

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION

In the Matter of)
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 GROUPEX FINANCIAL CORPORATION) FIRST AMENDED ORDER
) REGARDING VOLUNTARY
) SURRENDER OF LICENSE
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A. DEFINITIONS.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions set forth in or incorporated into Division 1.2 of the Financial Code (commencing with section 2000), the Money Transmission Act (“MTA”), apply throughout this Order.

B. FINDINGS.

The Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation (“Commissioner”) finds:

1. On August 22, 2003, GroupEx Financial Corporation (“Surrendering Licensee”) obtained a license from the Commissioner pursuant to the MTA to engage in the business of money transmission.
2. In the consent order dated January 27, 2025, Surrendering Licensee requested to surrender its California money transmitter license #2019 (“License”).¹
3. Effective December 27, 2024, Surrendering Licensee ceased accepting money in California for transmission.
4. On January 19, 2025, Surrendering Licensee indicated it has approximately \$376,317 in remaining outstanding transmission liability.
5. Surrendering Licensee maintains a surety bond of \$2 million for its money received for transmission liabilities and is covered by a surety bond of \$500 thousand for its payment instrument liabilities incurred prior to April 24, 2024.

¹ On August 22, 2003, GroupEx Financial Corporation was issued license #2123; this number was later changed to MTA license #2019.

6. It is appropriate and necessary in the interests of money transmission customers and the public to make the surrender of the License effective and to impose the conditions set forth below on the surrender.

C. ORDER.

On the basis of the Findings set forth above and pursuant to Financial Code section 2170, the Commissioner orders:

1. No later than five (5) days following the date of this Order, Surrendering Licensee shall return the original License to the Commissioner.
2. The surrender of the License is effective as of January 27, 2025.
3. The surrender of the License shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Surrendering Licensee shall file with the Commissioner:
 - (i) No later than thirty (30) days following the date of this Order, a report certified by Surrendering Licensee showing its outstanding California money transmission liability.
 - (ii) No later than thirty (30) days following the date of this Order, a report certified by Surrendering Licensee showing any outstanding California money transmission liability that is subject to escheatment.
 - (b) Surrendering Licensee shall comply with the bonding requirements of the Financial Code as if Surrendering Licensee continued to be licensed under the MTA. Surrendering Licensee may not petition for release of its bond until at least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
 - (c) Until all outstanding transmission liability is delivered to the beneficiary, refunded to the California consumer or escheated to the State Controller's Office, Surrendering Licensee shall continue filing with the Commissioner quarterly financial statements with balance sheets, income statements of cash flows, schedules of eligible securities, and California Average Daily Transmission Liability statements.

(d) Surrendering Licensee shall continue to be subject to Financial Code section 453 and the following sections of the Financial Code, including any regulations and orders currently in effect or hereafter issued by the Commissioner with respect to those provisions of the MTA, in the same manner and to the same extent as if Surrendering Licensee continued to be licensed under the MTA:

- (i) Section 2038;
- (ii) Section 2082;
- (iii) Section 2120;
- (iv) Section 2124; and
- (v) Section 2148.

- 4. The Commissioner reserves the right to amend or terminate any condition of this Order, in whole or in part.
- 5. If any provision of this Order is held unenforceable, such unenforceability shall not affect other provisions of this Order, which can be given effect without the unenforceable provision.

Dated: February 3, 2025.

KHALIL MOHSENI
Acting Commissioner of Financial Protection and
Innovation

By

ROBERT VENCHIARUTTI
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