



CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

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MEMO

DATE: Effective as of October 15, 2017
TO: Our Valued Customers
FROM: Chicago Title, NCS Chicago Operation
RE: 2016 ALTA Commitment for Title Insurance

As of October 15, 2017, all Chicago Title offices in the State of Illinois are now issuing the 2016 ALTA commitment form adopted by ALTA. This is a nationwide ALTA standard. In states where you have not already been seeing this form, you will in the near future. The use of the commitment has not changed in any fundamental way, but does contain certain revisions and important clarification regarding the obligations of all parties.

On the first page of the new commitment, you will see at the top of the form that a new NOTICE provision has been incorporated as part of the commitment. This NOTICE provision sets forth in the first paragraph that this ALTA commitment is only an offer to issue a title insurance policy and nothing more. In addition, all claims under the commitment must be based solely in contract law. In other words, the commitment is really just the initial step in the formation of a binding contract, that being the title insurance policy.

The second paragraph of the NOTICE provision states that the “commitment is not an abstract of title, report of the condition of title, legal opinion, opinion of title, or other representation of the status of title.” Essentially the title commitment is not to be seen as an informational product and not a reflection as to the state of title, but rather a limitation on the obligation of the Title Company to that of issuing a policy.

The next provision on the first page is the COMMITMENT TO ISSUE POLICY provision, which incorporates and clarifies some of the language on the first page of the 2006 commitment. It is specifically, the Title Company’s commitment to issue the Policy subject to certain terms and provisions.

The commitment is effective as of the commitment date, subject to:

1. A period of 180 days (generally 6 months) from the commitment date has not elapsed;
2. A specified dollar amount has been entered in Schedule A of the commitment – an unknown amount is not permitted, but an actual estimated amount or minimum amount of \$10,000 is acceptable and can be changed to a higher or lower amount later; and
3. The proposed insured has been specifically identified – in other words, TBD or “To Come” can no longer be listed in place of the proposed insured. This identified party can be changed later upon request (i.e., as in the case of a newly created LLC).

Schedule A of the new commitment does not have any significant changes, but you will see a new SCHEDULE B, PART I, REQUIREMENTS section that will list some of the Title Company’s standard requirements and informational notes necessary for clearing title. Schedule B, Part II, EXCEPTIONS section remains as the key section in the commitment which lists all of the specifically enumerated exceptions to the commitment and unless cleared will remain on the policy if issued.

Other changes with the 2016 ALTA commitment include nine (9) numbered subsections to the COMMITMENT CONDITIONS, including a new “Definitions” section, as well as more detailed language regarding the Title Company’s obligations, rights and limitation of liability for the issued commitment.

We encourage you to contact our office with any questions or concerns you may have.

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ALTA COMMITMENT FOR TITLE INSURANCE



CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

Commitment Number:

SAMPLE

NOTICE

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY: THIS COMMITMENT IS AN OFFER TO ISSUE ONE OR MORE TITLE INSURANCE POLICIES. ALL CLAIMS OR REMEDIES SOUGHT AGAINST THE COMPANY INVOLVING THE CONTENT OF THIS COMMITMENT OR THE POLICY MUST BE BASED SOLELY IN CONTRACT.

THIS COMMITMENT IS NOT AN ABSTRACT OF TITLE, REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF TITLE, LEGAL OPINION, OPINION OF TITLE, OR OTHER REPRESENTATION OF THE STATUS OF TITLE. THE PROCEDURES USED BY THE COMPANY TO DETERMINE INSURABILITY OF THE TITLE, INCLUDING ANY SEARCH AND EXAMINATION, ARE PROPRIETARY TO THE COMPANY, WERE PERFORMED SOLELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY, AND CREATE NO EXTRACONTRACTUAL LIABILITY TO ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A PROPOSED INSURED.

THE COMPANY'S OBLIGATION UNDER THIS COMMITMENT IS TO ISSUE A POLICY TO A PROPOSED INSURED IDENTIFIED IN SCHEDULE A IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS COMMITMENT. THE COMPANY HAS NO LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION INVOLVING THE CONTENT OF THIS COMMITMENT TO ANY OTHER PERSON.

COMMITMENT TO ISSUE POLICY

Subject to the Notice; Schedule B, Part I-Requirements; Schedule B, Part II-Exceptions; and the Commitment Conditions, Chicago Title Insurance Company, a Florida corporation (the "Company"), commits to issue the Policy according to the terms and provisions of this Commitment. This Commitment is effective as of the Commitment Date shown in Schedule A for each Policy described in Schedule A, only when the Company has entered in Schedule A both the specified dollar amount as the Proposed Policy Amount and the name of the Proposed Insured.

If all of the Schedule B, Part I-Requirements have not been met within one hundred eighty (180) days after the Commitment Date, this Commitment terminates and the Company's liability and obligation end.

