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TO: Office of Administrative Hearings

MATTER: In the Matter of ReliaMax Surety Company, No. 11-0092

NOTE: The OIC's Order to Cease and Desist became effective on April 28th, 2011 and remains effective. It has already been determined that there is no stay of the OIC's Order to Cease and Desist. RCW 48.04.020(1).

AGENCY REQUEST: Please enter initial order in this matter and return original file and transcript to the undersigned.

TIME PERIOD REQUESTED: Please hold hearing as soon as possible. OIC's action is stayed pending the outcome of the final decision. Regarding date of entry of Initial Order, please note that both parties and the public have an interest in having this matter concluded as soon as possible.

OTHER INFORMATION: 1) The OIC always requires insurance agents and brokers involved in disciplinary matters to appear in person, because demeanor is important. 2) If any non-agent, non-broker entity (or its attorney) appears by telephone upon approval by the ALJ, the OIC requires both parties (or their attorneys) to appear by telephone, so that one party/attorney is not alone with the ALJ. 3) Hearings are virtually always held in Olympia. Should OAH believe there is reason to hold a proceeding elsewhere, please discuss this with the OIC Hearings Unit prior to scheduling.

COUNSEL REPRESENTING COMMISSIONER: Commissioner appearing pro se through:

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OIC's HEARINGS UNIT ACTION COMPLETED TO DATE: Determination that the Order to Cease and Desist is not stayed. RCW 48.04.020(1)

ANTICIPATED OAH PREHEARING ACTIVITY: Appoint an administrative law judge to hear matter and enter an initial decision or recommended decision. The initial decision and the entire hearing file, including the transcript of the proceeding, will then be returned to this Hearings Unit for review and to enter a final Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Order. Should a case be settled prior to hearing before the ALJ, please enter a recommended Order Terminating Proceeding, and OIC Chief Hearing Officer will review and enter the Final Order Terminating Proceeding.

OTHER:

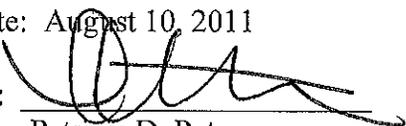
Documents included in transmission:

1. Order to Cease and Desist
2. A Demand for Hearing dated July 28th, 2011, filed by Timothy J. Parker on behalf of ReliaMax Surety Company
3. An Amended Demand for Hearing dated July 28th, 2011
4. Notice of Receipt of Demand for Hearing dated August 4, 2011

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Date: August 10, 2011

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