly, Defendants are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff and the putative class members for their actual damages, treble damages, costs, and attorney's fees pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c).

# COUNT TWO: VIOLATIONS OF RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) (CLASS CLAIM AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

- 88. Plaintiff restates each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as if set forth at length herein.
- 89. Pursuant to Rule 7023 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Plaintiff bring this action for themselves and on behalf of a class, initially defined as:
  - All Florida residents who executed a loan with Great Plains where the loan was originated and/or any payment was made on or after September 20, 2013.
  - 90. Plaintiff is a member of the Florida RICO Class.
- 91. Numerosity. Fed. R. Civ. P 23(a)(1). Upon information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that the class members are so numerous that joinder of all is impractical. Great Plains lent

numerous loans to Floridians; one internal document distributed by Think Finance indicates that as of October 31, 2014, in Florida, Great Plains had lent over \$2.5 million in principal dollars that was less than 61 days past due. (Ex. 6, *Outstandings by State – Great Plains*, Think Finance, 2014). Given that Defendants issued issuing small-dollar loans, it is likely that there are thousands of class members. (*See* Ex. 5 at TF-VA022229-30). The names and addresses of the class members are identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice.

- 92. The names and addresses of the class members are furthermore readily identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice. Indeed, Defendants have admitted in their bankruptcy filings that they have mailing address information for "individuals that obtained a [Great Plains] loan" during the class period. *See In Re Think Finance, LLC*, No. 17-33964-hdh11 (Dkt. 69) at 14 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 3, 2017).
- 93. Predominance of Common Questions of Law and Fact. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2). Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the putative class, and there are no factual or legal issues that differ between the putative class members. These common questions predominate over the questions affecting only individual class members. The common questions include: whether Defendants, Rees, GPLS, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Great Plains, Victory Park, Haynes Investments, and others not yet known to Plaintiff constitute an "enterprise" under RICO; (2) whether Defendants conducted the affairs or participated in the enterprise's affairs; (3) whether the loans violated Fla. Stat. §§ 687.03, 687.071, and 516.02

because the interest rates were too high; and (4) what is the proper recovery for Plaintiff and the class members against each of Defendants.

- 94. <u>Typicality</u>. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3). Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of each putative class member. In addition, Plaintiff is entitled to relief under the same causes of action as the other members of the putative class. All are based on the same facts and legal theories.
- 95. Adequacy of Representation. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4). Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the putative class because her interests coincide with, and are not antagonistic to, the interests of the members of the class that she seeks to represent. Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in such litigation, and she intends to continue to prosecute the action vigorously. Plaintiff and her counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the class. Neither Plaintiff nor her counsel have any interests that might cause them to not vigorously pursue this action.
- 96. <u>Injunctive Relief Appropriate for the Class</u>. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2). Class certification is appropriate because Defendants acted on grounds generally applicable to the class, making appropriate injunctive relief with respect to Plaintiff and the class members. Plaintiff and the putative class seek an injunction ordering Defendants to divest themselves of any interest in the enterprise, including the receipt of any proceeds arising from the unlawful collection of debt; prohibiting Defendants from continuing to engage in the enterprise or selling the outstanding balances on the loans to any third parties.
- 97. As alleged above, Defendants, along with other participants not yet known to Plaintiff, violated § 1962(d) of RICO by entering into a series of agreements to violate § 1962(c),

including: (1) the Term Sheet between the Chippewa Cree Tribe, Think Finance, GPLS, and Haynes Investments; (2) the marketing agreements between Tailwind and Great Plains; and (3) the servicing agreements between TC Decision Sciences, and Great Plains.

98. As a result of Defendants' participation in the enterprise and violations of RICO, Defendants are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff and the putative class members for their actual damages, treble damages, costs, and attorney's fees pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c).

# COUNT THREE: VIOLATIONS OF FLORIDA USURY LAWS (CLASS CLAIM AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

- 98. Plaintiff restates each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as if set forth at length herein.
- 99. Pursuant to Rule 7023 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Plaintiff bring this action for themselves and on behalf of a class, initially defined as:

**Florida Usury Class**: All Florida residents who executed a loan with Great Plains where any amount of principal, interest, or other fees were paid.

Florida Usury Subclass: All Florida residents who executed a loan with Great Plains where any interest was paid on or after September 20, 2015.

- 99. Plaintiff is a member of the Florida Usury Class and Florida Usury Subclass.
- Numerosity. Fed. R. Civ. P 23(a)(1). Plaintiff alleges that the class members are so numerous that joinder of all is impractical. Great Plains lent numerous loans to Floridians; one internal document distributed by Think Finance indicates that as of October 31, 2014, in Florida, Great Plains had lent over \$2.5 million in principal dollars that was less than 61 days past due.

  (Ex. 6, Outstandings by State Great Plains, Think Finance, 2014). Given that Defendants enterprise involved issuing small-dollar loans, it is likely that there are thousands of class

members. (*See* Ex. 5 at TF-VA022229-30). The names and addresses of the class members are identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice.

- 101. The names and addresses of the class members are furthermore readily identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice. Indeed, Defendants have admitted in their bankruptcy filings that they have mailing address information for "individuals that obtained a [Great Plains] loan" during the class period. *See In Re Think Finance, LLC*, No. 17-33964-hdh11 (Dkt. 69) at 14 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 3, 2017).
- 23(a)(2). Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the putative class, and there are no factual or legal issues that differ between the putative class members. These common questions predominate over the questions affecting only individual class members. The common questions include: (1) whether the loans violated Fla. Stat. §§ 687.03, 687.071, and 516.02 because the interest rates were too high; and (2) what is the proper recovery for Plaintiff and the class members against each of Defendants.
- 103. **Typicality.** Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3). Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of each putative class member. Plaintiff is entitled to relief under the same causes of action as the other members of the putative class. Additionally, Plaintiff's claims are based on the same facts and legal theories as each of the class members.
- 104. Adequacy of Representation. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4). Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the putative class because her interests coincide with, and are not antagonistic

to, the interests of the members of the class that she seeks to represent. Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in such litigation, and she intends to continue to prosecute the action vigorously. Plaintiff and her counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the class. Neither Plaintiff nor her counsel have any interests that might cause them to not vigorously pursue this action.

- Superiority. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Questions of law and fact common to the class members predominate over questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available methods for fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. The damages sought by each member are such that individual prosecution would prove burdensome and expensive. It would be virtually impossible for members of the class individually to effectively redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the members of the class themselves could afford such individual litigation, it would be an unnecessary burden on the Courts. Furthermore, individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and increases the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system presented by the legal and factual issues raised by Defendants' conduct. By contrast, the class action device will result in substantial benefits to the litigants and the Court by allowing the Court to resolve numerous individual claims based upon a single set of proof in a case.
- 106. Fla. Stat. § 516.02(c) provides that "[a] loan for which a greater rate of interest or charge than is allowed by this chapter has been contracted for or received, wherever made, is not enforceable in this state." Defendants' loan agreements violated Fla. Stat. § 516.02 because they contained interest rates greater than eighteen percent (18%).

- 107. Moreover, Defendants' loan agreements violated the criminal usury provisions of Fla. Stat. § 687.071 because they contained interest rates greater than twenty five percent (25%). Such loans are "therefore void as against the public policy of the state as established by its Legislature." *Richter Jewelry Co. v. Schweinert*, 169 So. 750, 758-59 (Fla. 1935).
- 108. Thus, Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment that the loan agreements are void and unenforceable.
- 109. Defendants' loan agreements not only violate the Florida usury statutes, but they also contain unconscionable choice of law, forum-selection, and arbitration provisions that are void and unenforceable for public policy concerns.
- 110. The dispute and controversy is a justiciable matter that is not speculative, and a resolution by this court will determine the rights and interests of the parties to the Loan Agreements as well as the validity, if any, of the choice of law, forum-selection, and arbitration provisions
- 111. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201, there is an actual justiciable controversy, and a declaratory judgment is the appropriate mechanism for resolving the validity and enforceability of the loan agreements.
- 112. Accordingly, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, respectfully moves for entry of a declaratory judgment that the loan agreements are void and unenforceable. In the alternative, Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment that the choice of law, forum-selection, and arbitration provisions are void and unenforceable as a matter of public policy.

113. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the class members are entitled to recover double all amounts paid on the illegal interest accrued on the loans. Fla. Stat. § 687.04.

# COUNT FOUR: UNJUST ENRICHMENT (CLASS CLAIM AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

- 114. Plaintiff restate each of the allegations in the preceding paragraphs as if set forth at length herein.
- 115. Pursuant to Rule 7023 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Plaintiff bring this action for themselves and on behalf of a class—the "Florida Unjust Enrichment Class"—initially defined as follows:

Florida Unjust Enrichment Class: All Florida residents who executed a loan with Great Plains where any amount of principal, interest, fees, or other charges were repaid.

- 98. Plaintiff is a member of the Florida Unjust Enrichment Class.
- 99. Numerosity. Fed. R. Civ. P 23(a)(1). Upon information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that the class members are so numerous that joinder of all is impractical. Great Plains lent numerous loans to Floridians; one internal document distributed by Think Finance indicates that as of October 31, 2014, in Florida, Great Plains had lent over \$2.5 million in principal dollars that was less than 61 days past due. (Ex. 6, *Outstandings by State Great Plains*, Think Finance, 2014). Given that Defendants' enterprise issuing small-dollar loans, it is likely that there are thousands of class members. (*See* Ex. 5 at TF-VA022229-30). The names and addresses of the class members are identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice.

- 100. The names and addresses of the class members are furthermore readily identifiable through the internal business records maintained by Defendants, and the class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by published and/or mailed notice. Indeed, Defendants have admitted in their bankruptcy filings that they have mailing address information for "individuals that obtained a [Great Plains] loan" during the class period. *See In Re Think Finance, LLC*, No. 17-33964-hdh11 (Dkt. 69) at 14 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 3, 2017).
- 101. Predominance of Common Questions of Law and Fact. Fed. R. Civ. P.

  23(a)(2). Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the putative class, and there are no factual or legal issues that differ between the putative class members. These questions predominate over the questions affecting only individual class members. The principal issues include: (1) whether Plaintiff and the class members conferred a benefit on Defendants; (2) whether Defendant knew or should have known of the benefit; (3) whether Defendants retained an unjust benefit because the loan was void; and (4) what is the proper recovery for Plaintiff and the class members against each of the Defendants.
- 102. **Typicality. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3).** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of each putative class member. In addition, Plaintiff is entitled to relief under the same causes of action as the other members of the putative class. All claims are based on the same facts and legal theories.
- 103. Adequacy of Representation. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4). Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the putative class because her interests coincide with, and are not antagonistic to, the interests of the members of the class she seeks to represent. Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in such litigation, and they intend to continue to prosecute the action

vigorously. Plaintiff and her counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the class. Neither Plaintiff nor her counsel have any interests that might cause them to not vigorously pursue this action.

- class members predominate over questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to other available methods for fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. The damages sought by each member are such that individual prosecution would prove burdensome and expensive. It would be virtually impossible for members of the class individually to effectively redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the members of the class themselves could afford such individual litigation, it would be an unnecessary burden on the Courts. Furthermore, individualized litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and increases the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system because of the legal and factual issues raised by Defendants' conduct. By contrast, the class action device will result in substantial benefits to the litigants and the Court by allowing the Court to resolve numerous individual claims based upon a single set of proof in a case.
- 105. All of the loans made by Defendants to Florida consumers were void and unenforceable.
- 106. Plaintiff and members of the putative class conferred a benefit on Defendants when they repaid the void loans; Defendants knew or should have known of the benefit; and Defendants have been unjustly enriched through their receipt of any amounts in connection with the unlawful loans.

107. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, all amounts repaid on any loans affiliated with Defendants' unlawful scheme.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

**WHEREFORE,** Plaintiff requests the Court enter judgment for herself and the classes she seeks to represent against Defendants, including for:

- A. Certification of this matter to proceed as a class action and appointment of Plaintiff's counsel as class counsel;
- B. Declaratory and injunctive relief as pled herein;
- C. Compensatory relief;
- D. Treble damages pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1964(c);
- E. Attorney's fees, litigation expenses, and costs of suit; and
- F. Any further relief the Court deems proper.

### TRIAL BY JURY IS DEMANDED

Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial in the instant action.

Respectfully submitted,

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## EXHIBIT 1



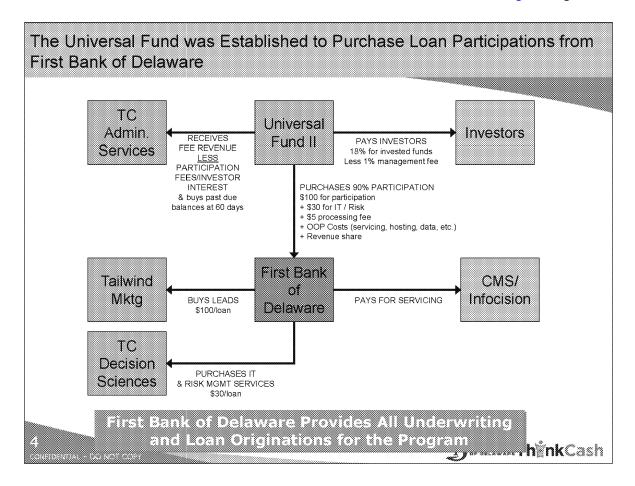


# The Universal Fund Pays 17% Net Return to Investors and Purchases High-Yielding Short-Term Debt

#### Investment Overview

- Investors purchase notes in the Universal Fund
  - Investors paid 18% minus 1% management fee = 17% return
  - Rolling close investors may purchase a series of notes through 2009
  - Key investor docs Subscription Agreement, Accredited Investor Questionnaire, Note
- Proceeds used to purchase participations in bank loans quaranteed by ThinkCash
  - Loans are short-term (4-24 months), high interest installment loans (87-334% APR)
  - Admin Agent purchases loans from Universal Fund 60 days past due at face value and funds a 10% reserve account
  - ThinkCash provides corporate guaranty
- 5 year term early redemption of notes available quarterly
  - Investors can request early redemption on calendar quarters with 45 days advance notice
  - Notes paid off from principal payments on loan participations with expected payback approximately 6 months





## Universal Fund Payment Waterfall

Revenues = 220% APR

Less Payments (in order of priority):

- 1. Loan Losses (absorbed by Admin Agent) = 110%
- 2. Payments to FBD (net particip. fees and revenue share) = 10%
- 3. Interest Payments to Investors = 17%
- 4. Management Fee = 1%
- 5. Investor Interest Reserve = 10%

Excess = Cash Flow (Servicing Income) to Admin Agent

Net Revenue After Losses and Payments to FBD = 6x Coverage of Investor Interest Payment



First Bank of Delaware Originates the Loans and ThinkCash Acts as Marketer and Administrative Agent

## Key Players



- Headquartered in Philadelphia, PA
- Established in 1999
- Revenues = \$100MM+
- Employees = 70+
- Full-service, state chartered bank, member FDIC

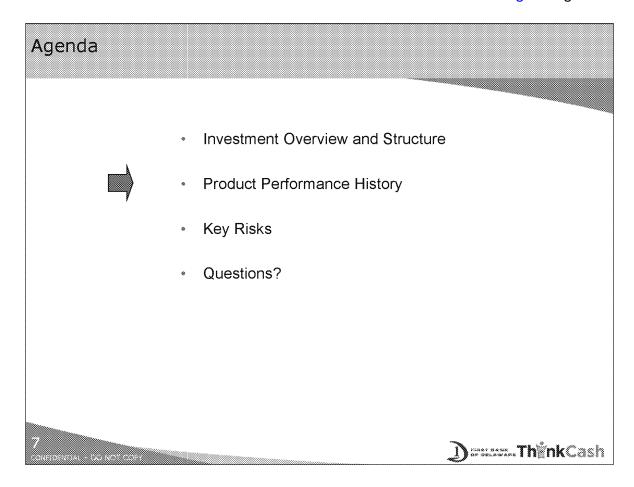
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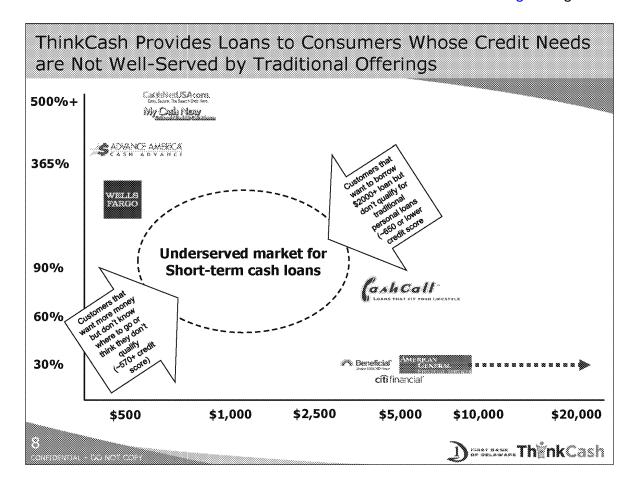
- Headquartered in Fort Worth, TX
- Established in 2001
- \* Revenues = \$100MM+
- ∗ Employees = 200+
- Leading online consumer lender
- Investors include Sequoia Capital& Technology Crossover Ventures

#### Universal Fund II

- Delaware LLC single member
- Exclusive charter is to purchase participations in FBD loans
- First fund successfully managed









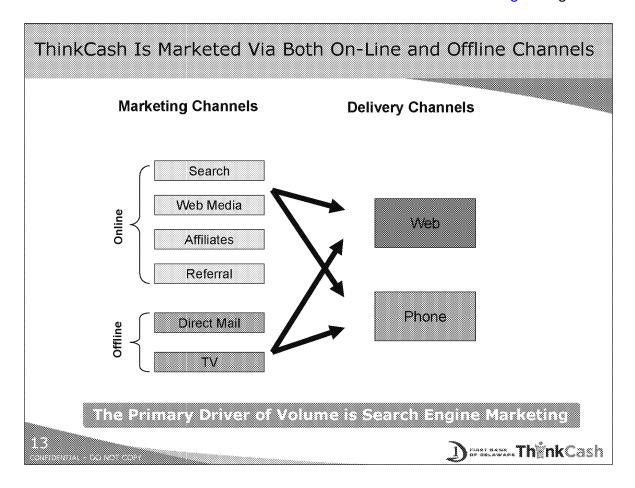


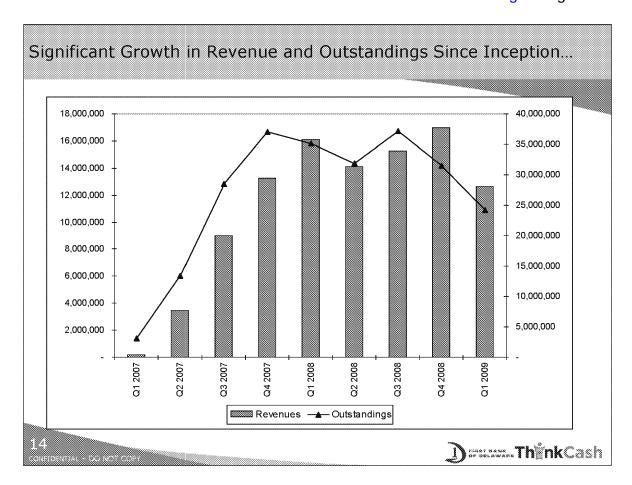
# The Loan APR Drops as the Offered Loan Amount Increases Based on Creditworthiness

### **Product Description**

Max Loan	Term Rate	Daily Rate	Bi-weekly	Bi-weekly	Semi-	Semi-	Monthly	Monthly
Amount			Term	Payment	Monthly	Monthly	Term	Payment
					Term	Payment		
250	334%	0.9151	8	51.76	8	53.18	4	111.35
500	334%	0.9151	12	83.78	12	86.98	6	180.47
600	311%	0.8521	12	96.55	12	100.08	6	207.49
700	288%	0.7890	12	108.06	12	111.81	6	231.62
800	260%	0.7123	24	88.85	24	93.74	12	191.37
900	240%	0.6575	24			99.24	12	202.56
1000	220%	0.6027	30	92.52	30	97.93	15	199.14
1100	200%	0.5479	30	94.69	30	110.01	15	203.33
1200	180%	0.4932	30	95.78	30	100.89	15	205.10
1300	170%	0.4658	36	94.50	36	99.97	18	202.72
1400	160%	0.4384	36	L	36	102.80	18	208.45
1500	149%	0.4082	42		42	100.56	21	203.53
1600	139%	0.3808	42	96.15	42	101.68	21	205.79
1700	129%	0.3534	42	96.85	42	102.21	21	206.85
1800	119%	0.3260	48	93.08	48	98.45	24	198.95
1900	109%	0.2986	48	92.36	48	97.45		196.91
2000	99%	0.2712	48	91.18	48	95.93	24	193.82
2100	98%	0.2685	48	95.12	48	100.05	24	202.13
2200	97%	0.2658	48		48	104.11	24	210.32
2300	96%	0.2630	48		48	108.07	24	218.33
2400	90%	0.2466	48		48	108.14	24	218.43
2500	87%	0.2384	48	105.20	48	110.26	24	222.70

#### How we differ from a typical payday loan? \$750 Installment Loan \$750 Payday Loan Week 2 Week 4 \$150.00 \$150.00 Pmt. 1 \$85.42 Rollover 1 Pmt. 2 \$85.42 Rollover 2 Week 6 Pmt. 3 \$85.42 Rollover 3 \$150.00 Week 8 Week 10 Pmt. 4 Pmt. 5 \$85.42 Rollover 4 \$150.00 \$900.00 \$85.42 Payoff and Re-Advance \$750 Week 12 Week 14 Pmt. 6 Pmt. 7 Rollover 1 Rollover 2 \$150.00 \$150.00 \$85.42 \$85.42 Week 16 Week 18 Pmt. 8 Pmt. 9 \$150.00 \$150.00 \$85.42 Rollover 3 \$85.42 Rollover 4 Week 20 Week 22 Pmt. 10 Pmt. 11 \$900.00 \$150.00 \$85.42 Payoff and Re-Advance \$750 \$85.42 Rollover 1 Week 24 Week 26 Pmt. 12 Pmt. 13 \$85.42 \$85.42 \$150.00 \$150.00 Rollover 2 Rollover 3 Week 28 Week 30 Pmt. 14 Pmt. 15 \$85.42 \$85.42 Rollover 4 Payoff and Re-Advance \$150.00 \$900.00 \$750 \$150.00 \$150.00 Week 32 \$85.42 Rollover 1 Week 34 \$85.42 Pmt. 17 Rollover 2 Week 36 \$85.42 Rollover 3 \$150.00 Week 38 Pmt. 19 \$85.42 Rollover 4 \$150.00 Week 40 Pmt. 20 \$85.42 Payoff and Re-Advance \$750 Week 42 Week 44 Pmt. 21 \$150.00 \$150.00 \$85.42 Rollover 1 Pmt. 22 \$85.42 Rollover 2 Week 46 Week 48 Pmt. 23 Pmt. 24 \$85.42 Rollover 3 \$150.00 \$900.00 \$85.42 Payoff \$2,050.08 Net Repayment \$4,350.00 Net Repayment 268.01% APR APR 521.43% \* Note - sample represents \$20 per every \$100 lent assumes customer rolls over loan throughout a 12 month period Total Interest \$1,300,08 Total Interest \$3,600.00 Gradiana.**Th`nk**Cash



