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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 01A-079-INS

HARTFORD CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

CONSENT ORDER

NAIC #29424,

Respondent

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Examiners for the Department of Insurance (the "Department") conducted a market conduct examination of Hartford Casualty Insurance Company ("Hartford Casualty"). The Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Hartford Casualty alleges that Hartford Casualty has violated A.R.S. §§ 20-385, 20-400.01, and 20-1652.

Hartford Casualty wishes to resolve this matter without formal proceedings, neither admits or denies the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and consents to the entry of the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Hartford Casualty is authorized to transact property and casualty insurance, including workers compensation, pursuant to a Certificate of Authority issued by the Director.
- 2. The Examiners were authorized by the Director to conduct a market conduct examination of Hartford Casualty. The on-site examination was concluded on November 17, 1995. Based on the findings the Examiners prepared the "Report of Examination of Hartford Casualty Insurance Company" dated November 17, 1995.

- 3. The Examiners reviewed 293 personal homeowner policies issued by the Hartford Group during the time frame of the examination and found as follows:
- a. Hartford Casualty nonrenewed eight policies for condition of the premises and failed to give the insureds 30 days to remedy the condition of the premises.
- b. Hartford Casualty was issued a general criticism of its homeowners policies because it used incorrect territory codes. The Examiners requested that Hartford Casualty conduct a self-audit during the Examination to determine the exact number of policies involved. As a result, there were 1,326 policies that equated to 2,185 policy terms that had incorrect territory codes with overcharges of \$29,356.96. Hartford Casualty paid this amount plus \$9,619.45 in interest.
- 4. The Examiners reviewed 205 Commercial Auto policies issued by the Company during the time frame of the examination and found as follows:
- a. Hartford Casualty issued four policies where the files contained no justification for the change in schedule credits/debits.
- b. Hartford Casualty issued three policies where is used the Schedule Rating Plan as an "inappropriate pricing" tool.
- c. Hartford Casualty issued two policies where it did not apply the Experience Rating Plan when the risks were eligible.
- d. Hartford Casualty issued six policies where it applied detrend factors to premiums used in its Experience Rating Plan, when the Company's Plan did not allow for detrending.
- e. Hartford Casualty issued one policy where it applied the incorrect deviations for three renewals. As a result, the insured was overcharged \$202.00.

- f. Hartford Casualty issued 17 policies containing tier notations where it failed to include documentation to allow the Director to verify compliance with Arizona Statutes.
- 5. The Examiners reviewed 205 Commercial Package policies issued by the Company during the time frame of the examination and found as follows:
- a. Hartford Casualty issued seven policies where the files contained no justification for the change in schedule credits/debits.
- b. Hartford Casualty issued 27 policies where these insureds were eligible for schedule rating but not considered.
- c. Hartford Casualty issued two policies where is used the Schedule Rating Plan as an "inappropriate pricing" tool.
- d. Hartford Casualty issued three policies where it did not use its filed increase limit factor.
- e. Hartford Casualty issued six policies which had no documentation of reasons for exception handling.
- 6. The Examiners reviewed 194 Specialty policies issued by the Company during the time frame of the examination and found as follows:
- a. Hartford Casualty issued five policies which had no documentation of IRPM/schedule credits/debits given.
- b. Hartford Casualty issued two policies where it included inadequate documentation in support of the IRPM/schedule credits/debits to risk characteristics.
- c. Hartford Casualty issued three policies where the Company files contained no justification for change in credits/debits.
- d. Hartford Casualty issued four policies that exceeded the maximum credits/debits allowable under its filed Schedule Rating Plan.

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- d. Hartford Casualty issued four policies that exceeded the maximum credits/debits allowable under its filed Schedule Rating Plan.
- e. Hartford Casualty issued three policies where it applied the IRPM Rating Plan as an "inappropriate pricing tool."
- f. Hartford Casualty issued 19 policies with an incorrect deviation factor on the general liability and on the automobile portions.
- g. Hartford Casualty issued 11 policies where it failed to apply the correct Special Multi-Flex modification.
- h. Hartford Casualty issued two policies where the Company used an "a" rate different than what was published.
- i. Hartford Casualty issued three policies where it did not apply the filed minimum premiums

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. By failing to provide at least 30 days to remedy the condition of premises of homeowner policies, Hartford Casualty violated A.R.S. § 20-1652(B).
- 2. By issuing homeowners policies and using the incorrect territory code, Hartford Casualty violated A.R.S. § 20-385(A).
- 3. By issuing specialty lines, commercial package, and commercial automobile policies with premiums developed other than on the basis of its rates and rules filed pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-385(A), Hartford Casualty violated A.R.S. § 20-400.01(A).

