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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF DEMAND FOR HEARING**

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**From:** Rebekah Carter, Paralegal on behalf of the Presiding Officer

**Date:** September 10, 2019

**Hearing:** **Docket No. 19-0453 -- Demand for Hearing/Appeal of Threat of Action against Alaska Air Group, Inc.'s Subsidiary, ASA Assurance; and Order against ASA Assurance, Inc., No. 19-0453 Imposing a Fine and Assessing Unpaid Premium Tax, Interest and Penalties**

This is to advise you that on August 30, 2019, the Hearings Unit received and filed the Demand for Hearing that you filed on behalf of Alaska Air Group, Inc., to appeal the threatened action against its subsidiary, ASA Assurance, Inc., that you reported had been given to you via communications from the OIC, that included a voicemail, e-mails and a draft of a proposed consent order (settlement offer).

On September 4, 2019, our Hearings Unit received from your office e-mails with attachments that included copies of said drafts that have been added to your appeal record.

On September 6, 2019, our Hearings Unit received a copy of the Order Imposing a Fine and Assessing Unpaid Premium Tax, Interest and Penalties that was sent to you that same date. This has also been added to your appeal record.



The Presiding Officer has authorized these matters to be consolidated into one under the same docket number, No. 19-0453.

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) you, and/or your representative (under GR 24 of the Washington Court Rules, attorneys in this proceeding need not be licensed to practice in Washington State); 2) a representative of the Insurance Commissioner; and 3) Presiding Officer Julia Eisentrout.

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, the Presiding Officer will issue a Notice of Hearing, which will advise you of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

The rules governing 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 the hearing will be somewhat formal, Judge Eisentrout 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 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.

Following the hearing, Judge Eisentrout will make a final written decision, appealable only to the Superior Court and not to another administrative official or tribunal.

If you have any questions, require an interpreter, or have a disability which would require accommodation during the pendency of this case, please contact me, Rebekah Carter, Hearings Unit Paralegal, (360) 725-7002, [HearingsU@oic.wa.gov](mailto:HearingsU@oic.wa.gov). For more information on our hearings process, visit <http://www.insurance.wa.gov/administrative-hearings>.