

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ROCK HILLLLLLLLLLPlaintiff,

v.

NATIONAL LANDMARK LOGISTICS LLC,

Civil Action No. 0:20-cv-02592-JMC
**STIPULATED ORDER FOR
PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND
MONETARY JUDGMENT AS TO
THE NATIONAL LANDMARK
DEFENDANTS**

Defendants

Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), commenced this civil action on July 13, 2020, pursuant to Sections 13(b) and 19 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, and Section 814(a) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (“FDCPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1692l(a). (ECF No. 2.) On July 17, 2020, on motion by the FTC, the Court entered an *ex parte* temporary restraining order (“TRO”) with asset freeze and other equitable relief against Defendants. (ECF No. 21.) On August 14, 2020, the Court extended the TRO for thirty days. (ECF No. 53.) On

- A. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter.
- B. The Complaint charges that the National Landmark Defendants participated in deceptive and unlawful acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), and multiple provisions of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692 –1692p, in connection with the collection and attempted collection of purported debts.
- C. The National Landmark Defendants neither admit nor deny any of the allegations in the Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Order. Only for purposes of this action, the National Landmark Defendants admit the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
- D. The National Landmark Defendants waive all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Order.
- E. The National Landmark Defendants waive any claim that they may have under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the prosecution of this action through the date of this Order, and agrees to bear their own costs and attorney fees.
- F. This Order is in the public interest.

DEFINITIONS

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

- A. **“Consumer”** means any Person.
- B. **“Corporate Defendants”** means National Landmark Logistics LLC, National Landmark Service of United Recovery LLC, Liberty Solutions & Associates LLC, LSA Processing Systems, LLC, Silverlake Landmark Recovery Group, LLC, and each of their subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns.
- C. **“Corporate Settling Defendants”** means National Landmark Logistics LLC, National Landmark Service of United Recovery LLC, Silverlake Landmark Recovery Group, LLC, and each of their subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns.

- D. **“Debt”** means any obligation or alleged obligation to pay money arising out of a transaction, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment.
- E. **“Debt Collection Activities”** means any activity of a Debt Collector to collect or attempt to collect, directly or indirectly, a Debt owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due.
- F. **“Debt Collector”** means any Person who uses any instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mail in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of any Debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, Debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another. The term also includes any creditor who, in the process of collecting its own Debts, uses any name other than its own which would indicate that a third Person is collecting or attempting to collect such Debts. The term also includes any Person to the extent such Person collects or attempts to collect any Debt that was in default at the time it was obtained by such Person.
- G. **“Defendants”** means the Corporate Defendants and the Individual Defendants, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- H. **“Individual Defendants”** means Jean Cellent, James Dennison and Eric Dennison, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- I. **“Individual Settling Defendant”** means Jean Cellent.
- J. **“National Landmark Defendants”** means the Corporate Settling Defendants and the Individual Settling Defendant, individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- K. **“Person”** means a natural person, an organization or other legal entity, including a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability company, association, cooperative, or any other group or combination acting as an entity.
- L. **“Receivership Entities”** means the Corporate Settling Defendants, as well as any other entity that has conducted any business related to Defendants’ debt collection, including

receipt of Assets derived from any activity that is the subject of the Complaint in this matter,
and that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by any National Landmark
Defendant, including but not limited to Excellent Portfolio Management, LLC, Excellent
Properties and Investments LLC,

D. Provided, however, that customer information need not be disposed of, and may be disclosed, to the extent requested by a government agency or required by law, regulation, or court order.

MONETARY JUDGMENT AND PARTIAL SUSPENSION

IV. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- A. Judgment in the amount of TWELVE MILLION, NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY Dollars (\$12,098,760) is entered in favor of the FTC against the National Landmark Defendants, jointly and severally with any other Defendant against whom judgment may be entered in this action, as monetary relief for the National Landmark Defendants' violations of the FDCPA.
- B. In partial satisfaction of the judgment entered against the National Landmark Defendants:
1. All financial institutions holding accounts in the name of, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, any Receivership Entity shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of a copy of this Order, transfer to the Receiver or his designated agent all funds, if any, in such accounts, including, but not limited to:
 - a. TD Bank shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of a copy of this Order, transfer to the Receiver or his designated agent all funds, if any, in (i) account number xxxx2146 in the name of Cellent Global Logistics Dispatch; (ii) account number xxxx5426 in the name of Excellent Portfolio Management; (iii) account number xxxx3779 in the name of Excellent Portfolio Management; (iv) account number xxxx3357 in the name of Excellent Portfolio Management; (v) account number xxxx5400 in the name of Excellent Properties and Investments; (vi) account number xxxx5404 in the name of Excellent Properties; (vii) account number xxxx3372 in the name of National Landmark Logistics; (viii) account

(iii) account number xxxx5331 in the name of National Landmark Service of

Landmark Recovery Group; and (ii) account number xxxx5742 in the name of Silverlake Landmark Recovery Group;

- l. Nexio Platform, LLC shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of a copy of this Order, transfer to the Receiver or his designated agent all funds, if any, in merchant account number xxxx4068 in the name of American Payment Group;
- m. Maverick BankCard, Inc. shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of a copy of this Order, transfer to the Receiver or his designated agent all funds, if any, in merchant account number xxxx2202 in the name of American Payment Group;
- n. Complete Merchant Solutions shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of a copy of this Order, transfer to the Receiver or his designated agent all funds, if any, in all merchan