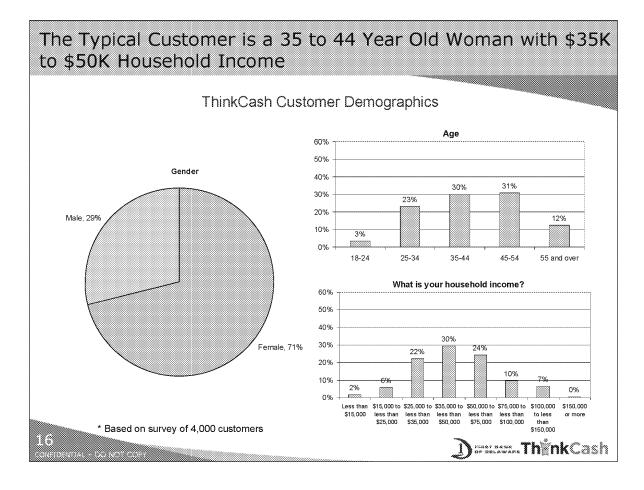


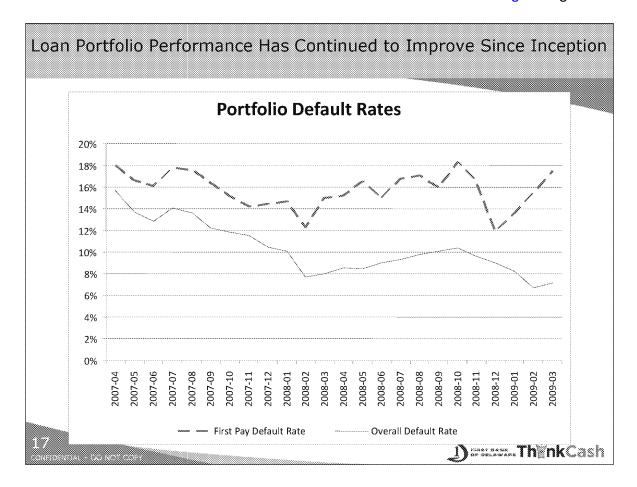
# ...And Over \$100MM in Loans Have Been Originated Since Inception

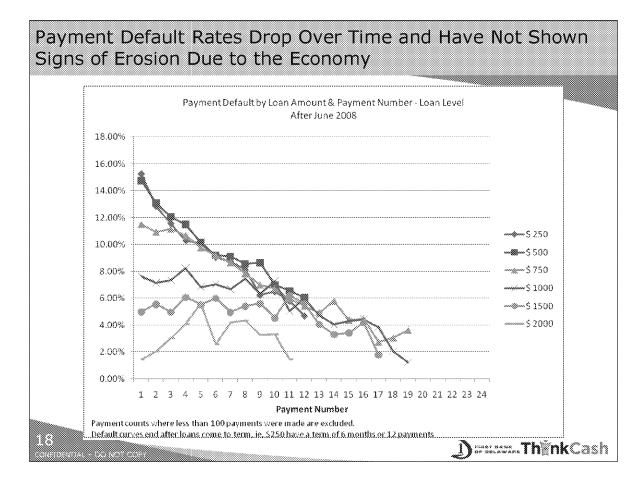
### Key Portfolio Statistics

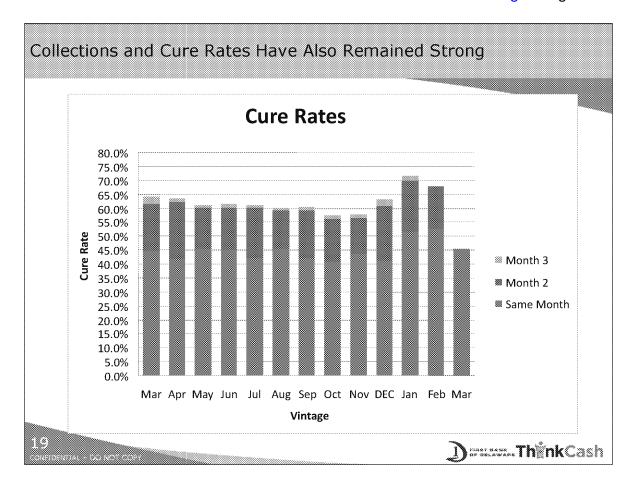
- Loans originated = \$100 MM+
- Loan customers = 150,000+
- 2007 finance charges = \$24MM
- 2007 losses = \$12MM
- 2008 finance charges = \$62MM
- 2008 losses = \$32MM
- Average loan size = \$700
- Average loan term = 10 months
- Average payment default rate = < 10%</p>
- Average cure/collections rates > 50%
- Net yield on outstandings = 100%+ APR

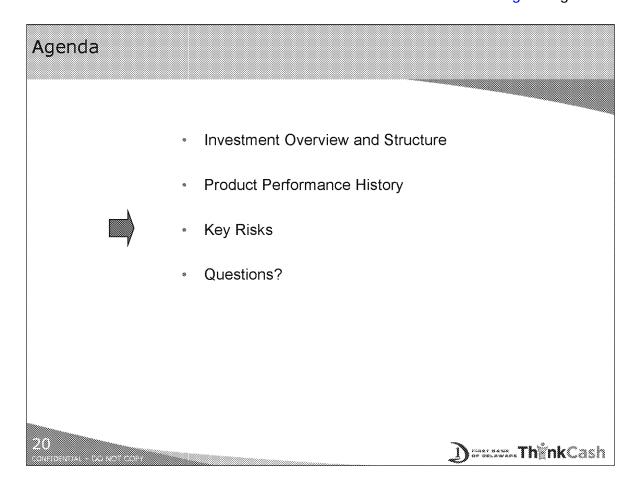












## Overview of Risks

Risk	Potential Impact	Mitigating Factors
Regulatory/Legal (FDIC or state/ federal legislation changes or lawsuits)	<ul> <li>Potential for early termination of program</li> <li>Litigation may raise costs of loan program</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No history of FDIC or state/federal legislation changes impacting loan collectability</li> <li>Admin Agent pays any litigation costs</li> </ul>
Loan Performance (credit quality erosion)	<ul> <li>Reduced loan portfolio yields</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significant portfolio history</li> <li>Current portfolio yield&gt;100%</li> <li>Admin Agent guaranty</li> </ul>
Admin Agent (default or bankruptcy)	<ul><li>Breach of guaranty</li><li>Potential for early termination of program</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Strong TC financials (\$30MM+)</li> <li>10% reserve account</li> <li>High yielding portfolio</li> </ul>



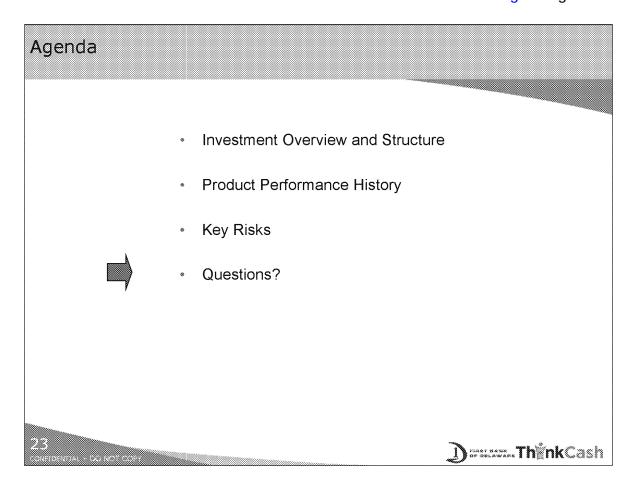
## Overview of Risks (cont.)

Risk	Potential Impact	Mitigating Factors
Bank (failure)	<ul><li>Early termination of program</li></ul>	<ul><li>Strong bank financials</li><li>Loans continue to be collectable</li></ul>
		Bank has outsourced servicing
Early Termination (due to regulatory changes, credit quality erosion, admin agent or bank default)	<ul> <li>Accelerated payback of investor funds</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Early termination does not reduce investor returns on deployed capital</li> </ul>

Please Read the PPM for a Full Description of Risks

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## **EXHIBIT 2**

## Term Sheet For Think Finance-Chippewa Cree Transaction

#### **Parties**

Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Montana, or its Tribal entity to be known as "Plain Green, LLC" ("Tribe")

Think Finance, Inc. ("TF")

Haynes Investments, Inc. its successors and assigns ("Haynes")

GPL Servicing Ltd, a Cayman Islands company ("GPLS")

#### Transaction

TF will license its software to the Tribe pursuant to a software license agreement acceptable to the parties. TF will also provide risk management, application processing, underwriting assistance, payment processing, and ongoing customer service support coterminous with the software license agreement and market and/or identify access channels for consumer loans on the Tribe's behalf (jointly "Services").

The Tribe will adopt a finance code that is acceptable to all parties and provide for the licensing of an arm of the tribe to engage in consumer lending. The Tribe will also obtain a computer server and develop a call center to run the software provided by TF and to enable the Tribe to provide call center services to customers.

The Tribe will implement underwriting criteria to approve loans that it decides to offer to consumers on a nationwide basis through the internet. The initial product will be an installment loan with a maximum amount of \$2,500 and a minimum repayment period of two months and a maximum repayment term of two years (a "Loan"). Interest rates on the loans will vary from an APR of 60% to 360% based upon the repayment history of the borrower and term of the loan. The Tribe will develop documentation for the lending process including an application, a loan agreement, an adverse action letter, and other related documents that comply with the federal consumer credit code including the Truth in Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and the Electronic Funds Transfer Act. The Tribe will enter into an agreement with a U.S. bank to process loan transactions using the ACH system and will also develop the capability to process remote checks.

Haynes will arrange to provide funding to the Tribe to enable it to make each of the Loans. TF shall agree that the services provided by Haynes are exclusive as they relate to the Tribe and they shall not enter into any other relationship with the Tribe except as described herein.

GPLS may from time to time purchase participation interests in each Loan that meets agreed upon criteria within two business days of the funding of the Loan at 100% par value.

### **Mechanics**

The Tribe shall establish an account at a U.S. financial institution that will enable it to fund loans made and to receive payments from customers on each business day. Haynes shall fund an account at such institution with sufficient monies to fund one business day of Loans based upon average Loan volumes for the preceding month.

#### Reserve Account

The Tribe shall establish a reserve account at a U.S. financial institution under the control of its law firm that will be available solely to deal with any regulatory issues, lawsuits or other controversies involving the Tribe and its lending activities. Such reserve account shall be funded by Tribe and TF equally out of the income earned from the Loans until the account has a balance of not less than \$50,000 which amount shall be replenished from time to time to the extent it is drawn upon.

#### Revenues

GPLS shall pay the Tribe 4.5% of cash revenue received on account of the Loans for which GPLS has acquired a participation interest each month and will advance to the Tribe as a prepayment on revenue, \$50,000 each month for the first six months or until such time that the amount received exceeds \$50,000. Additionally, the Tribe will be reimbursed for all out-of-pocket expenses.

GPLS shall pay a fee to Haynes equal to 1% of the cash revenue received on account of the Loans for which GPLS has acquired a participation interest each month.

For the 1% of the loan portfolio retained by the Tribe, the Tribe will receive 100% of the cash revenue minus 100% of the losses.

#### Other Matters

TF commits that it will train and utilize not less than 10 members of the Tribe as customer service representatives on the Tribe's reservation within nine months after lending activity has begun.

