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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of the Redomestication of: )  
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Safeco Insurance Company of America; )  
Safeco Surplus Lines Insurance Company; )  
First National Insurance Company of )  
America; and General Insurance Company )  
of America, )  
)  
Authorized Domestic Insurers. )  
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Docket No. 11-0261  
ORDER RE PUBLIC NOTICE

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On August 19, 2011, the Washington State Insurance Commissioner (“Insurance Commissioner”) received Applications from Safeco Insurance Company of America, Safeco Surplus Lines Insurance Company, First National Insurance Company of America, and General Insurance Company of America (hereinafter collectively called “the Applicants” unless otherwise indicated), requesting his approval for the Applicants to change their state of incorporation (i.e. “redomesticate”) from the state of Washington to the state of New Hampshire.

Following review of the documents filed by the Applicants in support of their Applications, communications with the Applicants, and requests for and receipt of additional required information from the Applicants, the Insurance Commissioner referred the subject Applications to the undersigned on November 8, 2011, with the request that she review them, conduct an adjudicative proceeding concerning this matter, and enter the final decisions either approving the Applicants’ requests for permission to redomesticate or denying them.

The redomestication of the Applicants is controlled by Title 48 RCW and, specifically, RCW 48.07.210(2). Pursuant to RCW 48.076.210(2), ... [t]he commissioner shall approve any proposed transfer of domicile unless the commissioner determines after a hearing, pursuant to such notice as the commissioner may require, that the transfer is not in the best interests of the public or the insurers’ policyholders in this state. [Emphasis added.]

Pursuant to RCW 48.07.210(2), and in order to assist the parties in accomplishing adequate notice to the public regarding this proposed transaction and hearing thereon,

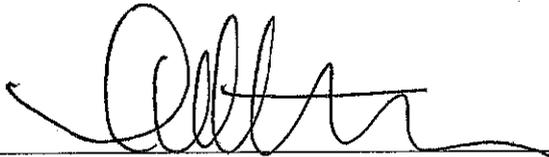
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in order to make a finding that reasonable and adequate notice of this proposed transaction has been provided, said notice shall include:

- I. From the date of this Order and continuing until at least three business days after the January 10, 2012, hearing herein, the Commissioner shall publish, on the front page of his website, 1) a clear statement concerning this proposed transaction; **and** 2) the date of the hearing herein; **and** 3) a link taking the reader to a detailed article concerning this proposed transaction; **AND**
- II. The detailed article referenced in I. above to which the reader is directed 1) must provide adequate, specific information concerning this proposed transaction; **and** 2) must advise the public of the January 10, 2012, hearing date; **and** 3) must advise the public of the opportunity for interested parties to provide input in writing prior to or during the hearing or oral input in person or by telephone during the hearing; **and** 4)

must provide the reader with a link to the Notice of Hearing in this matter entered on December 8, 2011; AND

- III. To ensure adequate notice to the public, and because the above has not been accomplished as of this date, as soon as possible but at least by close of business on December 16, 2011, the Commissioner shall also publish and adequately distribute a press release 1) providing the public with adequate, specific information concerning this proposed transaction; and 2) advising the public of the January 10, 2012, hearing date; and 3) advising the public of the opportunity for interested parties to provide input in writing prior to or during the hearing or oral input in person or by telephone during the hearing; and 4) including a link to either the detailed article ordered in I. above or to the Notice of Hearing in this matter entered on December 8, 2011; AND
- IV. Proof of compliance with this Order must be furnished by the Commissioner by testimony and Declaration at hearing.

ENTERED at Tumwater, Washington this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, pursuant to RCW 48.07.210(2), 48.04.020, Title 34 RCW and regulations applicable thereto.



PATRICIA D. PETERSEN  
Chief Hearing Officer  
Presiding Officer

Declaration of Mailing

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on the date listed below, I mailed or caused delivery through normal office mailing custom, a true copy of this document to the following people at their addresses listed above: Richard P. Quinlan, Esq., Tara Colby, CPCU, Melvin N. Sorensen, Esq., Mike Kreidler, Michael G. Watson, Carol Sureau, Esq., Charles Brown, Esq., Gayle Pasero and James Odiorne.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2011.

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