STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

1 **SECURITIES DIVISION** 2 3 4 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Order Number S-06-072-06-FO01 whether there has been a violation 5 of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of the ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER State of Washington by: 6 TO CEASE AND DESIST SpanishFUN LLC; Robert Lasseter, 7 8 Respondents. 9 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Robert Lasseter 10 SpanishFUN LLC 334 East Lake #226 11 Palm Harbor, FL 34685 12 On July 11, 2006, the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington issued S-06-072-TO01, 13 14 hereinafter referred to as "Summary Order," against SpanishFUN LLC and Robert Lasseter. 15 The Summary Order, together with a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, 16 hereinafter referred to as "Notice of Opportunity for Hearing" and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing, 17 hereinafter referred to as "Application for Hearing," were served on SpanishFUN LLC and Robert Lasseter 18 on July 14, 2006 via certified mail. The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing advised SpanishFUN LLC and 19 Robert Lasseter that a written application for an administrative hearing on the Statement of Charges must be 20 received within twenty days from the date of receipt of the notice. SpanishFUN LLC and Robert Lasseter 21 returned the Application for Hearing on July 25, 2006, and declined to request a hearing. 22 23 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 1 24

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In lieu of requesting a hearing, Robert Lasseter submitted a statement for consideration by the Securities Administrator. In the statement, Robert Lasseter stated that SpanishFUN agreed to abide by the cease and desist order until registered in Washington, but argued that it had made appropriate disclaimers in its offering materials.

Finding no grounds for amendment of the Summary Order, the Securities Administrator therefore adopts as final the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the Summary of Order.

The Securities Administrator makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondents

- 1. SpanishFUN LLC ("SpanishFUN") is a Tennessee Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business at Palm Harbor, Florida. SpanishFUN maintains a website at http://www.spanishfun.net.
 - 2. Robert Lasseter ("Lasseter") is Manager of SpanishFUN LLC.

Nature of the Offering

- 3. Respondents caused to be placed on the internet at http://www.spanishfun.net an advertisement for a SpanishFUN franchise opportunity which involves teaching Spanish classes at preschools and child care centers.
- 4. On June 26, 2006, a Washington resident received a franchise information packet in the mail from SpanishFUN.

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- 5. The information packet sent by SpanishFUN contains materials describing the franchise opportunity. The materials contain representations about the franchise opportunity, including, but not limited to, that the cost of the SpanishFUN opportunity would be \$14,900 and would include an exclusive territory, teaching aids, equipment, supplies, a marketing plan, and a three day in-home training program. Purchasers of the franchise are required to pay a monthly fee of \$195 for continuing support. The information packet also contains a "Next Step" checklist inviting the Washington resident to call 615-692-2290 or 877-SPANFUN to determine whether his or her exclusive territory is still available. A handwritten note asks the Washington resident to review the materials and call with any questions.
- 6. In connection with the offer of the franchise opportunity, Respondents failed to provide the Washington resident with material information regarding the purchase of a SpanishFUN franchise, including a Uniform Franchise Offering Circular (UFOC) with financial statements of SpanishFUN.

 Respondent Robert Lasseter also failed to disclose that the Federal Trade Commission had brought action against him as the owner and president of CompuChild USA, Inc., his previous business, and that he was found liable on July 1, 2005 for 56 violations of the federal franchise disclosure laws.
- 7. As of the entry date of this order, Respondents were continuing to advertise their franchise opportunity at spanishfun.net.

Registration Status

8. SpanishFUN LLC is not currently registered to sell its franchises in the state of Washington and has not previously been so registered.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The offer or sale of franchises described above constitutes the offer or sale of a franchise as defined in RCW 19.100.010(16) and RCW 19.100.010(4).
- 2. The offer or sale of said franchises was in violation of RCW 19.100.020 because no registration for such offer or sale is on file with the Securities Administrator.
- 3. The offer or sale of said franchises was in violation of RCW 19.100.170 because as set forth in paragraph 6 of the Tentative Findings of Fact, Respondents made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

FINAL ORDER

Based on the foregoing:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that SpanishFUN LLC; Robert Lasseter; and their agents and employees, each cease and desist from offering and/or selling franchises in any manner in violation of RCW 19.100.020, the section of the Franchise Investment Protection Act requiring registration.

It is further ORDERED that SpanishFUN LLC; Robert Lasseter; and their agents and employees, each cease and desist from violation of RCW 19.100.170, the anti-fraud section of the Franchise Investment Protection Act.

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	This Order is entered pursuant to RCW 19.100.248 and is subject to the provisions of RCW 34.0	
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3	WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.	
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