

June 20, 2007

#### CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Revised Private Passenger Automobile
Insurance Rates - North Carolina

On behalf of its member companies, the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility on June 19, 2007 filed with the Commissioner of Insurance rate level changes for bodily injury and property damage liability and medical payments insurance for nonfleet private passenger automobiles and bodily injury and property damage liability insurance for motorcycles ceded to the Reinsurance Facility. The filed rates apply only to ceded risks other than "clean risks" as defined in G.S. 58-37-35(1). The rates for "clean risks" ceded to the Reinsurance Facility and the rates for uninsured and combined uninsured/underinsured motorists coverages ceded to the Reinsurance Facility are not affected by this filing. Those rates were established effective November 15, 2006 and continue in effect without change.

The Facility's filing includes average rate level changes of -9.3% for bodily injury, 2.4% for property damage, and -3.3% for medical payments coverages, averaging -4.6% over rates presently in effect. The filing also includes a rate level change of -5.2% for the motorcycle liability coverages. The revised rates are to be implemented effective October 1, 2007, in accordance with the following Rule of Application:

These changes are applicable to all policies becoming effective on or after October 1, 2007. No policy effective prior to October 1, 2007 shall be endorsed or cancelled and rewritten to take advantage of or to avoid the application of these changes except at the request of the insured and at the customary short rate charges as of the date of such request, but in no event prior to October 1, 2007.

The enclosed exhibit sets forth the revised rates for ceded risks other than "clean risks" effective October 1, 2007. A reprinted Personal Auto Manual Rate Page will be distributed in the usual fashion, as soon as possible. In the meantime, notice of these changes should be sent to your Company's North Carolina agents to make them aware of the changes.

With respect to the rate differential for ceded business, your attention is directed to G.S. 58-37-25(b) which provides in part as follows:

Each insurer will provide the same type of service to ceded business that it provides for its voluntary market. Records provided to agents and brokers will include an indication that the business is ceded. When an insurer cedes a policy or renewal thereof to the Facility and the Facility premium for such policy is higher than the premium that the insurer would normally charge for such policy if retained by the insurer, the policyholder will be informed that (i) his policy is ceded, (ii) the coverages are written at the Facility rate, which rate differential must be specified, (iii) the reason or reasons for the cession to the Facility, (iv) the specific reason or reasons for the cession to the Facility will be provided upon the written request of the policyholder to the insurer, and (v) the policyholder may seek insurance through other insurers who may elect not to cede his policy.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

# NORTH CAROLINA

# PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

# REVISED BASE RATES - CEDED LIABILITY

|       | BODILY INJURY<br>LIMIT |        |         |         | PROPERTY DAMAGE<br>LIMIT |          |           | MEDICAL PAYMENTS<br>LIMIT |       |        |        |        |
|-------|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|       |                        |        |         |         |                          |          |           |                           |       |        |        |        |
| Terr. | 30/60                  | 50/100 | 100/300 | 250/500 | \$25,000                 | \$50,000 | \$100,000 | \$500                     | \$750 | \$1000 | \$2000 | \$5000 |
| 11    | \$177                  | \$204  | \$239   | \$278   | \$190                    | \$192    | \$196     | \$20                      | \$27  | \$32   | \$47   | \$68   |
| 13    | 264                    | 304    | 356     | 414     | 227                      | 229      | 234       | 30                        | 40    | 48     | 70     | 101    |
| 14    | 247                    | 284    | 333     | 388     | 219                      | 221      | 226       | 28                        | 37    | 45     | 66     | 95     |
| 15    | 282                    | 324    | 381     | 443     | 219                      | 221      | 226       | 32                        | 43    | 51     | 75     | 108    |
| 16    | 242                    | 278    | 327     | 380     | 228                      | 230      | 235       | 27                        | 36    | 43     | 63     | 91     |
| 17    | 287                    | 330    | 387     | 451     | 235                      | 237      | 242       | 32                        | 43    | 51     | 75     | 108    |
| 18    | 229                    | 263    | 309     | 360     | 206                      | 208      | 212       | 26                        | 35    | 42     | 61     | 88     |
| 24    | 201                    | 231    | 271     | 316     | 174                      | 176      | 179       | 22                        | 29    | 35     | 51     | 74     |
| 25    | 278                    | 320    | 375     | 436     | 224                      | 226      | 231       | 31                        | 41    | 50     | 73     | 105    |
| 26    | 341                    | 392    | 460     | 535     | 192                      | 194      | 198       | 38                        | 51    | 61     | 89     | 128    |
| 31    | 252                    | 290    | 340     | 396     | 201                      | 203      | 207       | 28                        | 37    | 45     | 66     | 95     |
| 32    | 207                    | 238    | 279     | 325     | 185                      | 187      | 191       | 23                        | 31    | 37     | 54     | 78     |
| 33    | 250                    | 288    | 338     | 393     | 172                      | 174      | 177       | 28                        | 37    | 45     | 66     | 95     |
| 40    | 315                    | 362    | 425     | 495     | 231                      | 233      | 238       | 35                        | 47    | 56     | 82     | 118    |
| 41    | 249                    | 286    | 336     | 391     | 218                      | 220      | 225       | 28                        | 37    | 45     | 66     | 95     |
| 43    | 244                    | 281    | 329     | 383     | 182                      | 184      | 187       | 27                        | 36    | 43     | 63     | 91     |
| 47    | 262                    | 301    | 354     | 411     | 179                      | 181      | 184       | 29                        | 39    | 46     | 68     | 98     |
| 51    | 201                    | 231    | 271     | 316     | 216                      | 218      | 222       | 22                        | 29    | 35     | 51     | 74     |
| 52    | 282                    | 324    | 381     | 443     | 240                      | 242      | 247       | 32                        | 43    | 51     | 75     | 108    |

Memorandum - North Carolina Personal Auto Manual Matter underlined is new; matter in brackets [ ] is deleted.

#### 19. MISCELLANEOUS TYPES (Cont'd)

B. Motorcycles, Motorscooters, Motorbikes, Mopeds and Other Similar Motor Vehicles Not Used for Commercial Purposes Liability Coverages Only.

With respect to other than "clean risks" ceded to the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility, determine the appropriate premium by applying the following factors to the applicable ceded private passenger bodily injury and property damage rates. For Uninsured Motorists Coverage and Combined Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists Coverage, charge the applicable private passenger premium shown in Rule 14. Medical Payments coverage for these vehicles is not eligible for cession to the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility.

#### LIABILITY COVERAGES ONLY

- 1. Such vehicles with engine size of 499 cubic centimeters or less shall be rated at 16% of the applicable private passenger rate.
- 2. Such vehicles with engine size of 500 to 1249 cubic centimeters shall be rated at 26% of the applicable private passenger rate.
- 3. Such vehicles with engine size of 1250 to 1499 cubic centimeters shall be rated at 36% of the applicable private passenger rate.
- 4. Such vehicles with engine size of 1500 or more cubic centimeters shall be rated at 47% of the applicable private passenger rate.

THE MOTORCYCLE RELATIVITIES REMAIN UNCHANGED