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In the Matters of)
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NORTHWEST FINANCIAL)
ASSOCIATIONS' EMPLOYEE)
BENEFIT TRUST, et al.)
No. 15-0087)
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WASHINGTON BIOTECHNOLOGY)
AND BIOMEDICAL ASSOCIATION)
HEALTH TRUST, et al.)
No. 15-0107)
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WASHINGTON CLEAN TECHNOLOGY)
ALLIANCE HEALTH TRUST, et al.)
No. 15-0110)
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Docket Nos. 15-0087; 15-0107; 15-0110
ORDER ON OIC STAFF'S MOTION
TO TERMINATE PROCEEDINGS
AS MOOT

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These matters come before me on the OIC Staff's Motion to Terminate Proceedings as Moot, filed September 1, 2015. I have considered the Motion to Terminate and the supporting Declaration of Charles Brown, as well as the letter dated September 8, 2015, stating no opposition from Northwest Financial Associations' Employee Benefit Trust, et al. ("NWFA Trust"), Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association Health Trust, et al. ("WBBA Trust"); and Washington Clean Technology Alliance Health Trust, et al. ("WCTA Trust").

Discussion.

1. The NWFA Trust submitted a Demand for Hearing, filed April 3, 2015, challenging the OIC's January 15, 2015, disapprovals of Premera Blue Cross's and Group Health Cooperative's 2014 rate and form filings on its behalf. Docket No. 15-0087.

2. The WBBA Trust submitted a Demand for Hearing, filed April 9, 2015, challenging the OIC's January 15, 2015, disapproval of Premera Blue Cross's 2014 rate and form filings on its behalf. Docket No. 15-0107.

3. The WCTA Trust submitted a Demand for Hearing, filed April 14, 2015, challenging the OIC's January 15, 2015, disapprovals of Premera Blue Cross's 2014 rate and form filings on its behalf. Docket No. 15-0110.

4. On July 1, 2015, I issued an Order on Washington Counties Insurance Fund's Motion for Summary Judgment and OIC Staff's Cross Motion for Summary Judgment, ruling that no Washington State, or federal, statute or regulation prohibits rating at the Participating Employer level.

5. The OIC has now changed the status of the 2014 health plans filed for the NWFA Trust, WBBA Trust and WCTA Trust from disapproved to filed without further review, pursuant to the

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July 1, 2015, Order, thereby rendering these matters moot. The NWFA Trust, WBBA Trust and WCTA Trust do not oppose the OIC's Motion to Terminate.

Order.

The OIC Staff's Motion to Terminate Proceedings as Moot is granted. These matters are terminated.

Dated: September 10, 2015

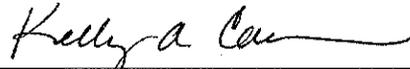


JUDGE GEORGE FINKLE (Ret.)
Presiding Officer

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 Birmingham and Christine Hawkins, Mike Kreidler, James T. Odiome, J.D., CPA, Molly Nollette, Charles Brown and AnnaLisa Gellermann.

DATED this 10th day of September, 2015.



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