

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of:

The Proposed Merger of The Dentists
Insurance Company, Northwest Dentists
Insurance Company, and Dentists Benefits
Insurance Company

Docket No. 18-0465

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Jane Tishkoff, Senior Corporate Counsel
Alison Sandman, Chief Legal Officer
California Dental Association
1201 K. Street, 14th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

COPY TO: Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner
AnnaLisa Gellermann, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Doug Hartz, Deputy Commissioner, Company Supervision Division
Toni Hood, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Affairs Division
Darryl Colman, Attorney Manager, Legal Affairs Division
Ross Valore, Insurance Enforcement Specialists, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an evidentiary hearing will be held by telephone:

November 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., Pacific Time

**Information on how to join the telephonic hearing will be provided to the parties, via email, prior to the hearing date.*

Deadline for Submission of Witness Lists and Exhibits: November 19, 2018, close of business, the parties must exchange copies of witness lists and exhibits, briefs and any other documents they expect to offer into evidence at the evidentiary hearing, as well as file those documents with the Hearings Unit at the address below, *or electronically*.

Procedural Background:

On October 26, 2018, Ross Valore, Insurance Enforcement Specialist at the Office of Insurance Commissioner ("OIC") filed a Demand for Hearing with the OIC's Hearings Unit requesting both evaluation and approval of a proposed merger, under RCW 48.31.010, by The Dentists Insurance Company ("TDIC"), Northwest Dentists Insurance Company ("NORDIC") and Dentists Benefits Insurance Company ("DBIC").

On November 5, 2018, a Notice of Receipt of Demand was issued by the Hearings Unit at the OIC. On November 13, 2018, the undersigned held a prehearing conference. Ross Valore appeared on behalf of the OIC. Jane Tishkoff, Senior Counsel, and Alison Sandman, Chief Legal Officer, appeared on behalf of the OIC.

Hearing Procedure:

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.

The hearing is expected to last two hours or less and conclude on the same day, but will continue until terminated. The purpose of the hearing is to consider whether the statutory requirements of RCW 48.31.010 have been satisfied such that the merger at issue should be approved.

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); RCW 34.05.440(2); WAC 10-08-200(13).

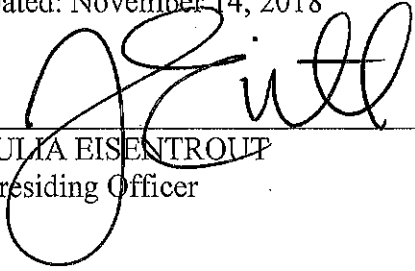
Julia Eisentrout, Presiding Officer, has been designated by the Insurance Commissioner to hear and determine this matter. The hearing will be held under the authority granted by the Insurance Commissioner per RCW Chapter 48.04.

Requests for Accommodation:

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, except as may be provided by RCW Chapter 2.42. A Request for Accommodation form, with instructions, is attached to 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; HearingsU@oic.wa.gov. All interested individuals and entities who have questions or concerns concerning this proceeding should direct them to the Hearings Unit paralegal, Rebekah Carter, at the same address. Ms. Carter's telephone number is (360) 725-7002.

Dated: November 14, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Eisentrout", written over a horizontal line.

JULIA EISENTROUT
Presiding Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

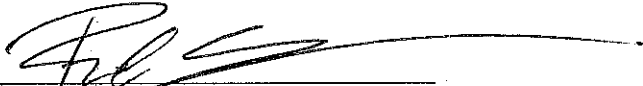
The undersigned certifies under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that I am now and at all times herein mentioned, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of Washington, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to or interested in the above-entitled action,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

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Dated this 14th day of November, 2018, in Tumwater, Washington.



Rebekah Carter
Paralegal
Hearings Unit