BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 1918 SE HULSIZER ANKENY, IOWA

IN RE:) CASE NUMBER: 93-034
CAROL A. LOHRER (B05327) Broker)) STATEMENT OF CHARGES
619 South Frederick Oelwein, Iowa 50662) }

The Iowa Real Estate Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 543B, and 272C (1993).

Licenses issued by the Commission are subject to the laws of the state of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Commission.

Carol A. Lohrer is, and was at all times during the following events, a licensed real estate broker. Her license number is B05327. Carol A. Lohrer is a Sole-Proprietor Broker in Oelwein, Iowa.

COUNT I

The Respondent is charged with professional incompetency and engaging in a practice harmful or detrimental to the public for failing to deposit earnest money into her real estate trust account upon the acceptance of an offer in a real estate sale transaction, in violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(2) and (3), 543B.34(7) and (8), and 543B.46(1) (1991) and Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 193E, sections 1.27, 1.27(1)(a) and 1.27(6) and 4.40(6)(a).

CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMPLAINT

- On July 3, 1992, Respondent listed the property owned by George and Doreen Lucas located at 309 Rhonda Road, Fairbank, Iowa, for \$65,000.00.
- 2. On August 7, 1992, Respondent wrote an offer to purchase the property for \$55,000.00, signed by Ricky and Ruth Smith as buyers.

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- 3. On August 14, 1992, the Smith offer was accepted and signed by Doreen and George Lucas as sellers.
- 4. Item number 5 of the Purchase Agreement states as follows: "EARNEST MONEY: \$400.00 is herewith tendered and is to be deposited as Earnest Money upon execution of this contract by all parties with Carol Lohrer as escrow agent".
- 5. Respondent received \$400.00 earnest money from the buyers, but did not deposit the earnest money into her trust account.

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On August 18, 1993 the Investigation Committee of the Iowa Real Estate Commission found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges and to order that a hearing be set in this case.

Executed this 21St day of OctoBER, 1993,

Roger L. Mansen, Executive Secretary Iowa Real Estate Commission

BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF:))
Carol A. Lohrer Broker (B05327)) CASE NO. 93-034
619 South Fredrick) STIPULATION AND
Oelwein, Iowa 50662) CONSENT ORDER
Respondent	}

On this <u>21</u> day of <u>OctoRez</u>, 1993, the Iowa Real Estate Commission and Carol A. Lohrer, each hereby agree with the other and stipulate as follows:

- 1. The allegations specified in the Statement of Charges in this case shall be resolved without proceeding to hearing as the parties have agreed to the following Stipulation and Consent Order;
- 2. The Respondent was issued a broker license to practice real estate on the 19th day of May, 1980 as evidenced by license number B05327 which is in full force and effect through December 31, 1994.
- 3. The Iowa Real Estate Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter jurisdiction of each allegation in the Statement of Charges.
- 4. A Statement of Charges will be filed against Respondent together with this Stipulation and Consent Order.
- 5. Respondent admits each and every allegation in the Statement of Charges.
- 6. If this Stipulation and Consent Order is approved by the Commission it will be filed, along with the Statement of Charges, and upon filing both documents will become public records.
- 7. This Stipulation and Consent Order shall be made a part of the record of the Respondent and may be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed on the Respondent for any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate.

- 8. Failure to comply with the terms of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(3), 543B.34(2) (1993) and 272C.3(2)(a).
- 9. This Stipulation and Consent Order shall be presented to the Commission in closed session by the prosecuting attorney and/or Commission staff. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right which the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Stipulation and Consent Order among the Commission, the Commission staff and the prosecuting attorney.
- 10. This Stipulation and Consent Order is not binding on the Iowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members. In the event that this Stipulation and Consent Order is rejected by the Commission it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that the Respondent shall adhere to all real estate trust account rules and regulations pertaining to the handling of earnest money.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent is hereby reprimanded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall take twelve (12) hours of real estate continuing education in "Trust Account and Closing Procedures". The course must be approved as a "Broker Pre-License Course". Original certificate of attendance must be submitted to the Iowa Real Estate Commission within thirteen (13) months of the signing of this agreement by the Commission. The certificate of attendance must come under a cover letter addressed to the Commission's Executive Secretary and must refer to case 93-034.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 to the Commission within thirty (30) days of acceptance of this Stipulation and Consent Order by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at all future times Respondent shall fully and promptly comply with all pertinent Orders of the Commission and the statutes and Commission rules regulating the practice of real estate.

This Stipulation and Consent Order is voluntarily entered into by the Respondent on this 30 day of 20,1773, 1993.

Carol A. Lohrer, Respondent

State of <u>Towa</u>)
County of <u>Fayette</u>)

Signed before me on this 30 day of Syptember 1993, by Carol A. Lohrer

Notary Public, State of Iowa Printed Name: <u>Dixie Baumgartner</u> My Commission Expires: 4-4-96

This Stipulation and Consent Order is accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission on the 2/5 day of October, 1993.

Ryssell D. Nading, Chairman Iowa Real Estate Commission

cc: Sherie Barnett, Assistant Attorney General