be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

In the matter of Service Corporation International, a corporation. File No. 951–0012.

## **Agreement Containing Consent Order**

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission"), having initiated an investigation of the acquisition of the voting securities of Uniservice Corporation by Service Corporation International, SCI Oregon Funeral Services, Inc., and UC Acquisition Corp. (collectively, "SCI"), and it now appearing that SCI, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "proposed respondent," is willing to enter into an agreement containing an order to divest certain assets and to cease and desist from certain acts, and providing for other relief:

It is hereby agreed by and between proposed respondent, by its duly authorized officers and attorney, and counsel for the Commission that

- 1. Proposed respondent Service Corporation International is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas with its office and principal place of business located at 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019.
- 2. Proposed respondent admits all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of complaint.
  - 3. Proposed respondent waives:
- a. any further procedural steps;b. the requirement that the
- Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
- c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the order entered pursuant to this agreement; and
- d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
- 4. This agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this agreement is accepted by the Commission it, together with the draft of complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this agreement and so notify the proposed respondent, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue and serve its

complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and decision, in disposition of the proceeding.

5. This agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by proposed respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of complaint, or that the facts as alleged in the draft complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

- 6. This agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, and if such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of § 2.34 of the Commission's Rules, the Commission may, without further notice to the proposed respondent, (1) Issue its complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of complaint and its decision containing the following order to divest and to cease and desist in disposition of the proceeding, and (2) make information public with respect thereto. When so entered, the order to cease and desist shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The order shall become final upon service. Delivery by the U.S. Postal Service of the complaint and decision containing the agreed-to order to proposed respondent's address as stated in this agreement shall constitute service. Proposed respondent waives any right it may have to any other manner of service. The complaint may be used in construing the terms of the order, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the order or the agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the order.
- 7. Proposed respondent has read the proposed complaint and order contemplated hereby. Proposed respondent understands that once the order has been issued, it will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that it has fully complied with the order. Proposed respondent further understands that it may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the order after it becomes final.

## Order

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It is ordered that, as used in this order, the following definitions shall

apply:
A. "Respondent" or "SCI" means
Service Corporation International, its
predecessors, subsidiaries, divisions,
and groups and affiliates controlled by

- Service Corporation International, their successors and assigns, and their directors, officers, employees, agents, and representatives.
- B. "Commission" means the Federal Trade Commission.
- C. "Funerals" means a group of services provided at the death of an individual, the focus of which is some form of commemorative ceremony concerning the deceased at which ceremony the body is present; this group of services ordinarily includes, but it not limited to: the removal of the body from the place of death; its embalming or other preparation; making available a place for visitation and viewing, for the conduct of a funeral service, and for the display of caskets and outside cases; and the arrangement for and conveyance of the body to a cemetery or crematory for final disposition.
- D. "Funeral establishment" means the Assets and Businesses of a facility that provides funerals.
- E. "Cemetery services" means the provision of plots of land for, and the services associated with, the final disposition of human remains by burial.
- F. "Cemetery" means the Assets and Businesses of a facility that provides cemetery services.
- G. "Cremation" means the incineration of human remains.
- H. "Crematory" means the Assets and Businesses of a facility that performs cremations.
- I. "Assets and Businesses" include all assets, properties, business and goodwill, tangible and intangible, utilized by a funeral establishment, cemetery or crematory, including but not limited to, the following:
- 1. all right, title and interest in and to owned or leased real property, together with appurtenances, licenses and permits;
- 2. all right to serve as directors on the Board of the Siskiyou Memorial Park;
- 3. all vendor lists, management information systems and software used on-site, and all catalogs, sales promotion literature and advertising materials, except that SCI may delete from such materials the Uniservice name, trademark or other identification;
- 4. all machinery, fixtures, equipment, vehicles, transportation facilities, furniture, tools and other tangible personal property;
- 5. all right, title and interest in and to the contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business with customers (together with associated bids and performance bonds), supplies, sales representatives, distributors, agents,