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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re: Anderson County Livestock Exchange, LLC and James Peters, an individual Respondents	P&S Docket No. 26-J-0033 P&S Docket No. 26-J-0034

CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. §§ 181 *et seq.)* (the "Act"), and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Secretary of Agriculture (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 *et seq.)* (the "Regulations"), by a Complaint filed by the Acting Deputy Administrator of the Fair Trade Practices Program of the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture ("Complainant"), alleging that Anderson County Livestock Exchange, LLC and James Peters (collectively "Respondents") willfully violated the Act and Regulations. This Consent Decision and Order ("Consent Decision") is entered pursuant to the consent decision provision of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondents Anderson County Livestock Exchange, LLC and James Peters admit the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the Complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, and neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations. Respondents waive any and all rights or defenses the Respondents have or might have for the matter to be adjudicated in a federal district court in the first instance, including any associated right to a jury trial. Respondents specifically waive rights to any further process or procedure in this proceeding. Respondents further waive all rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Consent Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United States, and waive any action against the United States Department of Agriculture under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq.*) for fees and other expenses incurred by Respondents in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity.

Respondents consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this matter, to the entry of this Consent Decision. Complainant agrees to the entry of this Consent Decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At times material herein, Respondent Anderson County Livestock Exchange, LLC (Respondent ACLE) is a limited liability company with a mailing address of P.O. Box 591, Elkhart, TX 75839, and physical address of 12719 State Highway 19, Elkhart, TX

75839. The registered agent for purposes of service of process is CT Corporation System with a business address of 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201.

2. Respondent ACLE, under the direction, management, and control of respondent James Peters, at all times material herein, was:

(a) Engaged in the business of, and operating as, a posted stockyard under and subject to the provisions of the Act;

(b) Engaged in the business of a market agency selling livestock on a commission basis in commerce; and

(c) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency selling livestock on a commission basis in commerce.

3. Respondent James Peters is an individual whose current address is in the State of Texas. His address will not be stated here to protect his privacy but will be provided to the Hearing Clerk, United States Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of service.

4. Respondent Peters, at all times material herein, was:

(a) 100% owner of Respondent ACLE;

(b) Responsible for the day-to-day direction, management, and control of Respondent ACLE;

(c) A market agency within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondents have admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties have consented to the issuance of this Consent Decision and Order without further procedure. This Consent Decision and Order shall have the same force and effect as a decision issued after a hearing.

ORDER

1. Respondent Anderson County Livestock Exchange, LLC and Respondent James Peters, their agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, including any successor entities, in connection with their operations subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from:

(a) Failing to remit proceeds to consignors from the sale of livestock;

(b) Failing to remit, when due, proceeds to consignors from the sale of livestock;

(c) Issuing checks to consignor or shippers in purported remittance of proceeds resulting from sales without having and maintaining sufficient funds available in the account upon which the checks were drawn to pay the checks when presented; and

(d) Misusing their custodial account and failing to properly maintain their custodial account by issuing checks for livestock from a non-custodial account; failing to deposit payments into the custodial account; and issuing custodial account checks for non-livestock purchases

2. Respondents, in connection with operations subject to the Act, shall keep and maintain such records that fully and correctly disclose all the transactions involved in their

business as a market agency, as required by section 401 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 221). Specifically, Respondents will maintain records documenting all sales of livestock, including seller's invoices, account reconciliations, accurate check registers, and transfer and loan schedules.

3. Respondents are suspended as registrants under the Act for a period of five (5) years, to begin on the effective date of this Consent Decision and Order.

4. Respondents are prohibited from engaging in any and all operations subject to the Act and the Regulations while their registration is suspended.

This Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after a full hearing. The provisions of this Order shall become effective on the day after service of this Order on Respondents. Copies of this Consent Decision and Order shall be served upon the parties.

[redacted]

James Peters
Respondent

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Anderson County Livestock Exchange, LLC
Respondent
Signed by James Peters, Owner

John G. Dillard
Attorney for Respondents

Rupa Chilukuri

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Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
This 17 day of August 2026

Tierney Carlos
Administrative Law Judge