The Tribe commits that it will use its best efforts to have completed the following critical path items within the next 14 days:

- 1. Establish "Plain Green, LLC" (or an entity with some other agreed upon name)
- Revise the Tribal Credit Transaction Code to provide for a broader array of lending products
- Obtain a license pursuant to the Chippewa Cree Tribal Credit Transaction Code if required
- 4. Setup bank account for "Plain Green, LLC"
- 5. Setup ACH processing for "Plain Green, LLC"
- 6. Get SSL for URL
- 7. Obtain 2 separate originating and servicing addresses for Plain Green, LLC and GPLS.

### Legal Representation

Pepper Hamilton LLP ("Pepper") and Jones & Keller, PC ("J&K")" shall be counsel to the Tribe. All fees of Pepper (including a success fee) shall be paid by TF at the closing of the transaction (and will pay the fees in the event the transaction does not close), plus reimbursement for all costs.

J&K shall be paid as follows: an amount of \$20,000 shall be wired by TF or Haynes to J&K's trust account on Thursday, March 10, 2011 which shall be applied by J&K in payment for all legal work performed by J&K (but not expense disbursements, if any, which shall be separately billed to TF or Haynes) during the week ending on March 18, 2011, and an additional amount of \$7,500 shall be wired by Haynes to J&K's trust account which shall be applied by J&K in payment for all legal work performed by J&K provided that all action by the Tribe or on behalf of the Tribe that is necessary to complete the items contemplated above for the Tribe to complete have been accomplished in all material respects by March 18, 2011.

In addition to the above legal fees, an amount of \$50,000 for the payment of other tribal legal and professional fees, as well as set up, administration, travel, and supplies shall be wired by TF or Haynes to J&K's trust account on Thursday, March 10, 2011 which shall be transferred by J&K (1) to the Tribe or as directed by the Tribe or by the Board of Directors of the tribal entity known as Plain Green, LLC provided that all action by the Tribe or on behalf of the Tribe that is necessary to complete the items contemplated above for the Tribe to complete have been accomplished in all material respects by March 18, 2011, or otherwise at the direction of the Tribe (2) to Haynes as directed by Steven Haynes.

This term sheet does not set forth all the terms and conditions of the transaction described herein. Rather, it is only an outline, in summary format, of major points of understanding, which will form the basis of the definitive documentation.

Except for obligations in respect of the "Legal Representation" paragraph above, in this paragraph and in the immediately succeeding paragraph, this term sheet is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a binding agreement by any of the parties hereto to consummate the transaction described herein. Such agreement will arise only upon the execution and delivery by the parties hereto of definitive documentation satisfactory in form and substance to each of the parties and the fulfillment, to the satisfaction of the parties, of the conditions precedent set forth herein and in such definitive documentation. In the event the transaction described herein shall not have been consummated on or before the day that is days after the date of this executed term sheet, this term sheet shall automatically terminate on such 45th day (unless extended in writing by the parties).

This term sheet and the terms set forth herein are confidential, and none of the parties shall disclose the terms of this term sheet, or the fact that negotiations amongst the parties are ongoing, to any third party, including, without limitation, any other source of potential financing for the transaction described herein; provided, that the parties may provide a copy of this term sheet to their attorneys and financial advisors, in each case, for use only in connection with the proposed transaction and on a confidential basis.

Agreed to by the below signatories.

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA, or its Tribal entity to be known as "Plain Green, LLC"

Ву:	John Roup
THINK FI	NANCE, INC.
Ву:	
HAYNES By:	INVESTMENTS, INC., its successors and assigns
GPL SERY	ICING LTD., a Cayman Islands company
Ву:	

Dated: March 11, 2011

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CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA, or its Tribal entity to be known as "Plain Green, LLC"

By: John House	
THINK FINANCE, INC.	
By: Jason Haweron	_
HAYNES INVESTMENTS, INC., its successors and assigns	
Ву:	
GPL SERVICING LTD., a Cayman Islands company	
зу:	

Dated: March 11, 2011

# **EXHIBIT 3**



## **Great Plains Lending Meeting**

January 12, 2011



# Think Finance Provides Next-Generation Consumer Finance Products



## Founded in 2001 - Rapid Growth to Industry Leadership

- Approx. 250 employees headquarters in Fort Worth, TX
- Over \$2 billion in loans underwritten to over one million customers
- \$215MM in 2010 revenue
- Key investors include Sequoia Capital and Technology Crossover Ventures

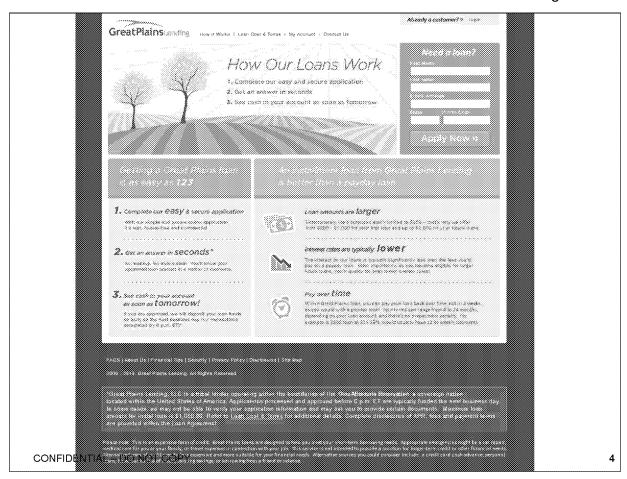
## Product Diversification Minimizes Regulatory Risk

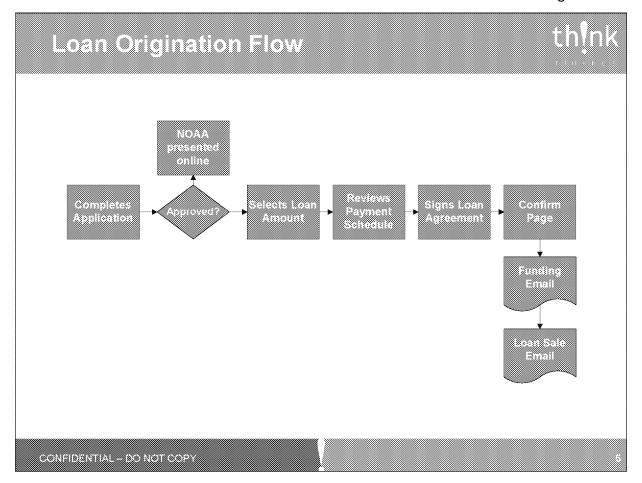
- Elastic: Line of credit linked to prepaid debit cards
- ThinkCash/Great Plains Lending: Installment loans
- PayDay One: State-licensed payday lender
- Partner with First Bank of Delaware and Urban Trust Bank

## Industry Innovator in Technology and Underwriting

- Low price leader & product innovator 93% customer satisfaction
- First fully automated short-term loan transaction in industry
- Proprietary risk scores and technology platform

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# **Underwriting Change Control**



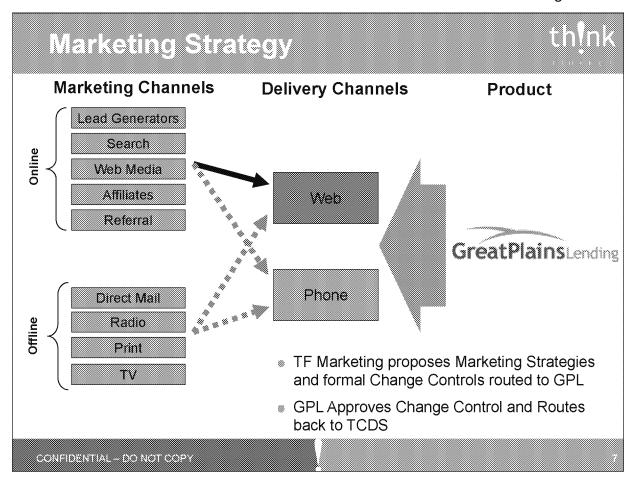
# TF Decision Sciences Formally Recommends Changes

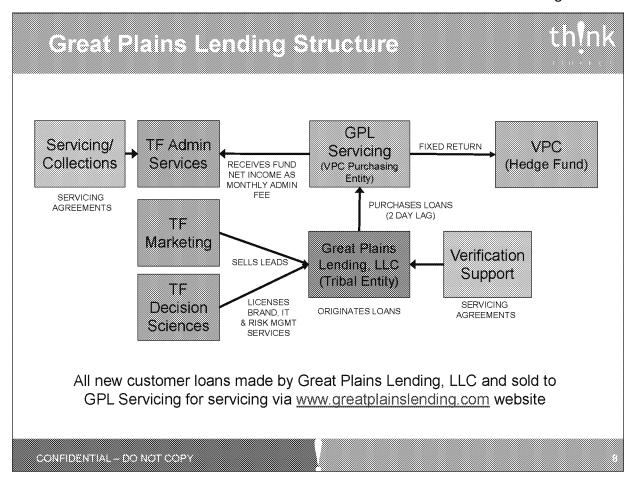
- Change Control Routed to GPL
- GPL Approves/Modifies Change Control and Routes back to TFDS
- GPL & TFDS Implements Changes and Stores All Change Control Documentation

# Decision Engine Tracks Audit Trail of All Changes

GPL Has Decision Engine Read Access At All Times

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# Key Contractual Agreements



# **Great Plains Lending, LLC (Tribal Entity)**

- Loan purchase agreement with GPL Servicing, LLC (Purchasing Entity)
- Technology and services agreement with TF Decision Sciences
- Marketing agreement with TF Marketing
- Verifications agreement with outsourcer(s) (eg Meta)
- Data agreement with Trans Union (all other data providers come from TF Decision Sciences)

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# ACH and Seitlement

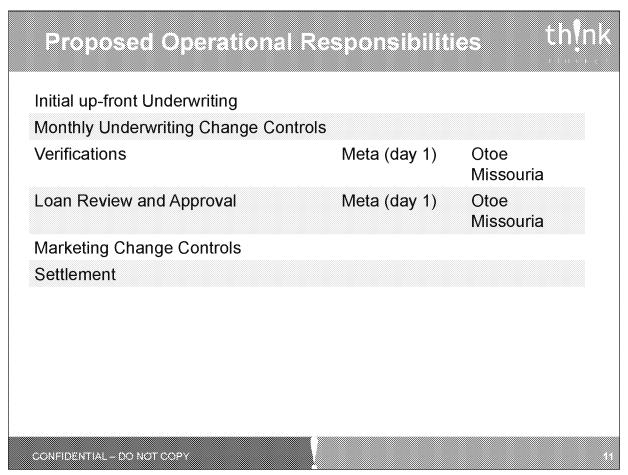


Outbound ACH (credits/funding and any related returns or rescinds) will be from Great Plains Lending, LLC (Tribal Entity)

Initially using FBD as processor

Inbound ACH (debits/collections and related returns) will be to GPL Servicing, LLC (Purchasing Entity)

Settlement for loan purchases by GPL Servicing will occur on a 2-day lag



# NamSians



- 1. Need contact of program manager

  - Accounting Settlement
- 2. Create Tribal entity Great Plains Lending, LLC
- 3. Setup Tribal bank account at FBD
- 4. Entity information (PO Box)
- 5. Signature/Name for Loan Agreement
- Review/approve consumer legal documents and footer disclosures
- 7. Review/sign all contractual agreements

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# **EXHIBIT 4**

# Great Plains Lending Flow of Funds Ongoing Loan Originations and Sales

#### **Overview**

Below is a simple overview of how funds will flow beginning with the initial deposit by Think Finance through monthly payment of the cash revenue share:

