# BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In re Money Transmitter Application of:

APEX CAPITAL ENTERPRISES LLC (NMLS #2588057),

Applicant.

Docket No. 2025-12-02

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR IDAHO MONEY TRANSMITTER LICENSE

AND

NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO A HEARING

The State of Idaho, Department of Finance ("Department"), being authorized and directed to administer the Idaho Money Transmitters Act, Idaho Code § 26-2901 et seq. ("Act"), hereby gives notice of its denial of the Idaho Money Transmitter License Application submitted by Apex Capital Enterprises LLC, NMLS #2588057 ("Applicant"), based on the following:

#### **FACTS**

- The Applicant is an Idaho Limited Liability Company originally formed on March 7,
   2024.
- 2. The Applicant submitted an application for an Idaho Money Transmitter License on March 31, 2024, through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System (NMLS") under its affiliated NMLS Company ID #2588057. As part of its application, the Applicant identified that it intended to offer virtual currency exchanging and trading services in Idaho.
- 3. The Applicant is owned by Samuel Wright ("Wright"). Wright is identified as the Chief Executive Officer, Compliance Officer, and primary contact for the Applicant.

- 4. Initially, the Department identified eleven deficiencies in the application and sent a notification to the Applicant requesting remedy of the issues by June 20, 2024. On June 6, 2024, the Department received a request for an extension of time to comply with the Department's request. The Department revised the compliance date to August 1, 2024.
- 5. On July 14, 2024, the Applicant submitted nine additional documents supporting its application, resolving three application deficiencies.
- The eight remaining deficiencies pertain to the Applicant's business practices, safety, soundness, financial condition, and experience.
- 7. The financial statements and supporting documentation presented by the Applicant demonstrate that it also didn't meet the Act's networth requirement.
- 8. The Act requires the Director to investigate the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness of the Applicant. In addition, to issue a license, the Director must find that the Applicant's business will be conducted honestly, fairly, and in a manner that commands the confidence and trust of the community.
- 9. On October 15, 2024, the Department sent a letter via e-mail recommending the Applicant withdraw its application in lieu of denial proceedings. The letter cited the incomplete application and lack of qualification for licensure and requested withdrawal by November 30, 2024. Wright responded to that correspondence on the same day, asserting that all deficiencies could be addressed in full.
- 10. On November 4, 2024, having received no further correspondence, documentation, or information from the Applicant, the Department sent a second e-mail

reiterating the application deficiencies and restating the request to withdraw by November 30, 2024.

11. To date, Wright has not communicated further with the Department, nor has the Apex Capital Enterprises LLC money transmitter Application been updated or withdrawn.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 12. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 11 above are fully incorporated herein by this reference.
  - 13. Idaho Code § 26-2905(1) of the Act provides:

**LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS.** (1) Each licensee licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall at all times have a net worth of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

- 14. The financial statements supplied by the Applicant do not provide the required evidence to show that the Applicant meets the net worth qualification required by the Act.
  - 15. Idaho Code § 26-2910(1), of the Act, provides:

**ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.** (1) Upon the filing of a complete application, the director shall investigate the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character and general fitness of the Applicant. [. . .] If the director finds that the Applicant's business will be conducted honestly, fairly, and in a manner commanding the confidence and trust of the community, and that the Applicant has fulfilled the requirements imposed in this chapter [. . .] the director shall issue a license to the Applicant authorizing the Applicant to engage in the licensed activities in this state for a term of one (1) year. If these requirements have not been met, the director shall deny the application in writing setting forth the reasons for the denial. [Emphasis added.]

16. Due to the lack of information supplied in support of the application, the Director is unable to discern the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness of the Applicant. Accordingly, the Director has concluded the Applicant does not meet the requirements for issuance of an Idaho money transmitter license.

17. Based on these facts and the Act requirements, the Director denies the Applicant's money transmitter license pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 26-2905 and 26-2910 for failure to demonstrate the requirements for licensure, specifically, failure to demonstrate the Applicant possesses the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character and general fitness so that it will conduct business honestly, fairly, and in a manner commanding the confidence and trust of the community.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025.

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

PATRICIA R. PERKINS, Director

### NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO A HEARING

The Applicant may contest this Order by submitting a written response to the Department within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this notice as provided in Idaho Code § 26-2910(3). The response shall be served upon the Department's counsel, Erick M. Shaner, via e-mail to <a href="mailto:erick.shaner@ag.idaho.gov">erick.shaner@ag.idaho.gov</a> or by mail as follows:

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The response should include the Applicant's name, address, and phone number, and the reason for disagreement with this Order. If the Applicant timely requests a hearing, the Director will refer the matter pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5280, to the Office of Administrative Hearings, for the appointment of a hearing officer to review the matter, and such contested case hearing will be heard no later than sixty (60) days after service of the request for a hearing, and will be conducted pursuant to Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, and the Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure (IRAP) at IDAPA 62.01.01.

The Applicant is HEREBY NOTIFIED that this Order will become <u>FINAL</u> if no request for a hearing is submitted within the time limit provided for in this Notice.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day copy of the foregoing ORDER DENYING APPLICATION and NOTICE OF THE RIGHT TO A HEARING on the following the state of the s	N FOR IDAHO MONEY TRANSMITTER LICENSE
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