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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CONSUMER FINANCIAL  
PROTECTION BUREAU,

Petitioner,

v.

GREAT PLAINS LENDING,  
LLC, MOBILOANS, LLC &  
PLAIN GREEN, LLC,

Respondents.

**CV 14-02090-MWF(PLA)**  
Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION TO ENFORCE CIVIL  
INVESTIGATIVE DEMANDS**

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau) hereby petitions this Court, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 5562(e)(1), for an order enforcing civil investigative demands (CIDs) served on Great Plains Lending, LLC, MobiLoans, LLC, and Plain Green, LLC (collectively, Respondents). On June 12, 2012, the Bureau issued the CIDs to Respondents in the course of a non-public investigation of small-dollar online lenders concerning possible violations of

1 Section 1036 of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 (CFPA), 12 U.S.C. § 5536,  
2 the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), 15 U.S.C. § 1601 *et seq.*, the Electronic Funds Transfer Act  
3 (EFTA), 15 U.S.C. § 1693 *et seq.*, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), 15 U.S.C. § 6802 *et*  
4 *seq.*, and other Federal consumer financial laws. The CIDs directed Respondents to respond  
5 to interrogatories, produce documents, and provide sworn verifications as to those  
6 responses. Respondents have not complied with the CIDs. Accordingly, the Bureau petitions  
7 this Court for an order compelling Respondents to comply with the CIDs.

8 In support of this petition, the Bureau has separately filed the Declaration of Meredith  
9 B. Osborn and a memorandum of law. In further support, the Bureau alleges as follows:

### 10 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11 1. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1052(e)(1) of the  
12 CFPA, which provides that if a “person fails to comply with any civil investigative demand  
13 duly served upon him . . . the Bureau . . . may file . . . a petition for an order of such court  
14 for the enforcement of this section.” 12 U.S.C. § 5562(e)(1).

15 2. Venue is proper because each Respondent “transacts business” in this district.  
16 12 U.S.C. § 5562(e)(1); 12 C.F.R. § 1080.10(b)(1).

### 17 THE PARTIES

18 3. The Bureau is an administrative agency of the United States. 12 U.S.C. § 5491 *et*  
19 *seq.* The Bureau is empowered by the CFPA to enforce Federal consumer financial  
20 protection laws, including TILA, EFTA, and the GLBA, and to take action to prevent  
21 “unfair, deceptive, or abusive act[s] or practice[s] . . . in connection with any transaction with  
22 a consumer for a consumer financial product or service.” 12 U.S.C. §§ 5511(c)(4), 5512(a),  
23 5531(a), 5536(a)(1)(B), 5564(a); 12 U.S.C. §§ 5561-5567.

24 4. Respondent Great Plains Lending, LLC is a limited liability company that  
25 offers small-dollar loans to consumers nationwide, through its website  
26 [greatplainslending.com](http://greatplainslending.com).






1 c. For such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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3 Dated: March 18, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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CIVIL COVER SHEET**

<b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> ( Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/> )  Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> ( Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/> )  Great Plains Lending, LLC, MobiLoans, LLC, and Plain Green, LLC
<b>(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff</b> _____ (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)	<b>County of Residence of First Listed Defendant</b> <u>Noble County, OK</u> (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
<b>(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number)</b> If you are representing yourself, provide the same information. Meredith Osborn, Maxwell Peltz, Melanie Hirsch Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW Washington, DC 20552 (415) 645-6615	<b>Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number)</b> If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an X in one box only.)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  <input type="checkbox"/> 2. U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> -For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant) <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:30%;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width:5%;">PTF</td> <td style="width:5%;">DEF</td> <td style="width:40%;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td style="width:5%;">PTF</td> <td style="width:5%;">DEF</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	PTF	DEF		<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1		<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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**IV. ORIGIN** (Place an X in one box only.)

1. Original Proceeding   
  2. Removed from State Court   
  3. Remanded from Appellate Court   
  4. Reinstated or Reopened   
  5. Transferred from Another District (Specify)   
  6. Multi-District Litigation

**V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND:**  Yes  No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)

**CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23:**  Yes  No      **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** \$ N/A

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)  
 12 U.S.C. § 5562(e)(1), providing for a court order enforcing a civil investigative demand

**VII. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an X in one box only).

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	REAL PROPERTY CONT.	IMMIGRATION	PRISONER PETITIONS	PROPERTY RIGHTS
<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	<b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions		<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>TORTS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<b>TORTS</b>	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/Other <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee Conditions of Confinement	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/Etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<b>FORFEITURE/PENALTY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Org.	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Vet.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Vet. Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<b>LABOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV	<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. Employers' Liability	<b>BANKRUPTCY</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158		<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157		<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts	<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights		
<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting		
<input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury-Med Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment		
<input type="checkbox"/> 899 Admin. Procedures Act/Review of Appeal of Agency Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury-Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations		
<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes		<input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability			

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**VIII. VENUE:** Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will most likely be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

<b>Question A: Was this case removed from state court?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If "no," go to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question D, below, and skip to Section IX.	STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:		INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles		Western
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo		Western
	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange		Southern
	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino		Eastern

<b>Question B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a party to this action?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  If "no," go to Question C. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question D, below, and skip to Section IX.	If the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, is a party, is it:		INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:
	A PLAINTIFF?	A DEFENDANT?	
	Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of DEFENDANTS reside.	Then check the box below for the county in which the majority of PLAINTIFFS reside.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles	Western
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo	<input type="checkbox"/> Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo	Western
	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	Southern
<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	Eastern	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Western	

Question C: Location of plaintiffs, defendants, and claims? (Make only one selection per row)	A. Los Angeles County	B. Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties	C. Orange County	D. Riverside or San Bernardino Counties	E. Outside the Central District of California	F. Other
Indicate the location in which a majority of plaintiffs reside:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indicate the location in which a majority of defendants reside:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indicate the location in which a majority of claims arose:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>C.1. Is either of the following true? If so, check the one that applies:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more answers in Column C <input type="checkbox"/> only 1 answer in Column C and no answers in Column D  Your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION. Enter "Southern" in response to Question D, below.  If none applies, answer question C2 to the right. →	<b>C.2. Is either of the following true? If so, check the one that applies:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or more answers in Column D <input type="checkbox"/> only 1 answer in Column D and no answers in Column C  Your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question D, below.  If none applies, go to the box below. ↓
Your case will initially be assigned to the WESTERN DIVISION. Enter "Western" in response to Question D below.	

<b>Question D: Initial Division?</b>	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD
Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, or C above: →	Western

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**IX(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed?  NO  YES


If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**IX(b). RELATED CASES:** Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case?  NO  YES

If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:**

- (Check all boxes that apply)  A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or  
 B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or  
 C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or  
 D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

**X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT):**  DATE: 3/18/04

**Notice to Counsel/Parties:** The CV-71 (JS-44) Civil Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required pursuant to Local Rule 3-1 is not filed but is used by the Clerk of the Court for the purpose of statistics, venue and initiating the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions, see separate instructions sheet).

**Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:**

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))