- 1. GPLS, Ltd ("GPLS", a Cayman Islands entity) will deposit \$1 million into the bank account that Great Plains Lending, Inc ("GP Lending", a tribal entity) has at First Bank of Delaware ("FBD"). This amount is referred to as the Deposit Account in the Loan Purchase Agreement and is meant to provide a reserve against revenue due from GPLS. However, it will cover 2-3 days of loan originations. The amount of money in the Deposit Account will be adjusted as needed as the loan portfolio grows. Since there is only one bank account set up for GP Lending at FBD, all funds in the account will be co-mingled.
- 2. GP Lending will begin to originate loans on a daily basis. The loans will fund out of their FBD bank account to customer bank accounts via nightly ACH processing.
- 3. Two days after loans are funded to customers, GP Lending will sell those loans at book value (excluding loans to Delaware customers) to GPLS, which will deposit money into the GP Lending bank account at FBD (for the amount of the loans purchased that day). The proceeds from selling the loans will then be used by GP Lending to originate additional loans.
- 4. GPLS will process customer payments on loans via ACH each day. Those payments will be deposited into the GPLS bank account at FBD. GPLS also received certain payments by mail and credit card which are also ultimately deposited into the GPLS bank account at FBD.
- 5. Each month end a reconciliation of all cash revenue from the originated loans will be performed by GPLS. Revenue sharing will be remitted according to the contracts whereby 6% (initially) of cash revenue collected will be paid from GPLS to GP Lending and 4% (initially) of cash revenues collected will be paid by TC Decision Sciences to Sentinel Resources. The revenue share percentages will change as the portfolio grows according to the figures in the Loan Purchase Agreement and the Consulting Agreement. The revenue share payments will be deposited into the GP Lending account at FBD within 10 days of month end.
- 6. Each month end a reconciliation of total funded loans will be performed in order for Tailwind Marketing (a Think Finance entity) to bill GP Lending \$100 for each funded loan during the month for marketing services. TC Decision Sciences (a Think Finance entity) will bill GP Lending \$50 for each funded loan during the month for licensing services. These invoices are due 30 days from month end and will be paid within 10 days of receipt by GPLS from GP Lending. All payments in and out of GP Lending will be made into and out of the GP Lending bank account at FBD.
- 7. Other out of pocket expenses (data costs, dedicated headcount, etc) will be reimbursed by GPLS within 10 days of receipt by GP Lending into the GP Lending bank account at FBD.

# **EXHIBIT 5**

As of 8/7/2012

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# **Change Record**

Author	Date Changed	Comments
G. Jimenez, J. Brasfield, M. Nguyen	9/18/09	Initial Draft
K. Bennett	11/20/09	- Added Credit Returns,
		Exception Returns, Handling Past
		Due, Funding Rules, NOAA's, Line Amounts and States Not
		Serviced.
		- Edited Payment Rules for early
		ACH and rescind loan.
K. Bennett	1/5/10	Added Payoff and Cooldown
K. Definett	1/3/10	section.
K. Bennett	2/9/10	Added information to Exception
		Returns section.
K. Bennett	2/15/10	Added Bank Bank Flag, Blocked
		Account Flag, Making Changes to
		an Active Account, Latitude,
		Charge Off Status. Updated
		Payment Rules, Funding Rules,
		Credit Returns.
G.Montgomery	3/2/10	Added information to Charge off
		status (bullet 5)
G.Montgomery	7/26/10	Added alt ACH and manual ACH
		payment type information
K. Bennett	8/9/10	Added Settlement payment
		information, new pricing line
		information
K. Bennett	8/11/10	Added Application Rules and
	44/44/40	RFAI sections.
G. Montgomery, K. Bennett	11/11/10	Updated entire document
		Added: Resell ,Funding Options,
		Glossary, Application
		Requirements, Application Pay Date Widget, Website Features,
		Loan By Phone Functionality,
		Partner App Functionality,
		Process flows
K. Bennett	3/28/2011	Added Funding Approval cutoff
	0,20,2022	time to Application Timelines
		section, updated pricing
		information, updated states not
		serviced
K. Bennett	4/26/2011	Clarify the timing for 'no
		cooldown' and when we stop
		ACHing an account.
G. Montgomery	7/28/11	Updated overview to fit both
		products, added appendices with

		pricing charts, added Resell process flow, updated states not serviced for both products.
G. Montgomery	1/27/12	Updated Appendix II(pricing chart for GPL); Updated Pricing & Loan Amount section to reflect new GPL max (\$1500)
K. Bennett	3/7/12	Updated no state list for PG to include NH.
K. Bennett	5/25/12	Updated the Pay Date Widget section to include information about default dates for non widget incomes.
G. Montgomery	6/12/2012	Removed references to LBP; Updated resell section to include GPL and show as active; Updated Overview with new loan amount ranges; Update NOAA section — removed popunder functionality; Updated pricing- Removed tier references; removed references to latitude; Updated Charge Off section to include debt sale
K. Bennett	8/7/2012	Update NOAA section to include when an email is sent. Update no state lists to not include MD.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Installment Loan Product is a short-term loan product offering loans ranging from \$200 to \$3000, repaid in equal payments (monthly, biweekly or semi-monthly) over a pre-defined period of time. Customers choose the Installment Loan Product over other short-term emergency loans due to 3 key items:

- 1. Larger dollar amounts
- 2. Ability to pay over time
- 3. Less expensive than other traditional emergency loans such as pay day loans

Think Finance currently supports 2 installment loan products; PlainGreenLoans.com and GreatPlainsLending.com. Both sites contain the same basic underlying functionality but differ in the loan amounts offered and the pricing (APR's) for those loans.

The application process is simple. Customers fill out the online application, submit their application and receive a decision in seconds. The application is sent to our internal decisioning system which utilizes several 3<sup>rd</sup> party data points as well as a customized score to identify if a customer should be approved for a loan, and what dollar amount they qualify for. Customers electronically sign their loan agreement,

setup a payment schedule and receive their loan proceeds in their bank account as soon as the next business day, pending verifications.

Loan payments are ACH'd directly from the customer's bank account based on their payment schedule. Customers may choose to change their upcoming payment date through the My Account section of the website, or by contacting Customer Support. Regular communication emails are sent to customers that include items such as:

- New Account Creation
- Upcoming payments due
- Payment confirmation

Upon loan payoff, customers may choose to reapply for a new loan online. All previous application data is stored and available for the customer to adjust and submit for new loan consideration.

The purpose of the document is to outline the basic Installment Loan product's functionality and system rules.

#### APPLICATION

#### Application Requirements (HIGH)

- Be at least 18 years of age (19 if residing in AL or NE)
- Have a job or proven source of income
- Have a valid Email address
- Have Checking account in good standing (That means no returned checks, overdraft charges, negative account balances or nonsufficient fund transactions in the past 30 days.)

#### **Application Processing Timelines (HIGH)**

- Cutoff time for accepting applications for same day processing is 6pm ET.
- Cutoff time for verifications to be completed is 9pm ET.
- Cutoff time for FUNDING APPROVAL on Bank Verification Summary page is 9pm ET.
- Rollbacks occur at 9:05pm ET.
- ACH file for funding is sent to the Bank at 9:10pm ET.
- Applications received after 6pm ET will be processed on the next business day.

#### Application Rules and Validation (HIGH)

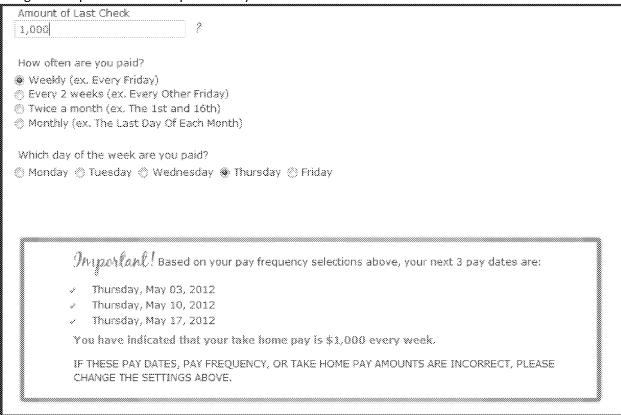
- The following items are validated within the application on the website:
  - Validate address does not contain PO Box
  - Validate SSN or email address are not already in use in our system if either of these already exist on an account, the customer will receive a popup message informing them that the information is existing and they will be provided a link to login.
  - Validate bank account and routing number the same number can only be in use on 2 accounts in our system at any given time
- An application can have the following statuses:
  - Draft application currently being created
  - Approved application approved
  - Rejected application rejected
  - Pending awaiting score
  - Manual manual scoring required
  - Accepted user has accepted loan
  - Expired application is expired
  - Renew there is new application data
  - Declined customer withdraws their application (no longer used)
  - An application may receive a 'soft rejection (RFAI)' or a 'hard rejection (NOAA)'.
  - Customers have 10 days after submitting their application to return to the website and complete the loan process and sign their loan agreement or to fax in any requested documentation.
    - Applications expire on the 10<sup>th</sup> day from the date of the application decision (approval/rejection). After this they will have to resubmit their application for a new decision.

#### Application - Pay Date Widget (MEDIUM)

The Pay Date Widget is a tool on the application page designed to accurately determine a customer's next 3 pay dates and provide them with payment due dates that correspond to those dates.

Once a customer has selected their 'Income Type', the widget dynamically ask the customer questions regarding their pay frequency. Based on the answers we will display a message to the customer asking them to confirm their next 3 pay dates. Customer that receive Self-Employed and Social Security/Disability income types will <u>not</u> have the pay date widget on their application.

Widget example for someone paid weekly:



- A former customer will be required to complete the widget each time the customer reapplies. A message at the top of the application tells the customer of this requirement
  on the application.
- When a a Loan by Phone customer logs in to finish their application, they will be required to complete the PDW section. A message at the top of the application tells the customer of the field requirements on the application. (Loan by Phone functionality is currently disabled)
- The admin application page does not contain the pay date wizard, however, information gathered on the application will be populated within the 'Next Pay Date' and 'Following Pay Date' fields.
- Social Security/Disability income types will <u>not</u> contain the pay date widget on the application but they will be required to enter their next pay date and their pay frequency.

 Self-Employed customers will <u>not</u> have the PDW on their application. They are always considered monthly by the system.

#### Min/Max Logic for the customers' first payment due date

Based on the information the customer provides in the income section, the system will determine a set of dates to offer the customer as options for picking a due date for their first payment (those that correspond to the customers pay dates).

- For Weekly/Bi-weekly/Semi-monthly the customer will be provided with an option to choose from any pay dates falling within 7 to 22 days after the loan effective date. If only 1 pay date falls withing this range, the customer will not have the option to choose from a drop down.
- For Monthly the customer will be provided with an option to choose from any pay dates falling within 7 to 38 days after the loan effective date. If only 1 pay date falls withing this range, the customer will not have the option to choose from a drop down.
- The first date shown in the drop down will default to the pay date that is closest to 14 days from the effective date.
- For non-direct deposit customers we will provide the available pay dates falling within the min/max range plus two additional days (as long as the 2 days are within range).
  - The first date shown in the drop down will default to the pay date that is closest to 14 + 1 day from the effective date.
- Self-Employed customers will be provided with an option to choose from all dates that fall within the 7-38 day min/max range.
  - The first date shown in the drop down will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month
- Social Security\Disability customers will be provided with an option to choose from all dates within the 7-22 day range (or 7-38 day range for monthly) from the effective date.
  - The first date shown in the drop down will default to the pay date that is closest to 14 days from effective date.

## Loan By Phone Functionality (currently disabled)

A new customer may contact Customer Support and apply for a loan over the phone. The agent will gather basic information from the customer that is necessary to make an approval/rejection decision.

