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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS
 DIVISION 7**

STATE OF KANSAS, <i>ex rel.</i>)	
DEREK SCHMIDT, Attorney General,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 2016-CV-310
)	
TERRANCE ALLEN KOPET, JR., an individual)	
d/b/a T.J. KOPET)	
d/b/a CUSTOM WATER CONSULTANTS, LLC)	
a/k/a CUSTOM WATER)	
d/b/a PROFESSIONAL WATER SOLUTIONS)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)

JOURNAL ENTRY OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

NOW on this date, the parties' Journal Entry of Consent Judgment comes before the Court pursuant to K.S.A. § 50-632(b). The Plaintiff, State of Kansas, *ex rel.* Derek Schmidt, Attorney General, appears by and through Robert Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General.

WHEREUPON the parties advise the Court that they have stipulated and agreed to the following:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Derek Schmidt is the duly elected, qualifying and acting Attorney General for the State of Kansas.

2. The Attorney General's authority to bring this action is derived from the statutory and common law of the State of Kansas, specifically the Kansas Consumer Protection Act ("KCPA"), K.S.A. § 50-623 *et seq.*

3. Defendant Terrance Allen Kopet, Jr., an individual d/b/a T.J. Kopet d/b/a custom water consultants, LLC a/k/a custom water d/b/a professional water solutions is a Kanas sole proprietorship.

4. Defendant has a residential address and business address at 1223 Country Heights Lane, West Liberty, Iowa 52776.

5. All references to the Defendant herein include acts performed individually, in concert, or by or through employees, directors, officers, owners, managers, agents, assigns, and all other persons or entities acting in concert with them or on their behalf, including their predecessors, subsidiaries, affiliates and successors.

6. Jurisdiction and venue are appropriate in District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. § 50-638(a) and (b), respectively.

ALLEGATIONS

7. Plaintiff alleges that the Defendant has acted as a "supplier" in Kansas, as that term is defined by K.S.A. § 50-624(l).

8. Plaintiff alleges that the Defendant has engaged in "consumer transactions" in Kansas, as that term is defined by K.S.A. § 50-624(c).

9. At all times relevant hereto, and in the ordinary course of business, the Defendant made
or caused to be made consumer transactions with "protected consumers" in Kansas, as that term is defined by K.S.A. 50-676(a).

10. Plaintiff alleges that at all times relevant hereto, the Defendant engaged in deceptive acts and practices in violation of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, K.S.A. § 50-626 *et seq.*, which acts and practices include, but are not limited to:

- a. The Defendant made nine (9) representations that he, the supplier, had a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or connection that he did not have; specifically, that he was an authorized RainSoft dealer in the State of Kansas, in violation of K.S.A. 50-626(b)(1)(B).
- b. In the course of making, or causing to be made, consumer transactions with Kansas consumers the Defendant willfully used, in both oral and written representations, an exaggeration, falsehood, innuendo or ambiguity of material fact; specifically, that he was an authorized RainSoft dealer in the State of Kansas, in violation of K.S.A. 50-626(b)(2).
- c. In the course of making, or causing to be made, consumer transactions with Kansas consumers, the Defendant willfully made, or caused to be made, representations that the property or services being sold were of a particular standard, quality, grade, style or model, when the property or services were of another standard, quality, grade, style or model which differed materially from the representation made; specifically, that the property or services were authorized RainSoft property or services in the State of Kansas, in violation of K.S.A. 50-626(b)(1)(D).
- d. In the course of making, or causing to be made, consumer transactions with Kansas Consumers, the Defendant willfully made, or caused to be made, misrepresentations to protected consumers, in violation of K.S.A. 50-677.

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

11. The Defendant, and any Employees, Agents, Representatives, Affiliates, Assignees and Successors, be permanently enjoined from doing business as a water softener installation and service company, including, engaging in Consumer Transactions regarding such sales and services in the State of Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 50-632(C)(6).

12. Further, Defendant agrees to refrain, and be permanently enjoined, from conducting and making door-to-door sales, as defined in K.S.A. 50-640, in Kansas, and from causing, assisting or permitting such sales to be made.

13. The Defendant shall not cause or encourage third parties, nor knowingly permit third parties acting on their behalf, to engage in practices from which Defendants are prohibited by this Consent Judgment.

14. The Defendant shall not participate, directly or indirectly, in any activity or form a separate entity or corporation for the purpose of engaging in acts or practices which are prohibited in this Consent Judgment or for any other purpose which would otherwise circumvent the spirit or purposes of this Consent Judgment.

15. The Defendant agrees that the terms of this Consent Judgment apply to acts performed individually, in concert, or by or through its employees, agents, representatives, affiliates, assignees and successors.

MONETARY RELIEF

16. The Defendant agrees to pay restitution to Kansas consumers in the amount of \$7,690.50 to consumers as follows:

- a. Diane Smith: \$1,997.50;
- b. Anna Crandall: \$508.00;

- c. Ron Robbins: \$765.00;
- d. Doug Strauss: \$800.00; and
- e. Robert Smith: \$3,620.00.

