

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: BONNIE ARNEL,  
HER OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,  
EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES,  
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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) File No. 0200853  
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ORDER OF PROHIBITION

TO THE RESPONDENT: Bonnie Arnel  
5012 Staten Drive  
Godfrey, Illinois 62035

WHEREAS, the record of the above captioned matter has been reviewed by the Secretary of State or his duly authorized representative;

WHEREAS, the rulings of the Hearing Officer on the admission of evidence and all motions are deemed to be proper and are hereby concurred with by the Secretary of State;

WHEREAS, the proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law and Recommendation of the Hearing officer, Jon K. Ellis, in the above-captioned matter have been read and examined;

WHEREAS, the following paragraph of the aforesaid Findings of Facts have been rejected as follows:

1. The Secretary rejects Paragraph No. 9 which states that Respondent Bonnie Arnel worked a fraud upon Illinois purchasers in that fraud was not alleged in the Notice of Hearing.

WHEREAS, the following proposed Findings of Fact are correct and are adopted by the Secretary of State as follows:

1. The evidence and exhibits have been offered and received from the Department and a proper record of all proceedings has been made and preserved as required by law.
2. The Hearing Officer has ruled on all motions and objections timely made and submitted.

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3. The Hearing Officer and the Secretary of State Securities Department have jurisdiction over the parties herein and subject matter dealt with herein, due and proper notice having been previously given as required by statute in this Matter.
4. As no Answer was filed, Respondent Bonnie Arnel is therefore deemed to be in default.
5. That at all times relevant hereto, Respondent Bonnie Arnel maintained a last known business address of 5012 Staten Drive, Godfrey, Illinois 62035.
6. That on or about March 20, 2001, Bonnie Arnel offered and sold to at least one (1) Illinois resident, shares of unnamed stock under an entity entitled "Coop-Bus.Mbership" in return for an investment in the amount of \$500.00.
7. That at all times relevant hereto, the Respondent, Bonnie Arnel, by and through her officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, successors and assigns, failed to file an application for registration of the above referenced securities with the Secretary of State prior to their offer or sale in the State of Illinois.
8. That Section 2.1 of the Act (815 ILCS 5/2.1) defines the term "Security" as any note, stock, treasury stock, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, certificate of interest or participation in any profit sharing agreement, collateral trust certificate, pre-organization certificate or subscription, transferable share, investment contract, investment fund share, face-amount certificate, voting-trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, fractional undivided interest in oil, gas or other mineral lease, right or royalty, any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on any security, certificate of deposit or group or index of securities (including any interest therein or based on the value thereof), or any put, call, straddle, option or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency, or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a "Security", or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or

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- purchase, any of the foregoing. "Security" does not mean a mineral investment contract or a mineral deferred delivery contract; provided, however, the Department shall have authority to regulate these contracts as hereinafter provided.
9. That Section 2.5 of the Act (815 ILCS 5/2.5) defines the term "Sale or Sell" to include the full meaning of that term as applied by or accepted in the courts of this State, and shall include every contract of sale or disposition of a security or interest in a security of value.
  10. That Section 2.5a of the Act (815 ILCS 5/2a) defines the term "Offer" to include every offer to sell or otherwise dispose of, solicitation of an offer to purchase, a security or interest in a security for value; provided that the term "Offer" shall not include preliminary negotiations or agreements between an issuer and any underwriter or among underwriters who are or are to be in privity of contract with an issuer, or a the circulation or publication of an identifying statement or circular or preliminary prospectus, as defined by rules or regulations of the Secretary of State.
  11. That Section 12.A of the Act (815 ILCS 5/12.A) provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell any securities except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
  12. That Section 12.D of the Act (815 ILCS 5/12.D) provides, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any document required to be filed under any provision of the Act.
  13. That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent Bonnie Arnel has violated Sections 12.A and 12.D of the Act.
  14. That Section 11.E(2) of the Act (815 ILCS 5/11.E(2)) provides that if the Secretary of State shall find that any person has violated subsection D of Section 12 of this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order temporarily or permanently prohibit or suspend the person from offering or selling any securities, any mineral investment contract, or any mineral deferred delivery

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contract in this State, provided that any person who is the subject of an order of permanent prohibition may petition the Secretary of State for a hearing to present evidence of rehabilitation or change of circumstances justifying the amendment or termination of the order of permanent prohibition.

15. That Section 11.E(4) of the Act (815 ILCS 5/11.E(4)) provides that in addition to any other sanction or remedy contained in this subsection E, the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of this Act has been violated, may impose a fine as provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000, for each violation of this Act, and may issue an order of public censure against the violator.
16. The entry of a Final Order of Prohibition and fine up to \$10,000 per violation is proper in this case, given the conduct of the Respondent Bonnie Arnel as described in Secretary of State Exhibits No. 1-9, as well as the fact that Respondent Bonnie Arnel failed to appear at the hearing and properly answer the charges.

WHEREAS, the following paragraph of the aforesaid Conclusions of Law have been rejected as follows:

1. The Secretary of State rejects Paragraph 2 which states that the action of the Respondent, Bonnie Arnel, worked a fraud upon Illinois purchasers, in that fraud was not alleged in the Notice of Hearing.

WHEREAS, the following proposed Conclusions of Law are correct and are adopted by the Secretary of State as follows:

1. After proper notification, the Department may proceed with a hearing in Respondent's absence. (735 ILCS 5/1-105 and 5/2-1301); Ryan v. Bening, 1978, 22 Ill.Dec. 873, 66 Ill.App.3d 127, 383 N.E.2d 681; Koenig v. Nardullo, 1968, 99 Ill.App.2d 480, 241 N.E.2d 567; In Re the Marriage of Garde, 1983, 73 Ill.Dec.816, 118 Ill.App.3d 303, 454 N.E.2d 1065. Significantly, the Notice of Hearing outlines that a default judgment may be entered against a Respondent who fails to appear or answer the charges.


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2. That by virtue of the foregoing, Respondent, Bonnie Arnel, is subject to an Order of Prohibition in the State of Illinois, a \$10,000 fine for each violation of the Act, and/or granting such other relief as may be authorized under this Act.
3. Because of the Findings of this Order, the evidence and exhibits admitted as Secretary of State Exhibits Nos. 1-9, as well as the fact that the Respondent Bonnie Arnel failed to answer the charges or appear at the hearing, the entry of a written Order of Prohibition pursuant to 815 ILCS 5/11.E(2) which permanently prohibits the offer or sale of securities by Respondent Bonnie Arnel in the State of Illinois and a \$10,000 fine pursuant to Section 815 ILCS 5/11.E(4) based upon a violation of the Act is proper in this Matter.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: pursuant to the recommendation of the Hearing Officer and the authority granted by Section 11.E and Section 11.F of the Act, Bonnie Arnel is hereby prohibited from offering or selling securities in the State of Illinois until further order of the Secretary of State and to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.

ENTERED: This 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003

  
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Jesse White  
Secretary of State  
State of Illinois

NOTICE: Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be a violation of the Section 12.D of the Act. Any person or entity who fails to comply with the terms of this Order of the Secretary of State, having knowledge of the existence of the Order, shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

This is a final order subject to administrative review pursuant to the Administrative Review Law, [735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.] and

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the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Securities Act, [14 Ill. Admin. Code Ch. I, Section 130.1123]. Any action for Judicial Review must be commenced within thirty-five (35) days from the date a copy of this Order is served upon the party seeking review.

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