Once the agent submits the application:

- The customer will receive an email containing a temporary password.
- The customer will need to login to the website to reset their password and to complete the loan process.
  - If the customer was approved they will be required to complete the remainder of the application information (anything that was not collected over the phone) before they can select a loan amount and sign their loan agreement.
  - If the customer was rejected they will receive the NOAA or RFAI.

## Partner Application Functionality (currently disabled)

An application that we receive from a third party is deemed a 'partner application'. The Partner will send over any information they have already collected from the customer and it will be pre-populated on the application when they land on our site.

• If the application is approved, the customer will proceed through the loan process as normal.

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• If the application is 'hard' rejected, the customer will receive the NOAA and we will redirect them back to the initiating partner site.

#### Application Rejection Rules (HIGH)

#### **RFAI**

An RFAI, Request for Additional Information, is presented to the customer if all information on their application couldn't be verified by the Decision Engine or during the verification process.

- Customers are required to fax information before the application expires. Some of the most commonly requested items include(but not limited to):
  - State Issued Identification card
  - Social Security card
  - Most recent pay stub or proof of income listed on application
  - Most recent bank statement
- A customer will not be able to receive a loan until all requested documentation has been received and verified.

#### **NOAA**

When an application is rejected a NOAA, Notice of Adverse Action, must be presented to the customer.

- These customers will be able to reapply in 10 days, however, they will receive a rejection of 'Excessive loan applications" until 90 days from the original decision date.
  - After the 90 days have elapsed, from the original decision date, the customer will be able to reapply and receive a 'true' decision.
- If the customer opted-in to have their application resold, in the case that we could not service them, the NOAA will be e-mailed to the customer. They can also view their NOAA by logging in to the 'My Account' page.
- The customer may view the NOAA for up to 10 days by logging in to My Account while that application is not expired.
- The history of NOAA's that a customer has received on any application can be viewed in Admin.
- A NOAA will be emailed to the customer if the rejection occurs manually through Admin (there is a checkbox to send an email).

#### **Rollbacks**

- When a loan is 'Rolled back' it means the initial application was approved and accepted by the customer, however, has been canceled(rejected) due to one of the following:
  - The application received a low verifications grade during the verifications process.
    - This type of rollback is processed during a nightly SQL job process.
    - o The rejection can be either a hard or soft rejection.
  - A verifications agent was not able to successfully verify application information (based on established SOP)
    - This type of rollback is done manually using the 'Rollback' button in admin.

- When a loan is 'Rolled back and Approved' it means that the initial application was approved
  and accepted by the customer, however, has been canceled and placed back into an 'Approved'
  status.
  - This is typically done if the customer has changed their mind about the amount they selected for their loan or chose an incorrect due date.
    - This type of rollback is done manually using the 'Rollback/Approve' button in admin.

#### Resell (MEDIUM)

If a customer is hard rejected during their initial loan application, we will attempt to resell the customer's application to another lending source that may be able to service them.

- A customer must opt-in to be resold by checking the box on their application
  - The customer will receive an email containing their NOAA.
  - The customer's account information is stored in the database and we are still able to access the account through admin.
- A ping tree is in place where we check with various resellers to see if they would like to purchase the application and go to the next reseller if the first reseller didn't purchase the lead. The resellers we are currently selling to are: Lead Flash, Selling Source, ClickSpeed and Swish.
- If we are unable to find the customer another lender, they will be directed to their 'My Account' page with a 'No Lender' message.
- If a customer does not opt-in, or is not eligible for resell; and we are unable to provide them with a loan, we will direct them to view their NOAA.
- Resell will only occur for a new customer that has never had a loan or applied with us in the past.
- Customer's that receive an RFAI will not be resold.
- Customer's that reside in CO, DC, MD, MT (Plain Green only), ND, NH, OK (Great Plains only), PA, VT, WV are not eligible for resell.
- Customer's from partner websites are not eligible for resell.

#### LOAN ACCEPTANCE AND ACCOUNT

#### Pricing and Line Amounts (HIGH)

- First time customers on Plain Green Loans can get up to \$1000. (See Appendix I for pricing table)
- First time customers on Great Plains Lending can get up to \$1000. (See Appendix II for pricing table)
- The approval amount decision is determined by risk.
- The website will offer (display) all loan amounts **up to** the approved amount for the customer to choose from when selecting their loan amount.

#### States Serviced (HIGH)

The installment loan product is not offered in any of the states listed below:

Plain Green Loans:

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- WV
- MT
- CO
- NH

#### **Great Plains Lending:**

- WV
- CO
- NH
- OK
- AR

#### **Funding Options (MEDIUM)**

- Customers can select to receive their funds via ACH or MANUAL CHECK when signing their loan agreement.
  - ACH funds are typically available in the customer's bank account the next business day.
  - Selecting MANUAL CHECK will delay funding 7-10 business days as the bank reviews these requests and mails the checks.

#### Account Security Features (LOW)

- Friendly exit pop-ups occur if a customer tries to exit the website during the loan acceptance process (before signing the loan agreement).
- Logged in users with inactivity for 20 minutes will receive a warning message that must be clicked on to prevent being automatically logged out of their account.

#### Making Changes to an Active Account (MEDIUM)

- Account/application information may be changed through admin per established SOP guidelines.
  - The fields that an agent has the ability to view or change are based on their given 'role' and the level of 'permissions' they have been granted.
    - o Roles and Permissions are defined in a separate document
- The following account and application information may be changed through the website.
  - Application Information
    - o Drivers License
    - o Email Address
    - Home Address/Phone
    - Bank Account (may be changed after 1 successful ACH payment has occurred)
    - References
  - Account Password
  - Secret Question/Answer
  - Privacy and Contact Preferences
- Changes to a customer's application will be carried forward to the customers next application.

#### LOAN FUNCTIONALITY

#### Interest Rules

This section outlines how interest is calculated, how interest is displayed in ledger within Admin, and how future scheduled payments are affected once payments are missed.

#### Interest Accrual Calculation (HIGH)

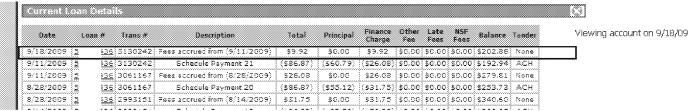
- Interest is calculated using the simple interest method.
- If the customer pays all payments on their due date and does not pay early or late then the amount of interest charged will be equal to the Finance Charges stated within the TILA box of the customer's loan agreement.
- Interest begins accruing on the 'Effective' date of the loan (date funds expected to be in the customer's account)
- The interests is calculated for the entire term of the loan, however is earned on a daily basis.
- Calculated interest may change as follows:
  - Customer pays early, interest will be charged only for the amount of time the customer keeps the loan.
  - Customer is late or misses a payment, additional interest will accrue.

#### **Current and Future Payment Schedules (HIGH)**

The calculated amount of interest that will be applied to each payment assumes a customer will make that payment on the day it is due (per their Loan Agreement) and is reflected within the current and future payment schedules in admin.

If a customer deviates from their loan schedule (either through early payments or late/missed payments), the future payment schedule will adjust to reflect the changes to the way interest and principal are applied to each payment. This will be based on the additional interest accrued because of the unpaid principal or the reduced interest because of early payments.

Within Admin, the first line of Fees accrued (under Current Loan Details) changes daily and is based on current date viewing the account.



#### **Interest Rate Cap Rules (MEDIUM)**

- The amount of interest that can be charged on an account is 'capped' at that amount stated as Finance Charges in the TILA box of the customer's loan agreement.
- If a customer misses a payment, the system will increase their interest rate cap by the amount equal to one standard payment for each qualifying missed payment.
- The rate cap will be increased based on the following guidelines:
  - Increase the cap if a customer's scheduled payment returns after the due date.

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- Increase the cap if a customer has gone past a due date and we did not attempt/receive a payment. This includes bad bank customers, check customers and stopped ACH customers.
- Max number of times system can increase the cap = number of original installment loan payments. For example:
  - o If customer missed 2 standard payments, the rate cap shall increase by 2
  - If customer has 10 standard payments in their loan and misses all 10 payments, the rate cap shall increase by 10.
- Any payments not linked to a schedule payment date will not affect the cap. This includes but is not limited to partial payments, past due payments, and ROP's.

#### Payment Rules (HIGH)

This section outlines the various payment rules, payments types and payment options for current and past due customers.

- Payments will be due on a bi-weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly basis.
  - If a customer is paid weekly, they will be on a bi-weekly payment schedule.
- All payments are applied in the order as follows: Fees, Interest, Principal.
- ACH payments are automatically scheduled for the standard payment amount on the payment due dates as listed in the loan agreement.
  - Customers that select check funding are not setup for ACH payments and must mail in their payments or make a credit card, Western Union, or MoneyGram payment.
    - The payment must be received by the due date.
  - Check customers may call customer support and change their Transaction Tender to ACH to initiate ACH payments.
- Customers can make changes to their next scheduled payment on the business day prior to the
  payment due date until 5:00pm ET on the website or via customer support until 6:00pm ET.
  These changes include:
  - Payment Date there is a 7 day grace period allowed for scheduled ACH payments.
     Customers must call customer support to re-schedule the next payment for a different date within this 7 day range.
  - Payment Amount if a customer wishes to pay additional principal or pay off the entire loan early they can go online or call customer support to make these changes to their next payment.
  - Customers that received Manual Check funding cannot make changes to their payment options online. They must contact Customer Support and these payments cannot be future dated or extended.
  - A customer cannot future date a payment online.
  - A queued payment can be deleted by customer support up until the time that the payment processor has finished running (6pm ET)
- Scheduled ACH payments are sent to the Bank the business day before the payment due date at 9:10pm ET.
  - Payment shows within our system as 'Pending' the night before their due date.
  - The Payment date within our system is always the scheduled payment due date.
  - Payments post to the customer's bank account 1-2 business days after they are sent out.

- We do not have a cooldown period in between payments. After a payment is processed by the system the customer may schedule another payment immediately.
- Only one payment can be pending within the system at a time.
- If we are unable to successfully process 3 scheduled ACH payments (non-ROP NSF's) in a row, scheduled ACH processing stops on an account. This does not set the Bad Bank Flag on the account.
  - Customers are still responsible for their payments being received and posted to the system by their due dates. They can mail payments, login to My Account or contact Customer Support to facilitate payments after the scheduled ACH process has stopped.
  - Scheduled ACH process restarts after customer has made 1 successful ACH payment.
- Early payments
  - Current Customers
    - o Early payments are applied to the next scheduled due date.
    - o If payment covers the entire amount of the payment due, an ACH for the next scheduled payment will not go out.
  - Past Due Customers
    - Early payments are not applied to the next scheduled payment until all past due amounts have been fully paid.
    - Early payments are applied towards the oldest past due balance and this will not affect the next scheduled payment.

#### Payment types (MEDIUM)

- ACH (default for all ACH customers and only option that can be future dated)
- The options below are only available through admin so customers must call Customer Support or mail their payments to us.
  - Credit Card
  - Check
  - Western Union
  - Money Order/Cash
  - MoneyGram
  - Manual ACH
    - When posting a manual ACH we are not debiting the customer's account from admin – it is merely a system of record for that payment.
  - Alternate ACH
    - o Alt ACH will only display if an account is in a Past Due status.
    - When posting an Alt ACH payment the agent must enter a new/different checking and routing number from what is saved on the customer's application. When the agent hits the Finalize button that payment is saved and marked as released immediately because we do not store that new bank account information. We just create the ach record at that time and mark the transaction as released.
    - Since the payment is set to released, the delete button is not available for the agent to cancel. However, it may be cancelled by a developer before the pmt is complete.

