## BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

FILED

2011 SEP -7 A 10: 33

HEARINGS UNIT OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of the proposed Merger of:

## WASHINGTON CASUALTY COMPANY,

A Washington domiciled property and casualty insurer,

with and into

PROSELECT INSURANCE COMPANY, a

Nebraska property and casualty insurer.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Docket No. 17-0245

TO:

Erin Bagley

ProSelect Insurance Company One Financial Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

Boston, MA 02111

Joseph Murphy

Washington Casualty Company One Financial Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

Boston, MA 02111

AND TO:

Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner

James T. Odiorne, J.D., CPA, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner

Doug Hartz, Deputy Commissioner, Company Supervision Toni Hood, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Affairs Division

Ronald Pastuch, Holding Company Manager, Company Supervision Ross Valore, Insurance Enforcement Specialist, Legal Affairs Division

Office of the Insurance Commissioner

PO Box 40255

Olympia, WA 98504-0255

This Notice is provided pursuant to RCW 48.04.010, RCW 48.31.010, and RCW 34.05.434.

On August 11, 2017, the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner's ("OIC's") Hearings Unit received a Demand for Hearing ("Demand") from Ross Valore, Insurance Enforcement Specialist with the OIC's Legal Affairs Division. The Demand requested a hearing before the OIC to consider the approval of a proposed merger between Washington Casualty Company ("WCC"), a Washington domiciled property and casualty insurer, with and into ProSelect Insurance Company ("ProSelect"), a Nebraska property and casualty insurer ("Merger").

On August 21, 2017, Mr. Valore filed an amended Demand with the OIC's Hearings Unit, again requesting a hearing before the OIC to consider the Merger. The amended demand clarified that at issue in the hearing would be whether: (1) The Merger satisfies the requirements of RCW 48.31.010(1); and (2) whether approval of the Merger was fair, equitable, consistent with law, and that no reasonable objection existed.

The Merger comes at the request of Coverys, of which ProSelect, MHA Insurance Company ("MHAIC"), and WCC are members. As such, ProSelect, MHAIC, and WCC are affiliated persons under the Coverys holding company group. Medical Professional Mutual Insurance Company ("MPMIC") is the ultimate controlling person of Coverys, and its holding company group. The Merger would be structured whereby MHAIC and WCC would merge pursuant to an Agreement and Plan or Merge, and MHAIC and WCC would merge with and into ProSelect, with ProSelect being the surviving entity. Via a "Final Order Approving Acquisition of Control," filed August 27, 2009 in Docket No. No. 09-0095, the OIC approved MPMIC's acquisition of WCC, then a subsidiary of FinCor Holdings, Inc.

On September 7, 2017, a telephonic prehearing conference was held in the above-referenced matter. Erin Bagley appeared on behalf of WCC, Joseph Murphy appeared on behalf of ProSelect, and Ross Valore appeared on behalf of the OIC.

A hearing is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Pacific Time, at the OIC, 5000 Capital Blvd., Tumwater, Washington. The purpose of the hearing is to consider whether the Merger satisfies the requirements of RCW 48.31.010. The hearing will be held pursuant to Title 48 RCW, specifically RCW Chapters 48.04 and 48.31, Title 34 RCW, and applicable regulations, which may include the Model Rules of Procedure, Chapter 10-08 WAC.

By Thursday, November 9, 2017, the duly authorized representatives of OIC, WWC and ProSelect, shall file witness and exhibit lists, proposed exhibits, a joint stipulation/hearing brief summarizing the factual and legal bases of the Merger, and any other documents for consideration at the hearing. Assuming not confidential, or subject to being sealed or redacted (burden is on party submitting document(s) to identify as such), such documents will be published on OIC's website at the address above.

The hearing will be governed by the Administrative Procedure Act, RCW Chapter 34.05, and the model rules of procedure contained in WAC Chapter 10-08. All parties may be represented and may examine witnesses, respond, and present evidence and argument on all relevant issues.

A party failing to attend or participate in any stage of the proceeding may be held in default. RCW 34.05.434(2)(i).

William Pardee, Presiding Officer, has been designated by the Insurance Commissioner to hear and determine this matter. The hearing will be held under the authority granted by the Insurance Commissioner per RCW Chapter 48.04.

Pursuant to WAC 284-02-070(1)(c), accommodation will be made for persons needing assistance due to difficulty with language or disability. Further, pursuant to WAC 10-08-040(2) and in accordance with RCW Chapter 2.42, if a limited English speaking or hearing impaired or speech impaired party or witness needs an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed. There will be no cost to the party or witness therefore, except as may be provided by RCW Chapter 2.42. A Request for Accommodation form, with instructions, is attached to the original of this Notice.

All case related documents and correspondence shall be directed to the Hearings Unit, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, P.O. Box 40255, Olympia, Washington 98504-0255. All interested individuals and entities who have questions or concerns concerning this proceeding should direct them to the Hearings Unit paralegal, Dorothy Seabourne-Taylor, at the same address. Ms. Seabourne-Taylor's telephone number is (360) 725-7002.

Dated: September 7, 2017

William G. Pardee Presiding Officer

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that I am now and at all times herein mentioned, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of Washington, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to or interested in the above-entitled action, and competent to be a witness herein.

On the date given below I caused to be filed and served the foregoing Notice of Hearing on the following people at their addresses listed below:

> Erin Bagley ProSelect Insurance Company One Financial Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02111

> Joseph Murphy Washington Casualty Company One Financial Center, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02111

Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner
James T. Odiorne, J.D., CPA, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Doug Hartz, Deputy Commissioner, Company Supervision
Toni Hood, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Affairs Division
Ronald Pastuch, Holding Company Manager, Company Supervision
Ross Valore, Insurance Enforcement Specialist, Legal Affairs Division
Office of the Insurance Commissioner
PO Box 40255
Olympia, WA 98504-0255

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of September, 2017, in Tumwater, Washington.

Dorothy Seabourne-Taylor

Paralegal Hearings Unit

## OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER HEARINGS UNIT

Fax: (360) 664-2782

To request an interpreter, complete and mail this form to:

Presiding Officer Hearings Unit Office of Insurance Commissioner P.O. Box 40255 Olympia, WA 98504-0255

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR LANGUAGE OR DISABILITY
--

I am a party in Matter No. 17-0245 b	efore the Insurance Commissioner.
I request accommodation for the follo	owing disability (insert your disability):
I request an interpreter for myself or	a witness who will be testifying at the evidentiary hearing.
Please check the statements that appl	y:
language. My primary language is	ing person and cannot readily speak or understand the English (insert your primary language). I need an rom the primary language and English.
☐ I am unable to readily und	erstand or communicate the spoken English language because:
☐ I am deaf.	•
☐ I have an impairme	nt of hearing.
☐ I have an impairme	nt of speech.
Presiding Officer in arranging for a	se side any details which would assist the Commissioner or suitable accommodation for your disability, an interpreter or in or electronic amplification, viewing, or communication
Date:	Signed:
Please print or type your name: Address:	
Telephone:	

NOTICE OF HEARING No. 17-0245 Page 5