

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE

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State Regulators Settle with ACI Payments, Inc. for Unauthorized Transactions from Mr. Cooper Customer Accounts

State regulators and state attorneys general levy combined fines of \$20 million for data misuse impacting 480,000 consumers nationwide

[Jackson, Mississippi]—The Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance (DBCF) and 43 other state agencies have reached settlements with ACI Payments, Inc., for erroneously initiating electronic transactions totaling \$2.3 billion from the accounts of 480,000 mortgage-holders serviced by Mr. Cooper (formerly known as Nationstar Mortgage, LLC). State regulators levied \$10 million in fines through a multistate enforcement action led by regulators from Arkansas, Connecticut, Maryland, and Texas with support from the Conference of State Bank Supervisors. Additionally, 50 state attorneys general, including Attorney General Lynn Fitch, levied \$10 million in fines to ACI, in coordination with state regulators.

ACI Payments, a subsidiary of ACI Worldwide Corp., is a state-regulated money services business licensed in Mississippi and nearly all other U.S. states (NMLS ID 936777). Mr. Cooper offered ACI's Speedpay product for its customers to schedule their monthly mortgage payments, enabling automatic transfers of authorized mortgage payments from their personal bank accounts to Mr. Cooper. The violations occurred when ACI Payments erroneously used live customer data in a test of its Speedpay platform, causing unexpected and sometimes multiple mortgage payments from customer accounts. In some cases, these transactions exposed consumers to overdraft or insufficient funds fees.

"This settlement is a result of collective efforts of the state regulatory system. DBCF remains committed to ensuring that nonbank financial service providers maintain strong reporting, risk management and compliance programs to effectively safeguard customer information," said Commissioner Rhoshunda G. Kelly.

Upon notification of the incident from ACI Payments, state regulators commenced a multistate money transmission investigation reviewing all aspects of the event, including investigating the facts and

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circumstances surrounding the erroneous transactions, evaluating consumer impact, analyzing the root cause of the incident, and evaluating the remedial steps taken by the company.

This enforcement action orders the following of ACI Payments, Inc.:

- Risk and Compliance Programs Maintain a comprehensive Enterprise Risk Management
 Program and a Third-Party Risk Management Program tailored to the nature, size, complexity
 and risk profile of ACI.
- Agreement Monitoring Regular reporting (for two years) to a state regulator monitoring
 committee to ensure both the adequacy of the risk management programs and compliance with
 the order.
- Administrative Costs and Penalties Payment of \$10 million in fines for administrative costs and penalties.

DBCF licenses and supervises over 10,000 nonbank financial services companies through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System (NMLS), including mortgage companies, money services businesses, consumer finance providers and debt collectors. Mississippi consumers can submit complaints about nonbank financial services companies by visiting www.dbcf.ms.gov. Consumers can also verify that a company is licensed to do business in their state, and view past enforcement actions, by visiting NMLS Consumer Access at https://www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org/.

Click <u>HERE</u> to read the enforcement action which includes the list of participating states.

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