9. Defendant Cellent shall, within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of entry of this Order, either (a) transfer to the FTC or its designated agent cash in the amount of \$67,500 or (b) transfer to the Receiver title to the real property located at 6521 North Beechwood Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in which case Defendant Cellent shall cooperate fully with the Receiver and shall execute any instrument or document presented by the Receiver, and do whatever else the Receiver deems necessary or desirable to effect such transfer. Upon such transfer, the real property shall be an asset of the receivership estate, to be governed by Section V of this Order, provided that Defendant Cellent shall have the right of first offer on any sale of such property.
- C. Upon completion of the asset transfers as set forth in Section IV.B of this Order, the remainder of the judgment as to the National Landmark Defendants is suspended, subject to Subsections E, F, and G below.
- D. The asset freeze is modified to permit the transfers identified in this Section. Upon completion of those transfers, the asset freeze as to the National Landmark Defendants is dissolved.
- E. The FTC's agreement to the suspension of part of the judgment is expressly premised upon the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of the National Landmark

material asset, materially misstated the value of any asset, or made any other material misstatement or omission in the financial representations identified above.

- G. If the suspension of the judgment is lifted, the judgment becomes immediately due as to a National Landmark Defendant in the amount specified in Subsection A above (which the parties stipulate only for purposes of this Section represents the consumer injury alleged in the Complaint), less any payment previously made pursuant to this Section, plus interest computed from the date of entry of this Order.
- H. The National Landmark Defendants relinquish dominion and all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in all assets transferred pursuant to this Order and may not seek the return of any assets.
- I. The facts alleged in the Complaint will be taken as true, without further proof, in any subsequent civil litigation by or on behalf of the FTC, including in a proceeding to enforce its rights to any payment or monetary judgment pursuant to this Order, such as a nondischargeability complaint in any bankruptcy case.
- J. The facts alleged in the Complaint establish all elements necessary to sustain an action by the FTC pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A), and this Order will have collateral estoppel effect for such purposes.
- K. The National Landmark Defendants acknowledge that their Taxpayer Identification Numbers, which the National Landmark Defendants previously submitted to the FTC, may be used for collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. §7701.
- L. All money paid to the FTC pursuant to this Order may be deposited into a fund administered by the FTC or its designee to be used for equitable relief, including consumer redress and any attendant expenses for the administration of any redress fund.

If a representative of the FTC decides that direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or money remains after redress is completed, the FTC may apply any remaining money for such other equitable relief (including consumer information remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to Defendants' practices alleged in the Complaint. Any money not used for such equitable relief is to be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as disgorgement. The National Landmark Defendants have no right to challenge any actions the FTC or its representatives may take pursuant to this Subsection.

CONTINUATION OF RECEIVERSHIP

V. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Deborah Barbier, Esq., shall continue as a permanent receiver over the Receivership Entities with full powers of a permanent receiver, including but not limited to those powers set forth in the Stipulated Preliminary Injunction as to the National Landmark Defendants entered by the Court on October 8, 2020 (ECF No. 65), and including full liquidation powers. The Receiver is directed to wind up the Receivership Entities and liquidate all assets within 365 days after entry of this Order. Any party or the Receiver may request that the Court extend the Receiver's term for good cause. Upon termination of the receivership and final payment to the Receiver of all approved fees, costs, and expenses, the Receiver shall turn over to the FTC or its designated agent all remaining assets in the receivership estate.

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

VI. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the National Landmark Defendant obtain acknowledgments of receipt of this Order:

A. Each National Landmark Defendant, within 7 days of entry of this Order, must submit to the FTC an acknowledgment of receipt of this Order sworn under penalty of perjury.

B. For 5 years after entry of this Order, the Individual Settling Defendant for any business that such Defendant, individually or collectively with any other Defendants, is the majority

sales, and the involvement of any other Defendant (which the Individual Settling Defendant must describe if he knows or should know due to his own involvement); (d) describe in detail whether and how that Defendant is in compliance with each Section of this Order; and (e) provide a copy of each Order Acknowledgment obtained pursuant to this Order, unless previously submitted to the FTC.

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whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which such Defendant has any ownership interest, and identify the name, physical address, and any Internet address of the business or entity.

- C. Each National Landmark Defendant must submit to the FTC notice of the filing of any bankruptcy petition, insolvency proceeding, or similar proceeding by or against it within 14 days of its filing.
- D. Any submission to the FTC required by this Order to be sworn under penalty of perjury must be true and accurate and comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, such as by concluding: “I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on: _____” and supplying the date, signatory’s full name, title (if applicable), and signature.
- E. Unless otherwise directed by a FTC representative in writing, all submissions to the FTC pursuant to this Order must be emailed to DEbrief@ftc.gov or sent by overnight courier (not the U.S. Postal Service) to: Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. The subject line must begin: FTC v. National Landmark Logistics, X200046.

RECORDKEEPING

VIII. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the

- A. accounting records showing the revenues from all products or services sold;
- B. personnel records showing, for each person providing services, whether as an employee or otherwise, that person's: name; addresses; telephone numbers; job title or position; dates of service; and (if applicable) the reason for termination;
- C. records of all Consumer complaints and refund requests, whether received directly or indirectly, such as through a third party, and any response;
- D. all records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this Order, including all submissions to the FTC; and
- E. a copy of each unique advertisement or other marketing material.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IX. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring the National Landmark

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National Landmark Defendant who has agreed to such an interview. The person interviewed may have counsel present.

C. The FTC may use all other lawful means, including posing, through its representatives as consumers, suppliers, or other individuals or entities, to the National Landmark Defendants or any individual or entity affiliated with the National Landmark Defendants, without the necessity of identification or prior notice. Nothing in this Order limits the FTC's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49 and 57b-1.

D. Upon written request from a representative of the FTC, any consumer reporting agency

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