



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & REGULATION

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Case No. 2026-278

IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
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EKTA MANAGEMENT LLC	§	DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
D/B/A EN ROUTE MARKET	§	
	§	AND REGULATION
TEXAS LOTTERY TICKET SALES	§	
AGENT LICENSE NO. 196386	§	

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER

I. JURISDICTION

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (Department)¹ is authorized to enforce Texas Occupations Code (Tex. Occ. Code) Chapter 51; Texas Government Code (Tex. Gov’t Code) Chapter 466 (State Lottery Act); and 16 Texas Administrative Code (Tex. Admin. Code) Chapter 140 of Texas Lottery and Charitable Bingo administrative rules.

II. RESPONDENT

Ekta Management LLC d/b/a En Route Market (Respondent) is licensed by the Department. Respondent holds Texas Lottery Ticket Sales Agent License No. 196386. Sodhi Singh is the managing member of Respondent, which is located at 1412 Farley Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165.

Respondent is obligated to follow the provisions of the State Lottery Act and the administrative rules to maintain its Texas Lottery Ticket Sales Agent License.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 25, 2025, the Texas Lottery Commission (Commission) received a complaint that Respondent required customers to purchase additional store merchandise when purchasing Texas Lottery tickets with a debit card. The Commission initiated an investigation into this complaint.

2. On July 9, 2025, a Commission investigator observed a sign at Respondent’s location which read, “Minimum \$50.00 Debit Card Only Per Transaction or Minimum \$5 Store Purchase Debit Card Only Per Transaction for Lotto & Scratch-Offs.” Respondent’s employee admitted to the investigator that Respondent charges a fee for using a debit card.

¹ As of September 1, 2025, under Section 77(a)(1) of Senate Bill 3070, 89th Legislature, Regular Session, all functions and activities related to the state lottery conducted by the Texas Lottery Commission under Chapter 466 of the Government Code were automatically transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Tex. Gov't Code § 466.151(e) states:

The director may issue a license to a person only if the director finds that the person's experience, character, and general fitness are such that the person's participation as a sales agent will not detract from the integrity, security, honesty, and fairness of the operation of the lottery.

2. Tex. Gov't Code § 466.155(a) states, in pertinent part:

After a hearing, the executive director shall deny an application for a license or the department shall suspend or revoke a license if the executive director or department, as applicable, finds that the applicant or sales agent:

...
(5) has violated this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter.

3. Tex. Gov't Code § 466.302(a) states:

A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly sells a ticket at a price the person knows is greater than that fixed by the department or by the lottery operator authorized to set that price.

4. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 401.158(b) states, in pertinent part:

Without limiting the commission's ability to consider factors listed in §401.153(b) of this title as grounds for suspension or revocation of a license issued under this subchapter, the commission may also suspend or revoke a license for reasons including, but not limited to, any of the following:

...
(22) licensee intentionally or knowingly sells a ticket at a price the licensee knows is greater than the price set by the executive director.

(23) licensee charges a fee for lottery ticket purchases using a debit card, requires an additional purchase with a debit card, and/or requires a minimum dollar amount for debit card purchases of only lottery tickets.

5. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 140.366 states:

Each retailer agrees to operate in a manner consistent with the State Lottery Act, applicable federal laws, Texas laws, local ordinances, with all terms and conditions related to the retailer's license, with all requirements set forth in the most recent Retailer Manual, the rules and regulations promulgated by the commission, and with his/her or its license from the Texas Lottery.

6. Based on the above Findings of Fact, the Texas Lottery Ticket Sales Agent License of Respondent is subject to suspension or revocation pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 466.155(a)(5), as a result of Respondent's violation of Tex. Gov't Code § 466.302(a) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 140.158(b)(22) and (23) and 140.366.

V. NOTICE

The Notice of Opportunity to Show Compliance dated February 19, 2026, informed Respondent of the Department's determination that Respondent violated the provisions of the State Lottery Act and administrative rules. The notice provided Respondent with opportunity to respond to the alleged violations set forth in the notice by way of an informal conference.

