

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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In the Matter of)

Docket Nos. 14-0241; 15-0018

**NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS)
SOCIETY)**

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Katie Thomas, Corporate Counsel
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
900 S. Broadway, 2nd Floor
Denver, CO 80209

COPY TO: Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner
James T. Odiorne, J.D., CPA, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner
William R. Michels, Deputy Commissioner, Company Supervision Division
Steven E. Drutz, Chief Financial Analyst, Company Supervision Division
Darryl Colman, Insurance Enforcement Specialist, Legal Affairs Division
AnnaLisa Gellermann, Deputy Commissioner, 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 and RCW 34.05.434.

On December 17, 2014, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner ("OIC") Chief Financial Analyst, Steven E. Drutz, CPA, CFE, sent to Eric Hilty, Chief Legal Officer of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society ("NMSS"), a Proposed Consent Order Levying a Fine, No. 14-0241, proposing the imposition of a fine against NMSS, in lieu of other administrative action, for failure to submit its 2013 Annual Report and Actuarial Certification concerning its charitable gift annuities in a timely manner.

On January 23, 2015, Mr. Drutz sent Mr. Hilty a Proposed Consent Order Levying a Fine, No. 15-0018, proposing the imposition of a fine against NMSS, in lieu of other administrative action, for failure to submit its 2014 Annual Report and Actuarial Certification in a timely manner.

By email dated January 23, 2015, NMSS requested a consolidated hearing on the proposed consent orders ("Demand").

On February 10, 2015, the undersigned held a prehearing conference. The OIC was represented by Darryl Colman, Attorney at Law, Insurance Enforcement Specialist, OIC Legal Affairs Division. NMSS was represented by Katie Thomas, Corporate Counsel. After considering the views of the parties as to hearing dates and procedures:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a telephonic hearing will be held, beginning March 9, 2015, at 10:00 AM, Pacific Daylight Savings Time. The hearing is expected to conclude within one-half day, but will continue until terminated. The purpose of the hearing is to consider whether the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has violated the insurance code, warranting the imposition of a civil fine or some other form of disciplinary action.

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

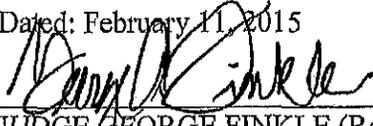
A party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or another stage of this proceeding may be held in default in accordance with Chapter 34.05 RCW. *See*, RCW 34.05.434(2)(i).

Judge George Finkle (Ret.), 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 under Chapter 48.04 RCW.

Pursuant to WAC 10-08-040(2) and in accordance with Ch. 2.42 RCW, 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 Ch. 2.42 RCW. A Request for Interpreter 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 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, Kelly Cairns, at the same address. Ms. Cairns' telephone number is (360) 725-7002.

Dated: February 11, 2015

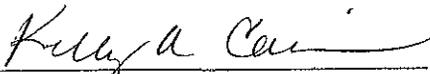


JUDGE GEORGE FINKLE (Ret.)
Presiding Officer

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: Katie Thomas, Mike Kreidler, James T. Odiome, J.D., CPA, William R. Michels, Steven E. Drutz, Darryl Colman, and AnnaLisa Gellermann.

DATED this 11th day of February, 2015.



KELLY A. CAIRNS

OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
HEARINGS UNIT
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To request an interpreter, complete and mail this form to:

Presiding Officer
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Olympia, WA 98504-0255

REQUEST FOR INTERPRETER

I am a party or witness in Matter Nos. 14-0241 and 15-0018 before the Insurance Commissioner. I NEED AN INTERPRETER and request that one be furnished.

Please check the statements that apply to you:

I am a non-English-speaking person. I cannot readily speak or understand the English language. My primary language is _____ (insert your primary language). I need an interpreter who can translate to and from the primary language and English.

I am unable to readily understand or communicate the spoken English language because:

- I am deaf.
- I have an impairment of hearing.
- I have an impairment of speech.

[Please state below or on the reverse side any details which would assist the Commissioner or Presiding Officer in arranging for a suitable interpreter or in providing appropriate mechanical or electronic amplification, viewing, or communication equipment.]

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Please print or type your name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____