UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD

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In the Matter of	j	
MELANIE R. HOPP,)	NCUA Docket No. 01-0303-VI
Respondent.)	

FINAL ORDER OF PROHIBITION

WHEREAS respondent Melanie R. Hopp ("Respondent"), former membership officer of SONEPCO Federal Credit Union, charter no. 10484, located in Las Vegas, Nevada ("the Credit Union"), was an "institution-affiliated party" of that credit union, as defined by 12 U.S.C. §1786(r);

WHEREAS on July 5, 2000, Respondent pled guilty to a single felony count of theft, embezzlement and misappropriation of credit union funds, 18 U.S.C. §657, and acknowledged that she "transferred funds from various customers' accounts into accounts which she controlled [and] used the transferred funds totaling \$111,950, for her own use and purposes without the authorization of the customers or credit union." *See* Amended Plea Memorandum dated Feb. 16, 2001, at §IV *and* Superseding Criminal Information dated Feb. 20, 2001;

WHEREAS a violation of 18 U.S.C. §657 is a crime involving dishonesty or beach of trust which is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year under federal law:

WHEREAS on February 20, 2001, Respondent was convicted of a single felony count of theft, embezzlement and misappropriation of credit union funds, 18 U.S.C. §657, and was sentenced for that offense to a term of twelve (12) months and one (1) day in prison, followed by supervised release for a period of five (5) years, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$116,950. *See* "Judgment In A Criminal Case," *United States* v. *Hopp*, Criminal No. CR-S-00-255-PMP (RJJ) (D. Nev.), entered March 1, 2001;

WHEREAS the NCUA Board finds that Respondent's service to or participation in the conduct of the affairs of a federally-insured credit union may pose a threat to the interests of the members of such credit union or may threaten to impair public confidence in such credit union; and

WHEREAS the NCUA Board has delegated authority to Regional Directors of the NCUA to issue an Order on its behalf when such Order is based upon a criminal conviction.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Melanie R. Hopp is prohibited from participating in any manner in the conduct of the affairs of any federally-insured credit union, and from continuing or commencing to hold any office, or participate in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any insured depository institution; any institution treated as an insured bank under 12 U.S.C. §1818(b)(3) or (4), or as a savings association under 12 U.S.C. §1818(b)(8); any insured institution chartered under 12 U.S.C. §2001 et seq.; any appropriate Federal depository institution regulatory agency; the Federal Housing Finance Board and any Federal home loan bank; and the Resolution Trust Corporation. See 12 U.S.C. §1786(g)(7)(A);
- 2. The "Judgment In A Criminal Case" against Melanie R. Hopp in <u>United States v. Hopp</u>, Criminal No. CR-S-00-255-PMP (RJJ) (D. Nev.), is made a part hereof and is incorporated herein by reference; and
- 3. This Final Order of Prohibition shall be effective and enforceable on the date of set forth below.

Opportunity for Hearing

Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §1786(i)(3), you may request in writing, within 30 days of service of this Order, a hearing to present evidence and argument that your participation in the affairs of any federally-insured credit union would not, or would not be likely to, pose a threat to the interests of such credit union's members or threaten to impair public confidence in such credit union. <u>See</u> 12 C.F.R. §747.306 <u>et seq</u>. The NCUA Board will consider the criteria set forth at 12 C.F.R. §747.311.

A request for a hearing must state with particularity the relief desired, the grounds therefor, and must include, when available, supporting evidence. The request must be sent to: Secretary of the Board, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 21 day of March 2001.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD

By: /S/
ROBERT E. BLATNER, JR.
Regional Director
NCUA Region VI