#### Payment Options for Current Customers (HIGH)

A current customer is defined as one that is not currently in default of a payment(s).

- Standard Payment
  - Payment amount will always default to the standard payment amount per the loan agreement and cannot be modified (Except by waiving fees).
  - Next Payment Date will default to the next payment in plan(per the Loan Agreement) and cannot be changed.
- Standard Payment Plus
  - Payment amount must be greater than the Standard Payment
  - The additional payment amount is always applied to Principal
    - Customer support agent can enter any amount over the standard payment amount
    - A customer online can pay additional amounts in increments of \$10.00
  - Next Payment Date will default to the next payment in plan(per the Loan Agreement) and cannot be changed.
- Partial Payment
  - This payment option is only available through admin and cannot be future dated (today only).
  - The amount must be less than the Standard Payment amount.
  - The amount paid will be applied to the next payment due.
  - The remainder of the standard payment is due on the original due date:
    - o If account is ACH the balance will be paid automatically on the due date.
    - The customer may be granted a 7 day grace period to pay the remainder of the standard payment.
  - If the customer has already extended their due date to the max 7 days they cannot make a partial payment on their due date.
- Payoff loan in full

Payment amount will always default to the total payoff due and cannot be modified (Except by waiving fees).

#### Payment Options for Past Due customers (HIGH)

A past due customer is defined as one that is currently in default of a payment(s). For ACH customers a payment can be scheduled up until the end of the grace period for the next scheduled payment date.

- Full Past Due Balance
  - This payment option will default to the full amount due in order for the account to become current.
  - If an agent schedules this payment on the next Scheduled Due Date or any date after (grace period), the amount of the payment due will be updated to include the next scheduled payment amount.
- Full Past Due Balance Plus

- Payment amount must always be greater than the Past Due balance:
  - Customer support agent can enter any amount over the past due amount
  - A customer online can pay additional amounts in increments of \$10.00
- If an agent schedules this payment on the next Scheduled Due Date or any date after (grace period), the amount of the payment due will be updated to include the next scheduled payment amount.
- Past Due Partial Payment
  - This payment option is only available through admin.
  - Partial Payments on past due accounts can be accepted for any amount less than the full past due balance.
    - If an agent schedules this payment on the next Scheduled Due Date or any date after (grace period), the amount of the partial payment must be equal to or greater than the next scheduled payment amount but less than the full past due balance.
- Payoff loan in full
  - Payment amount will always default to the total payoff due and cannot be modified (Except by waiving fees).
- Settlement
  - Only available once a loan is >60 days past due.
  - Any amount can be entered, settlement payments are applied to principal first.
  - Remainder of the loan balance will be charged off with a settlement charge off reason code.

#### Waiving Fees (MEDIUM)

- Agents have the ability to waive fees and interest at the discretion of a manager.
  - This is a manual process and must be done at the time a payment is being posted in admin.

## Rescind Loan (LOW)

Customers may decide they do not want to keep a loan and may request that we remove the funds from their bank account via ACH.

- This option is available up to 3 days after the effective date of the loan on the Make Payment screen in Admin.
  - Per SOP and Loan Agreement we allow agents to rescind a loan up to 5pm ET on the business day after the effective date.
- Rescind loan automatically waives all accrued fees and interest and will process a debit to the customer's account for the principal only.

#### Cooldown (MEDIUM)

 There is a 2 business day cooldown period after payoff for ACH payments before a customer may reapply

- There is a 10 business day cooldown period after payoff for check payments before a customer may reapply
- There is not a cooldown period for the following payment types: Credit Card, Money Order, Money Gram, Western Union. This means the customer can reapply the next business day.

#### Returned Payments (HIGH)

A Returned Payment occurs when a payment that presented to the customer's bank account is returned to us due to incorrect bank account information and/or bank rejection. It may also be caused by a chargeback from a credit card company or money order.

ACH Payment returns are manually processed through the 'ACH Processing' screen in admin. We typically get the ACH return file around 9-10am CST daily.

• Upon processing the return, the customer receives an email notifying them that their account is now Past Due.

Non-ACH returns cannot be processed through admin and require a help desk ticket request.

- One NSF fee is applied per returned payment (regardless if standard, partial, standard plus or payoff)
- NSFs are not applied to returned payment representments
- The NSF fee is \$30
- An account/loan can only have two outstanding NSF fees at a time
- When a successful payment is made, it is first applied to fees (including NSFs)
- Once NSF fees are cleared, the account may accrue new NSF fees
- A payment may be returned with any of the following codes (systematically assigned):
  - R01- Insufficient Funds
  - R02- Bank Account Closed
  - R03- No bank account/unable to locate bank account
  - R04- Invalid bank account number
  - R06- Returned per ODFI (Originating Depository Financial Institution) request
  - R07- Authorization revoked by customer
  - R08-Payment stopped
  - R09-Uncollected funds
  - R10-Customer advises not authorized
  - R16-Bank Account Frozen
  - R20-Non-payment bank account

#### Credit Returns (MEDIUM)

- A Credit Return occurs when the loan we issued to a customer is returned to us due to incorrect bank account information and/or bank rejection.
- Credit returns are manually processed through the 'ACH Processing' screen in admin.
  - Upon processing the return, the Application status is updated to 'Rejected' and the customer receives an email notifying them to fax in documents to update their bank account information.
- Customer must update their bank information and re-sign their loan agreement prior to funding
  of a new loan.

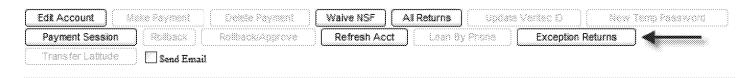
#### Exception Type Returns (ETR) (LOW)

A returned payment is considered an Exception Type Return when it returns after we have already processed another payment or deposit on the account.

The following are example scenarios:

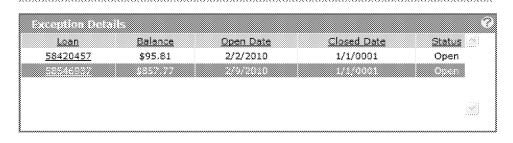
- Loan had 4 payments and the 4<sup>th</sup> one was a PIF/SIF that closed the loan. Payment #3 returns. We can't process this ETR since there is no open loan so a separate ETR balance is opened.
- First installment loan has been paid off and customer has accepted a new loan, deposit already sent. The payoff of the previous loan returns. We can't process the return of the payoff against the new loan so a separate ETR balance is opened.
- Open Loan if payment #2 returns after payment #3 has been processed, this is an exception return within the same loan series. This return will show on the account ledger like a normal return.
- Loan transferred to latitude if an admin payment returns after the loan has been transferred to latitude we do not want the return to post to admin because it would unfreeze the account, so instead we have this returned payment show as a separate ETR balance.

An Exception Return that requires a separate ETR balance to be opened can be accessed through the 'Exception Returns' button on the Account Details page. This balance must be paid before the customer is eligible to reapply for a new loan.

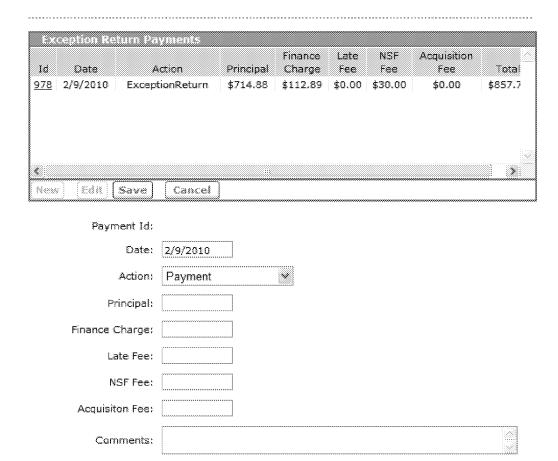


<sup>\*</sup>Below shows the date the exception return occurred when the new ETR loan number was created.

#### Exception Type Returns



Clicking on the loan number will show a new section with details for the returned payment.



Clicking on 'New' button opens fields for taking a payment, enter the payment information and click 'Save' to take the payment.

Until the ETR balance is paid the customer will see this message when they login to their account:

#### Welcome Back, Test.

Your payment of \$108.77 on 2/10/2010 on your previous loan has been returned. Please contact Account Services at (866) 614-7103 to resolve this issue.

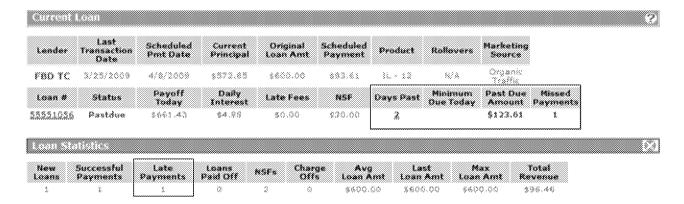
Once you resolve this issue, you will be eligible to re-apply for a new loan.

## Handling of Past Due Accounts (HIGH)

- A Missed Payments will occur in the system when:
  - An ACH payment is returned
  - We have not receive a payment (CC,MG, etc.) for a non-ACH customer by 6pm ET on the day their payment is due.
- As soon as a payment is missed, we begin counting Days Past Due and keep a Past Due Amount for that payment.
- Interest Rate Cap will be increased for each missed payment and only Past Due payment options will be presented when taking payments.
- The customer will stay on their installment payment schedule but will remain past due until they pay the entire amount that was missed.

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- Any payments received are always applied to the oldest past due payments, regardless of the date or amount of the payment.
- When a missed payment is paid off it changes status to a Late Payment under the Loan Statistics section.
- Accounts will Charge Off when the oldest past due payment becomes 120 days past due.



#### Representment of Payments (ROP) (HIGH)

- Representments (ROP) are:
  - Always made by the system
  - Are scheduled for 2 calendar days after the return is posted
    - As with all ACH payments, a ROP will be sent out on the business day prior to the due date.
  - If the date of the returned payment is equal to or less than 2 days away from the next scheduled payment date, a ROP will not be scheduled.
  - We only attempt 1 ROP per missed standard payment. (although NACHA rules indicate we can represent up to 2 times per missed standard payment)
  - The amount of the ROP is always equal to the amount of the missed payment (ROP will
    not include the added amount of the NSF fee, if any)
  - ROP payments are applied to the loan in order of: Fees, Interest, and Principal
- If the representment is not successful it will not be represented again
- Representments are not scheduled if the return reason for the original payment is one of the following, these reasons will also trigger the bad bank flag to be set to 'true' on the customer's account:
  - R2 Bank acct closed
  - R6 Returned per customer request
  - R7 Auth revoked
  - R8 Payment stopped
  - R10 Customer advises not authorized
  - R20 Non-payment bank account

## Bad Bank Flag (HIGH)

A Bad Bank Flag is an attribute added to a customer's account that prevents us from debiting the customer's bank account number.

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The flag may be manually set by a customer service agent if a customers requests that we stop debiting their account or the flag may be systematically set based on a the return code.

- Once an account has this flag turned on, the customer is responsible for making payments using one of our other supported payment methods.
- Other than having 3 failed ACH payments (non-ROP NSF's) setting the bad bank flag is the only way to systematically stop ACH payments on a funded ACH account.
- Customers can login to their account but they cannot make a payment online, they must call customer support.
- Customers can request to setup ACH for their account again after being bad banked but this
  requires faxing proof of bank account ownership and bank account activity (per established SOP
  guidelines).

