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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

Arizona Corporation Commission

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In the matter of )  
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RETIREMENT INVESTMENT GROUP )  
1003 Wirt Road, Suite 302 )  
Houston, TX 77055 )  
B/D 7421 )  
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Respondent. )

DOCKET NO. S-03339A-99-0000

**ORDER OF REVOCATION**

DECISION NO. 61966

**I.**

**INTRODUCTION**

On August 4, 1999, the Securities Division (the "Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission (the "Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Proposed Order for Relief (the "Notice") against RETIREMENT INVESTMENT GROUP ("RESPONDENT"), alleging violations of the Arizona Securities Act (the "Act"). The Notice specified that RESPONDENT would be afforded an opportunity for an administrative hearing upon written request filed with the Commission's Docket Control within ten (10) days after receipt of the Notice, in accordance with A.C.C. Rule R14-4-306(B).

On August 6, 1999, the Division served a copy of the Notice upon RESPONDENT by certified mail, return receipt requested, to RESPONDENT's last known business address as permitted by A.A.C. Rule R14-4-304(C)(4). See Exhibit "A" attached hereto. RESPONDENT has failed to request an administrative hearing ten (10) days after receipt of the Notice.

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**II.****FINDINGS OF FACT**

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3 1. RETIREMENT INVESTMENT GROUP ("RETIREMENT"), whose last known  
4 address is 1003 Wirt Road, Suite 302, Houston, TX 77055, is a registered dealer in Arizona.

5 2. On or about February 2, 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC")  
6 revoked the registration of RETIREMENT and required RETIREMENT to pay civil penalties, after  
7 finding that RETIREMENT failed reasonably to supervise Gail G. Griseuk, a registered representative.

8 3. In upholding the order of an administrative law judge, the SEC found that James Harvey  
9 Thornton, RETIREMENT's President and responsible officer, failed to review Griseuk's customer  
10 accounts pursuant to RETIREMENT's internal supervisory procedures. Griseuk violated the anti-fraud  
11 provisions of the securities statutes in connection with the purchase and sale of approximately \$325,000  
12 of limited partnership interests in 1991. "Many, if not all, of Griseuk's customers were elderly persons  
13 on fixed incomes. She invested their money in risky and illiquid partnership interests. Had Thornton  
14 performed the rudimentary supervisory duty of reviewing Griseuk's customer accounts, the lack of  
15 suitability of these investments would have been clear."

16 4. On April 1, 1999, RETIREMENT filed a request to withdraw dealer registration in  
17 Arizona. Said request was not granted and this action was filed to revoke said registration.

**III.****CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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20 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona  
21 Constitution and A.R.S. § 44-1801 *et seq.*, the Arizona Securities Act (the "Act").

22 2. On August 5, 1999, and on August 10, 1999, the Division properly served the Notice on  
23 RESPONDENT in accordance with A.R.S. § 44-1972(D), A.A.C. Rules R14-4-304 and R14-4-306.

24 3. RESPONDENT failed to request a hearing within the time limits prescribed in A.R.S. §  
25 44-1972(D) and A.A.C. Rule R14-4-306.

4. RETIREMENT's conduct constitutes ground for the revocation of RETIREMENT's registration as a securities dealer with the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 44-1961(A)(10) on the grounds that RETIREMENT is subject to an order of the SEC revoking registration as a broker or dealer in securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

IV.

ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the following Order is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1961, that RESPONDENT's registration as a securities dealer is revoked.

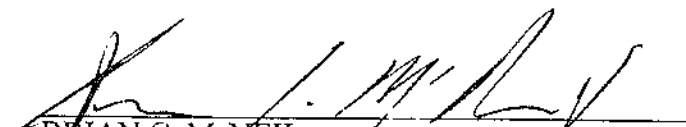
BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

  
CHAIRMAN

  
COMMISSIONER

  
COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Brian C. McNeil, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1999.

  
BRIAN C. McNEIL  
Executive Secretary

DISSENT  
(PTJ)

EXHIBIT **A**

Is your RETURN ADDRESS completed on the reverse side?

**SENDER:**

- Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services.
- Complete items 3, 4a, and 4b.
- Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so that we can return this card to you.
- Attach this form to the front of the mailpiece, or on the back, if space does not permit.
- Write "Return Receipt Requested" on the mailpiece below the article number.
- The Return Receipt will show to whom the article was delivered and the date delivered.

3. Article Addressed to:  
**Retirement Investment Group  
1003 Wirt Road Suite 302  
HOUSTON TX 77055**

4. P 618 185 202

4b. Service Type  
 Registered  
 Express Mail  
 Certified  
 Insured  
 Return Receipt for Merchandise  
 COD

5. Received By: (Print Name)  
*Douglas Hill*

6. Signature (Addressee or Agent)

7. Date of Delivery: **8-10-99**

8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):  
1.  Addressee's Address  
2.  Restricted Delivery

Thank you for using Return Receipt Service.

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102595-99-8-0223 Domestic Return Receipt