- 4. By using unfiled rates and rating factors to rate specialty lines, commercial package, and commercial automobile policies, Hartford Casualty violated A.R.S. § 20-385(A).
- 5. By making adjustments to full manual premium developed for rating specialty lines, commercial package, and commercial automobile policies without adequate justification for the adjustments, Hartford Casualty violated A.R.S. § 20-400.01(B).
- 6. By failing to include sufficient documentation in commercial automobile policy files to enable the Director to determine development of the premium, Hartford Casualty violated A.R.S. § 20-400.01(D).
- 7. Grounds exist for the entry of the following Order, in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 20-220 and 20-400.03.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Hartford Casualty Insurance Company shall cease and desist from:
- a. Nonrenewing homeowners policies for condition of premises and not allowing 30 days to remedy condition of premises.
- b. Failing to determine the premiums of its homeowners policies other than on the basis of its rates and rules filed.
- c. Failing to provide adequate documentation in support of the credits and debits applied to commercial automobile, commercial package, and specialty lines polices.
- d. Failing to provide adequate documentation in support of reasons for exception handling on commercial package policies.

- e. Determining the premiums of its commercial automobile, commercial package, and specialty lines policies other than on the basis of its rates and rules filed.
 - f. Applying incorrect credits and debits to specialty lines policies.
- g. Applying increased limit factors to commercial package policies other than those filed with the Department.
- 2. Within 90 days of filed date of this Order, Hartford Casualty shall submit to the Arizona Department of Insurance, for approval, evidence that corrections have been implemented and communicated to the appropriate personnel, regarding all of the items listed above in the Paragraph 1 of the Order section of this Consent Order. Evidence of corrective action and communication thereof includes, but is not limited to, memos, bulletins, E-mails, correspondence, procedures manuals, print screens, and training materials.
- 3. Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, Hartford Casualty shall refund overcharges totaling \$202.00, plus one year's interest at the rate of ten percent per annum, to the policyholder insured by policies RP 7828 and HD 5369.
- 4. The payment made in accordance with Item 3 above shall be accompanied by a letter of explanation to the insured in a form previously approved by the Director. A list of payments, giving the name and address of each party paid, the amount of the payment, the amount of interest paid, and the date of payment, shall be provided to the Department within 90 days of the filed date of this Order.
- 5. The Department shall be permitted, through authorized representatives, to verify that Hartford Casualty has complied with all provisions of this Order.
- 6. Hartford Casualty shall pay a civil penalty of \$15,000 to the Director for deposit in the State General Fund in accordance with A.R.S. § 20-220(B). This civil

penalty shall be provided to the Market Conduct Examinations Division of the Department prior to the filing of this Order.

8. The Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Hartford Casualty dated November 17, 1995, including the letter submitted in response to the Report of Examination, shall be filed with the Department after the Director has filed this Order.

this Order.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona this 2 day of March, 2001.

Charles R. Cohen Director of Insurance

CONSENT TO ORDER

- Hartford Casualty Insurance Company has reviewed the foregoing Order.
- 2. Hartford Casualty Insurance Company admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, neither admits nor denies the foregoing Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, and consents to the entry of the foregoing Order.
- 3. Hartford Casualty Insurance Company is aware of its right to a hearing, at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence, and cross-examine witnesses. Hartford Casualty Insurance Company irrevocably waives its right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals related to this Order.
- 4. Hartford Casualty Insurance Company states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever was made to it to induce it to enter into this Consent Order and that it has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Hartford Casualty Insurance Company acknowledges that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance, is solely for the purpose of settling this matter and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or its subdivisions or any other person from instituting proceedings, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, as may be appropriate now or in the future.

6. George Klotzbaugh, who holds the office of Comprance Director of Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, is authorized to enter into this Order for it and on its behalf.

HARTFORD CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Date

By: Horge Klathingh

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