#### Charged Off Accounts and Debt Sale (HIGH)

- Accounts charge off in admin when the oldest missed payment becomes 120 days past due .
- Charged off customers cannot login online.
- Accounts that are charged off are sold to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party collections company in a debt sale on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.
- Customers receive an email 30 days and 10 days prior to the debt sale notifying them that we are preparing to sell the debt to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- If a payment is received for an account that is charged off, but has not yet been sold, a 'manual recovery' comment is added to the account indicating the payment received and the account will be excluded from the sale.
- When accounts are sold they are flagged within Admin with a red flag message and system comment.

# Blocked Account Flag (LOW)

A customer may call and request that their account be blocked from access through the front end website or the account may be blocked by the Fraud department. This is a manual process that must be done through admin.

- Customer cannot login to their account online when it is blocked.
- The account may still be accessed through admin.
- Blocking an account will not stop any systematic emails or payments.

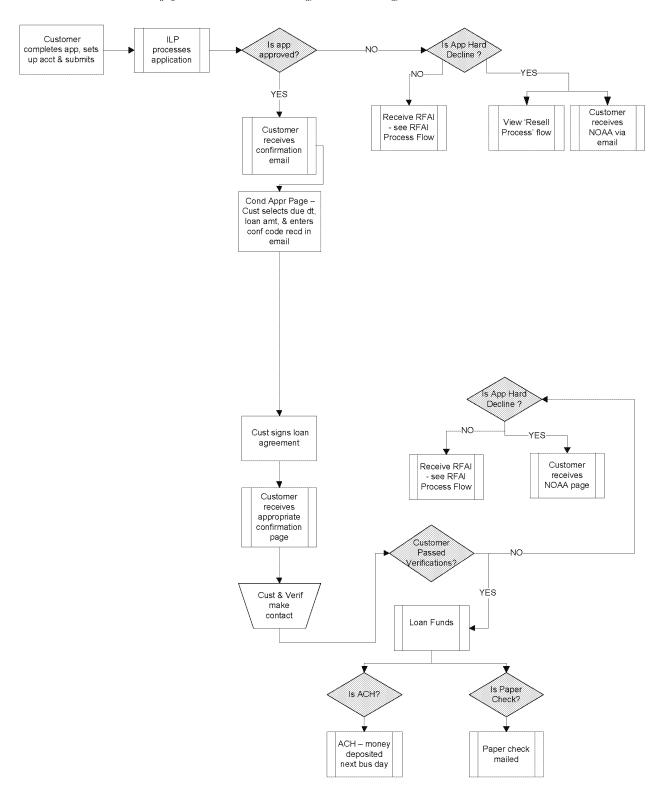
## Credit Bureau Dispute Flag (not currently used)

An account can be marked as being a part of a Credit Bureau Dispute within admin and is displayed on Account Details.

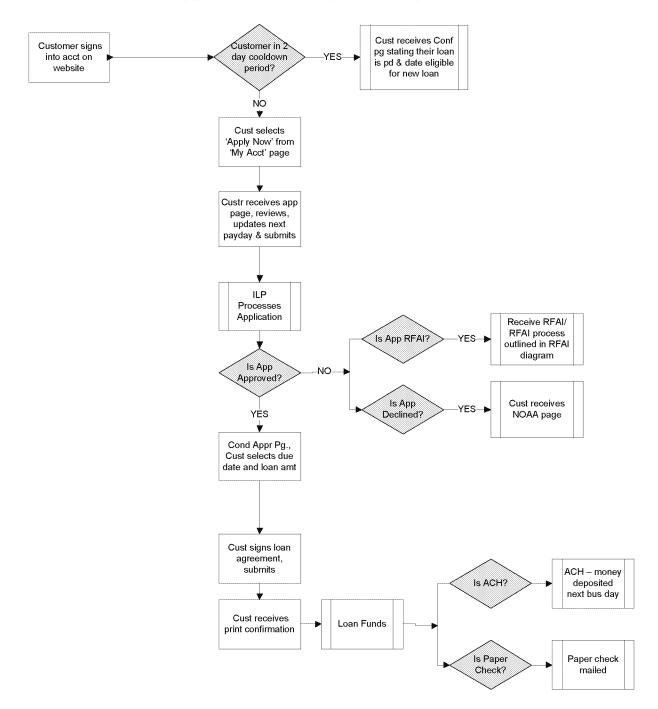
Access to change the flag is permissions based and a comment is required to turn the flag on or off.

#### **PROCESS FLOWS**

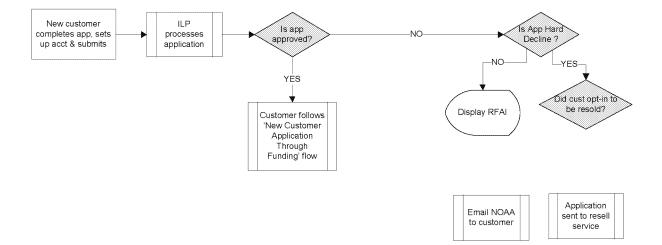
# New Customer Application Through Funding



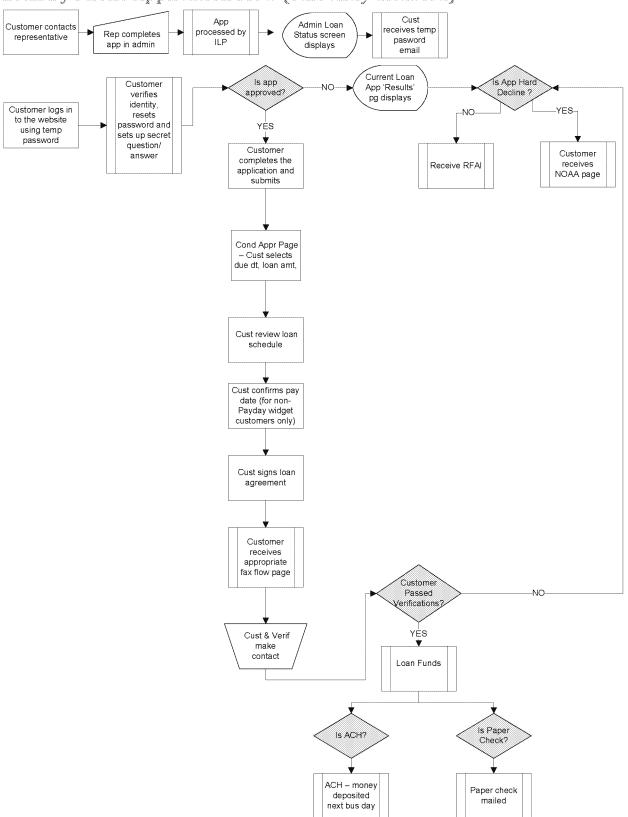
# Former Customer Application Through Funding



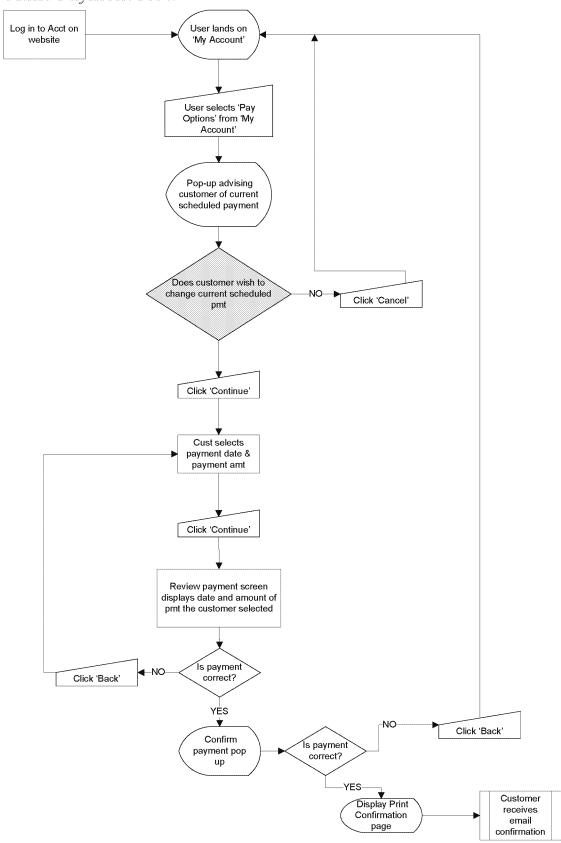
#### Resell Customer



# Loan By Phone Application Flow (currently disabled)



## Make Payment Flow



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# Appendix I – Plain Green Loans Pricing

Max Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Actual APR (Assuming pmt 14 days after origination)	Daily Rate	Bi- weekly & Semi- Monthly Term	Bi-Weekly Actual Payment* (assuming 14 days after origination)
\$250	380.0015%	378.9528%	1.0411	8	54.94
\$500	375.0010%	373.9703%	1.0274	12	89.83
\$600	370.0005%	368.9890%	1.0137	12	106.89
\$700	365.0000%	364.0019%	1.0000	14	116.63
\$800	359.9995%	359.0145%	0.9863	20	119.46
\$900	319.9955%	319.1172%	0.8767	20	122.56
\$1,000	299.9935%	299.1699%	0.8219	24	124.16
\$1,200	279.9915%	279.2247%	0.7671	30	135.21
\$1,400	259.9895%	259.2783%	0.7123	34	145.35
\$1,600	219.9855%	219.3812%	0.6027	38	141.52
\$1,800	180.0180%	179.5256%	0.4932	38	134.96
\$2,000	160.0160%	159.5777%	0.4384	38	137.00
\$2,200	140.0140%	139.6294%	0.3836	38	136.90
\$2,400	120.0120%	119.6839%	0.3288	38	134.87
\$2,600	100.0100%	99.7350%	0.2740	38	131.09
\$2,800	80.0080%	79.7883%	0.2192	38	125.82
\$3,000	60.0060%	59.8418%	0.1644	38	119.29
\$3,600	35.9890%	35.8895%	0.0986	38	122.38

# Appendix II - Great Plains Lending Pricing

Max Loan Amount	Interest Rate	Actual APR (assuming pmt 14 days after origination)	Daily Rate	Bi- weekly & Semi- Monthly Term	Bi-Weekly Actual Payment (assuming 14 days after origination)
\$100	450.0085%	448.7640%	1.2329	8	23.96
\$200	450.0085%	448.7636%	1.2329	8	47.93
\$300	450.0085%	448.7639%	1.2329	8	71.89
\$400	450.0085%	448.7636%	1.2329	8	95.86
\$500	450.0085%	448.7821%	1.2329	12	101.29
\$600	450.0085%	448.7746%	1.2329	12	121.55
\$700	400.0035%	398.9090%	1.0959	18	116.31
\$800	400.0035%	398.9075%	1.0959	18	132.92
\$900	349.9985%	349.0363%	0.9589	24	127.00
\$1,000	349.9985%	349.0457%	0.9589	24	141.11
\$1,100	249.9885%	249.3029%	0.6849	30	112.70
\$1,200	249.9885%	249.3037%	0.6849	30	122.95
\$1,300	249.9885%	249.3017%	0.6849	30	133.19
\$1,400	199.9835%	199.4355%	0.5479	30	120.51
\$1,500	199.9835%	199.4359%	0.5479	30	129.12
\$2,000	199.9835%	199.4353%	0.5479	20	198.74

#### **GLOSSARY**

ACH - Automatic Clearing House

Admin – current system of record utilized by agents to access and maintain customer's account.

APR - Annual Percentage Rate

Cooldown – a period of time in which a customer may not process a transaction on their account

Effective date – the date interest begins accruing on a loan

NOAA - Notice of Adverse Action

RFAI – Request for Additional Information

ROP - Representment of Payment to the customer's bank account

SOP - Standard Operating Procedure

Standard Payment – the amount of each installment payment a customer agrees to pay per their Loan Agreement.

TILA – Truth In Lending Act

# **EXHIBIT 6**

# as of October 31, 2014 (< 61 days past due)

