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8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT
9 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of:)	CFL LICENSE NO.: 603I012
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12 THE COMMISSIONER OF BUSINESS)	CITATION
13 OVERSIGHT,)	
)	(FIN. CODE, § 22707.5)
14 Complainant,)	
15 v.)	
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16 PUENTE HILLS FINANCING, LLC,)	
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17 Respondent.)	
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20 The Commissioner of Business Oversight (Commissioner) finds the following:

21 **I.**

22 **Factual Background**

- 23 1. Puente Hills Financing, LLC (Puente Hills Financing), is a California limited
- 24 liability company with a principal place of business at 17621 East Gale Avenue, City of Industry,
- 25 California 91748.
- 26 2. Puente Hills Financing is licensed as a finance lender under California Finance
- 27 Lenders Law (CFL) license number 603I012.

1 3. Under Financial Code section 22159, CFL licensees must file an annual report with
2 the Commissioner by March 15 of each year.

3 4. On March 6, 2017, the Commissioner reminded CFL licensees of the March 15
4 deadline for filing their annual reports by sending notice to the e-mail addresses designated by the
5 licensees for receiving communications from the Commissioner according to the Commissioner’s
6 Order on Electronic Communications dated November 22, 2013.

7 5. As of March 22, 2017, Puente Hills Financing had not filed its annual report. The
8 Commissioner sent a final notice dated March 22, 2017, to Puente Hills Financing by certified mail,
9 informing it that if it did not file its annual report by the close of business on April 10, 2017, its
10 license would be summarily revoked under Financial Code section 22715.

11 6. On April 11, 2017, Puente Hills Financing still had not filed its annual report. Thus,
12 on April 19, 2017, the Commissioner issued an order summarily revoking the CFL license of Puente
13 Hills Financing. The order was effective that day.

14 7. On May 16, 2017, communications sent by the Commissioner to Puente Hills
15 Financing’s designated e-mail address were returned as undeliverable.

16 8. On June 20, 2017, Puente Hills Financing updated its designated e-mail address
17 according to the Commissioner’s Order on Electronic Communications dated November 22, 2013.

18 9. On June 20, 2017, Puente Hills Financing filed its annual report, which was due on
19 March 15, 2017.

20 10. During these proceedings, Puente Hills Financing represented to the Commissioner
21 that it had not conducted any business requiring a CFL license from April 19, 2017, to the date of
22 this Citation.

23 11. In response to Puente Hills Financing’s corrective actions, on June 20, 2017, the
24 Commissioner issued an order rescinding the April 19, 2017 revocation order and reinstating Puente
25 Hills Financing’s CFL license.

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II.

Citation

Financial Code section 22707.5, subdivision (a), provides in relevant part:

(a) If, upon inspection, examination, or investigation, the commissioner has cause to believe that a licensee or other person is violating any provision of this division or any rule or order thereunder, the commissioner or his or her designee, may issue a citation to the licensee or person in writing, describing with particularity the basis of the citation. . . . In addition, each citation may assess an administrative fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)

Based on the foregoing findings, Puente Hills Financing failed to file an annual report with the Commissioner in violation of Financial Code section 22159. The Commissioner hereby assesses a \$2,500.00 administrative fine under Financial Code section 22707.5, subdivision (a). Puente Hills Financing is ordered to pay \$2,500.00 for this violation within 30 days from the date of this Citation.

Based on the foregoing findings, Puente Hills Financing failed to maintain its books, accounts, and records in accordance with good business practice in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 1426. The Commissioner hereby assesses a \$2,500.00 administrative fine under Financial Code section 22707.5, subdivision (a). Puente Hills Financing is ordered to pay \$2,500.00 for this violation within 30 days from the date of this Citation.

The total amount of \$5,000.00 must be made payable in the form of a cashier’s check or Automated Clearing House deposit to the Department of Business Oversight and transmitted to the attention of Accounting – Litigation, at the Department of Business Oversight, 1515 K Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, California 95814. Notice of the payment must be sent to Samuel J. Park, Counsel, 320 West 4th Street, Suite 750, Los Angeles, California 90013.

Dated: June 20, 2017
Los Angeles, California

JAN LYNN OWEN
Commissioner of Business Oversight

By: _____
MARY ANN SMITH
Deputy Commissioner
Enforcement Division