17. Payment shall be amortized over 120 months beginning April 20, 2018, in the amount of \$64.09, with the same amount due on the 20th day of each consecutive month, in accordance with the schedule set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. Defendant may make additional payments, which shall serve as early satisfaction of future payments not yet due, or may payoff the entire outstanding balance, at any time without penalty.

18. Payment shall be made in the form of a cashier's check, money order or other certified funds payable to the Office of the Kansas Attorney General, mailed to:

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19. Failure by Defendant to make any installment payment within 14 calendar days of its due date shall trigger an acceleration of all amounts due from Defendant and such amount shall be paid no later than 14 calendar days after such failure and service of notice of such failure upon Defendant by the Attorney General.

SUSPENDED MONETARY JUDGMENT

20. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of plaintiff and against Defendant in the amount of \$20,000 for the payment of civil penalties for violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, pursuant to K.S.A. 50-632(c)(7). *Provided, however,* this monetary judgment shall be suspended against Defendant as long as the Court makes no finding(s), as provided in the following section of this Consent Judgment titled "right to Reopen," that Defendant has violated any provision of this Consent Judgment.

21. Plaintiff's agreement to Suspended Monetary Judgment contained in this Consent Judgment is expressly premised upon Defendant's material compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment.

22. Defendant's "material compliance" with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall mean material compliance with all of the provisions included in Paragraphs 11-33.

23. If, upon motion by the Attorney General to the Court, the Court finds that the Defendant has violated a material term of this Consent Judgment, the suspension of the monetary judgment as to the Defendant will be terminated and the entire judgment amount of \$20,000 shall become immediately due and payable to the Defendant, and interest computed at the rate prescribed under Kansas law, shall begin immediately to accrue on the unpaid balance.

24. Defendant agrees that pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A) and § 523(a)(7), and due to the nature of the conduct underlying this settlement, any unpaid penalties and/or fees shall not be dischargeable in any bankruptcy proceeding commenced after the entry of this Consent Judgment.

25. Proceedings instituted under the foregoing paragraphs are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other civil or criminal remedies that may be provided by law, including any other proceedings Plaintiff may initiate to enforce this Consent Judgment.

OTHER PROVISIONS

26. Jurisdiction is retained by this Court for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to

this Consent Judgment to apply to this Court at any time for such further orders and directions as may be necessary or appropriate for the modification of any of the provisions hereof, for the enforcement of compliance herewith, and for the punishment of violations thereof.

27. If any portion, provision, or part of this Consent Judgment is held to be invalid, unenforceable, or void for any reason whatsoever, that portion shall be severed from the remainder and shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions, portions, or parts.

28. Compliance with this Consent Judgment does not relieve Defendant of any obligation imposed by applicable federal, state, or local law, nor shall this Consent Judgment preclude the Plaintiff from taking appropriate legal action to enforce any other statutes under his jurisdiction or from any other Federal or State agency to enforce any other federal, state, or local law under its jurisdiction.

29. The parties understand that this Consent Judgment shall not be construed as an approval of or sanction by the attorney general of the Defendant's business practices, nor shall the Defendant represent the Consent Judgment as such approval. The parties further understand and agree that any failure by the State of Kansas or by the Attorney General to take any action in response to any information submitted pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall not be construed to be an approval of or sanction of any representations, acts, or practices of the Defendant, nor shall any inaction by the Attorney General be considered a waiver by the attorney general of any rights under this Consent Judgment or applicable law.

30. This Consent Judgment represents the entire agreement between Plaintiff and the

Defendant, and there are no representations, agreements, arrangements or understandings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Consent Judgment which are not fully expressed herein or attached hereto.

31. Defendant hereby represents and warrants that Defendant has had the opportunity to consult with and receive the advice of legal counsel regarding all matters relative to this Consent Judgment, including the rights and obligations of Defendant under this Consent Judgment and the consequences of breach hereunder. Defendant represents that Defendant has read the Consent Judgment and knows and understands the contents thereof. Defendant further represents and warrants that Defendant is signing this Consent Judgment as the result of his own free act, and that Defendant has not relied on any statement(s) or representation(s) of the Attorney General or anyone acting on his behalf, except for those contained in this Consent Judgment.

32. By signing this Consent Judgment, the representative of Defendant represents and warrants that such person is duly and legally authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of this Defendant, thus binding the Defendant to the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

33. Pursuant to K.S.A. 50-632(b), this Consent Judgment is not an admission by Defendant of a violation of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. Notwithstanding, Defendant agrees to this Consent Judgment without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law and solely for the purpose of settlement.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the

stipulation and agreement of the parties contained herein are adopted and approved as findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Court and any monies owed hereunder by the Defendant immediately becomes a judgment upon filing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that pursuant to the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, the provisions of K.S.A. § 50-632(b), the court hereby approves the terms of the Consent Judgment and adopts the same as the Order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

2/28/2018
Date

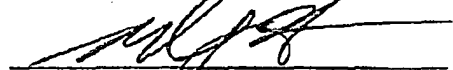

The Honorable Franklin R. Theis

Respectfully submitted,

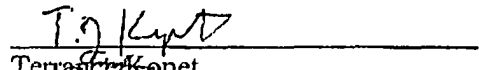
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