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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF DEMAND FOR HEARING**

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**From:** Judge George Finkle (Ret.), Presiding Officer

**Date:** September 23, 2014

**Hearing:** **In the Matter of Washington USL&H Assigned Risk Plan**  
**Docket No. 14-0184**

The Hearings Unit has received and filed the "Demand for Hearing Pursuant to RCW 4.04.010" of the Washington USL&H Assigned Risk Plan ("WARP"), dated September 18, 2014. This Notice begins the hearing process.

In approximately 5 working days, you will be contacted by the Hearings Unit to schedule a telephonic prehearing conference. Participants in the prehearing conference will include: 1) WARP; 2) a representative of the Insurance Commissioner; and 3) myself, as Presiding Officer. The Washington Insurance Guaranty Association may also participate. All stages of the hearing process, including the prehearing conference, are public, and interested persons may attend, upon request to the Hearings Unit. Following the prehearing conference, I will issue a Notice of Hearing, which will set a schedule for consideration of expected motions, if any, and advise you of the date, time, and place of an evidentiary hearing, if any.

The rules governing evidentiary hearing procedures are primarily found at Chapter 34.05 RCW (the Washington State Administrative Procedure Act) and Chapter 10-08 of the Washington Administrative Code. Although an evidentiary hearing would be somewhat formal, I will be as flexible as possible to accommodate the parties and witnesses. Hearings are normally conducted in three parts: 1) Each party presents an opening statement summarizing the evidence it expects to present. 2) Each party presents its case-in-chief, including the testimony of witnesses, subject

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to cross examination by the opposing party, and/or documents. Witnesses may be permitted to testify by telephone; 3) Each party presents closing arguments summarizing -- from its perspective -- the application of pertinent statutes and/or regulations to the evidence.

As Presiding Officer, I have not had prior involvement with this case. Following the hearing, I will make a final written decision, appealable only to the Superior Court and not to another administrative official or tribunal.

Please direct any questions to Kelly Cairns, Hearings Unit Paralegal, (360) 725-7002; [KellyC@oic.wa.gov](mailto:KellyC@oic.wa.gov).