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STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:

No. 8184

WILLIAM EDWARD BERGH, dba, NATIONAL FINANCIAL GROUP

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent.

A Notice of Hearing ("Notice") was issued by the Director ("Director") of the Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") on August 23, 1993, wherein the Department made certain allegations of violations of A.R.S. Title 20 committed by Respondent. Respondent has received a copy of the Notice and has been advised of his right to a hearing in this matter, which he

Respondent admits the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are true and consents to the entry of the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- William Edward Bergh ("Respondent") was at all 1. material times licensed as a life, disability and variable annuity agent in the State of Arizona, license number 0587470.
- At all material times, Respondent was transacting business under the assumed business name of National Financial Group ("National Financial"). Respondent is the owner and operator of National Financial. PENGAD-Bayonne, N. J

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- 4. At the time of the application, Respondent forwarded \$1,957.80 to American Insurance Center, Inc. ("AIC"), a managing general agent for NN and retained his commission of \$1,592.00.
 - 5. NN subsequently denied Smith's application.
- 6. On or about May 10, 1990, NN forwarded Respondent check number 7330263 in the amount of \$1,957.80 for the premium refund for Smith's policy.
- 7. On or about May 29, 1990, Respondent deposited check number 7330263 in his National Financial account at First Interstate Bank.
- 8. Respondent failed to refund Smith his premium of \$3,550.00. Respondent contends that he mailed the refund money to Smith.
- 9. Subsequently, in December, 1990, NN refunded to Smith the \$3,550.00 premium directly.
- 10. On or about December 29, 1990, NN sent Respondent his monthly agent's statement which reflected Respondent's debit balance of \$3,550.00. The statement indicated that all debit balances must be remitted immediately.
 - 11. Respondent failed to remit the \$3,550.00 cwed to NN.

13. Respondent failed to forward the \$3,550.00 within 10 days to AIC but did thereafter agree to repayment terms of the debt.

14.	Respondent	made	payments	to	AIC	as	follows:
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05/91	\$ 250.00
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07/20/91	250.00
08/05/92	50.00
08/17/92	50.00
09/11/92	50.00
10/19/92	50.00
12/07/92	50.00
01/12/93	200.00
03/12/93	100.00
04/13/93	200.00
05/17/93	300.00
06/59/93	2,000.00

15. On or about June 1, 1993, after being contacted by the Department Respondent repaid the final \$2,000 owed to NN.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent withheld monies belonging to another received in or during the conduct of business under the license or through its use in violation of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(4).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 within 30 days of entry of this Consent Order.

DATED in Phoenix, Arizona this 4th day of Movember 1993.

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SUSAN GALLINGER, Director Arizona Department of Insurance

CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. The undersigned acknowledges that he has read the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order and is aware of his right to an administrative hearing in this matter and has waived same.
- 2. The undersigned admits the jurisdiction of the Department and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and consents to entry of the foregoing Order.
- 3. The undersigned states that no promises were made to him to induce him to enter into this Consent Order and declares that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 4. The undersigned acknowledges that acceptance of this Consent Order is for the purpose of settling this litigation as against him and does not preclude the Department, or any other agency or officer of this State, or subdivision thereof, from

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instituting other civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.

5. The undersigned waives all rights to challenge such Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order on appeal or otherwise, and agrees to be bound by the foregoing Order.

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