

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

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

