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# NOTICE OF SECURITY INCIDENT

Dear

Choice Technologies, Inc. ("Choice") is writing to inform you of an event that may impact the security of some of your information. Choice is a professional services firm that provides data hosting services to its clients, including Glacier Lakes R&P. While we are unaware of any actual or attempted misuse of your information, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you may take to better protect against the possibility of identity theft and fraud, should you feel it is necessary to do so.

What Happened? In September 2022, Choice became aware of suspicious activity related to certain systems. We quickly took steps to secure our environment and launched an investigation with the assistance of third-party specialists to determine the nature and scope of the incident. The investigation determined there was unauthorized access to certain files and folders within our network on separate occasions between July 22, 2022 and September 23, 2022. While the investigation was able to confirm that certain systems were accessed, it was unable to confirm what information within those systems was actually accessed. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, Choice conducted a review of the contents of the impacted systems to determine whether sensitive information may have been present at the time of the event.

What Information Was Involved? On or about January 13, 2023, our review determined that information related to certain individuals may have been present on the impacted system at the time of the event. Following this determination, we undertook an in-depth review process to identify the individuals and Choice clients were impacted. Choice is notifying you now out of an abundance of caution because the investigation determined that your name, and Social Security Number were potentially impacted as a result of this event. Please note that we do not have any evidence to indicate that your information was subject to actual or attempted misuse as a result of this incident.

What We Are Doing. We take this incident and the security of information in our care very seriously. Upon becoming aware of this incident, we immediately took steps to confirm the security of our environment. We are also reviewing existing security policies and have implemented additional measures to further protect against similar incidents moving forward. We reported this incident to law enforcement and will report to any statutorily required state regulators.

In addition to providing you with notice of the event, we are providing you with access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score** services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve (12) months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout through Identity Force, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. You can find information on how to enroll in these services in the below "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information."

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect

errors. Please also review the information contained in the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information" where you may also find instructions to activate the credit monitoring and identity theft protection services we are offering.

**For More Information.** Representatives are available for 90 days from the date of this letter, to assist you with questions regarding this incident, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please call the help line at 1-800-405-6108 and supply the fraud specialist with your unique code listed above. We take this incident very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Hourigan Choice Technologies, Inc.

### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

# **Enroll in Credit Monitoring**

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <a href="https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/choicetech">https://secure.identityforce.com/benefit/choicetech</a> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services:

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

# **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, etc.);
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/ credit-report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/cred it-help
888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box		•
105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

### **Additional Information**

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.