VI. RESPONSE

Respondent requested an informal conference which was held on March 11, 2026.

VII. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

1. By signing this Memorandum of Agreement, Respondent agrees to these terms, acknowledges understanding them, and waives all rights to procedural requirements for the entry of the Consent Order (Order) consistent with the terms of this Memorandum of Agreement, including, but not limited to, the right to notice of hearing, a formal hearing, a proposal for decision, a rehearing, and any right to seek judicial review of the Order.

2. The effective date of this Memorandum of Agreement and the Order shall be the date the Order is signed by the Department deputy executive director of Lottery and Charitable Bingo.

3. Respondent agrees that, as a result of its violation of Tex. Gov't Code § 466.302(a) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 140.158(b)(22) and (23) and 140.366, its Ticket Sales Agent License will be suspended for a period of ten (10) consecutive days. The suspension period will begin within seven (7) days from the date the Order is signed by the deputy executive director of Lottery and Charitable Bingo. During the period of suspension, Respondent agrees that it will not sell Texas Lottery tickets of any kind, will not validate Texas Lottery tickets, and will not pay lottery prizes to customers.

4. During the entire period of suspension hereunder, Respondent is required to post a notice of suspension in the form and at the location prescribed by the Department, visible to store customers, in the same area where Respondent's Ticket Sales Agent License is posted.

5. Respondent agrees this Memorandum of Agreement and the Order apply only to the facts and circumstances stated herein. The Department reserves the right to take additional disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or revocation of Respondent's Ticket Sales Agent License, for any further violations of the State Lottery Act or administrative rules.

6. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Memorandum of Agreement and the Order, and the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law contained herein, may be admitted in any future administrative action initiated against it by the Department.

7. Respondent agrees that if, after a formal hearing on the sole issue of compliance with the Memorandum of Agreement and the Order, it is found that Respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement and the Order, disciplinary action shall be taken against Respondent, up to and including revocation of its Texas Lottery Ticket Sales Agent License.

8. Respondent agrees to provide all active and settled tickets to the Department or to a Brightstar representative on or before the date the suspension begins. Respondent further agrees that these active tickets will settle on the date the suspension begins, and Respondent will be charged for tickets sold on or before that date. Respondent will be credited for any tickets that have been paid for in previous sweeps and that are returned to and received by the Department on or before the date the suspension begins.

AGREED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

Ekta Management LLC
d/b/a En Route Market

Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
Lottery and Charitable Bingo Division

By:

By:



4-9-26

4/10/2026

Sodhi Singh
Managing Member

DATE

Kelly Stuckey
Lottery Operations Director

DATE

VIII. CONSENT ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (Department), based on the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Memorandum of Agreement, which are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set out and separately stated herein, as follows:

1. IT IS ORDERED by the Department that, in lieu of revocation of the Texas Lottery Ticket Sales Agent License of Ekta Management LLC d/b/a En Route Market (Respondent), the license is suspended for a period of ten (10) consecutive days. The suspension period will begin within seven (7) days from the date this Order is signed by the Department deputy executive director of Lottery and Charitable Bingo. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not sell Texas Lottery tickets of any kind, shall not validate Texas Lottery tickets, and shall not pay lottery prizes to customers.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Department that, during the entire period of suspension, Respondent shall post a notice of suspension, in the form and at the location prescribed by the Department, visible to store customers, in the same area where Respondent's Texas Lottery Ticket Sales Agent License is posted.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Department that if, after a formal hearing on the sole issue of compliance with this Order, it is found that Respondent has failed to comply with the terms of this Order, disciplinary action shall be taken against Respondent, up to and including revocation of its Texas Lottery Ticket Sales Agent License.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Department that Respondent shall provide all active and settled tickets to the Department or to a Brightstar representative on or before the date the suspension begins, that these active tickets will settle on that date, and Respondent will be charged for the tickets sold on or before that date. Respondent will be credited for any tickets that have been paid for in previous sweeps and that are returned to and received by Department on or before the date the suspension begins.

Signed and ordered this 4/23/2026.



Sergio Rey, Interim Deputy Executive Director
Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
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