Chicago Title Insurance Company

By:

President

Attest:

Secretary



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ALTA Commitment for Title Insurance (08/01/2016)



COMMITMENT CONDITIONS**1. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Knowledge" or "Known": Actual or imputed knowledge, but not constructive notice imparted by the Public Records.
- (b) "Land": The land described in Schedule A and affixed improvements that by law constitute real property. The term "Land" does not include any property beyond the lines of the area described in Schedule A, nor any right, title, interest, estate, or easement in abutting streets, roads, avenues, alleys, lanes, ways, or waterways, but this does not modify or limit the extent that a right of access to and from the Land is to be insured by the Policy.
- (c) "Mortgage": A mortgage, deed of trust, or other security instrument, including one evidenced by electronic means authorized by law.
- (d) "Policy": Each contract of title insurance, in a form adopted by the American Land Title Association, issued or to be issued by the Company pursuant to this Commitment.
- (e) "Proposed Insured": Each person identified in Schedule A as the Proposed Insured of each Policy to be issued pursuant to this Commitment.
- (f) "Proposed Policy Amount": Each dollar amount specified in Schedule A as the Proposed Policy Amount of each Policy to be issued pursuant to this Commitment.
- (g) "Public Records": Records established under state statutes at the Commitment Date for the purpose of imparting constructive notice of matters relating to real property to purchasers for value and without Knowledge.
- (h) "Title": The estate or interest described in Schedule A.

2. If all of the Schedule B, Part I-Requirements have not been met within the time period specified in the Commitment to Issue Policy, this Commitment terminates and the Company's liability and obligation end.

3. The Company's liability and obligation is limited by and this Commitment is not valid without:

- (a) the Notice;
- (b) the Commitment to Issue Policy;
- (c) the Commitment Conditions;
- (d) Schedule A;
- (e) Schedule B, Part I-Requirements;
- (f) Schedule B, Part II-Exceptions; and
- (g) a counter-signature by the Company or its issuing agent that may be in electronic form.

4. COMPANY'S RIGHT TO AMEND

The Company may amend this Commitment at any time. If the Company amends this Commitment to add a defect, lien, encumbrance, adverse claim, or other matter recorded in the Public Records prior to the Commitment Date, any liability of the Company is limited by Commitment Condition 5. The Company shall not be liable for any other amendment to this Commitment.

5. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

- (a) The Company's liability under Commitment Condition 4 is limited to the Proposed Insured's actual expense incurred in the interval between the Company's delivery to the Proposed Insured of the Commitment and the delivery of the amended Commitment, resulting from the Proposed Insured's good faith reliance to:
 - (i) comply with the Schedule B, Part I-Requirements;
 - (ii) eliminate, with the Company's written consent, any Schedule B, Part II-Exceptions; or
 - (iii) acquire the Title or create the Mortgage covered by this Commitment.
- (b) The Company shall not be liable under Commitment Condition 5(a) if the Proposed Insured requested the amendment or had Knowledge of the matter and did not notify the Company about it in writing.
- (c) The Company will only have liability under Commitment Condition 4 if the Proposed Insured would not have incurred the expense had the Commitment included the added matter when the Commitment was first delivered to the Proposed Insured.
- (d) The Company's liability shall not exceed the lesser of the Proposed Insured's actual expense incurred in good faith and described in Commitment Conditions 5(a)(i) through 5(a)(iii) or the Proposed Policy Amount.
- (e) The Company shall not be liable for the content of the Transaction Identification Data, if any.
- (f) In no event shall the Company be obligated to issue the Policy referred to in this Commitment unless all of the Schedule B, Part I-Requirements have been met to the satisfaction of the Company.
- (g) In any event, the Company's liability is limited by the terms and provisions of the Policy.

6. LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY MUST BE BASED ON THIS COMMITMENT

- (a) Only a Proposed Insured identified in Schedule A, and no other person, may make a claim under this Commitment.
- (b) Any claim must be based in contract and must be restricted solely to the terms and provisions of this Commitment.

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- (c) Until the Policy is issued, this Commitment, as last revised, is the exclusive and entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Commitment and supersedes all prior commitment negotiations, representations, and proposals of any kind, whether written or oral, express or implied, relating to the subject matter of this Commitment.
- (d) The deletion or modification of any Schedule B, Part II-Exception does not constitute an agreement or obligation to provide coverage beyond the terms and provisions of this Commitment or the Policy.
- (e) Any amendment or endorsement to this Commitment must be in writing and authenticated by a person authorized by the Company.
- (f) When the Policy is issued, all liability and obligation under this Commitment will end and the Company's only liability will be under the Policy.

7. IF THIS COMMITMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY AN ISSUING AGENT

The issuing agent is the Company's agent only for the limited purpose of issuing title insurance commitments and policies. The issuing agent is not the Company's agent for the purpose of providing closing or settlement services.

8. PRO-FORMA POLICY

The Company may provide, at the request of a Proposed Insured, a pro-forma policy illustrating the coverage that the Company may provide. A pro-forma policy neither reflects the status of Title at the time that the pro-forma policy is delivered to a Proposed Insured, nor is it a commitment to insure.

9. ARBITRATION

The Policy contains an arbitration clause. All arbitrable matters when the Proposed Policy Amount is Two Million And No/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) or less shall be arbitrated at the option of either the Company or the Proposed Insured as the exclusive remedy of the parties. A Proposed Insured may review a copy of the arbitration rules at <http://www.alta.org/arbitration>.

END OF CONDITIONS

1031 EXCHANGE SERVICES

If your transaction involves a tax deferred exchange, we offer this service through our 1031 division, IPX1031. As the nation's largest 1031 company, IPX1031 offers guidance and expertise. Security for Exchange funds includes segregated bank accounts and a 100 million dollar Fidelity Bond. Fidelity National Title Group also provides a 50 million dollar Performance Guaranty for each Exchange. For additional information, or to set-up an Exchange, please call Scott Nathanson at (312)223-2178 or Anna Barsky at (312)223-2169.

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