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In the Matter of) Docket No. 06A- ₀₇₄ -INS
WESTERN AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY (IA) (NAIC NO. 27871)) DOCKET NO. 00A- <u>074</u> -11NS)
,	ORDER RELEASING ARIZONA DEPOSITS
Petitioner.)

Arizona Revised Statutes § 20-588(A)(2) provides that upon application to and written Order of the Director of Insurance, deposited funds shall be released and returned to the Petitioner to the extent that such deposit is in excess of the amount required.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Western Agricultural Insurance Company ("Petitioner") was an Arizona domiciled insurer when it received its certificate of authority to transact casualty without workers' compensation, disability, marine and transportation, property, surety and vehicle insurance in Arizona effective January 1, 1972.
- 2. Petitioner established and continuously maintained a deposit of at least \$500,000 (Five hundred thousand dollars) with the Arizona State Treasurer for the protection of all of its policyholders within the United States in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 20-213 and 20-582.
- 3. Effective February 4, 1998, Petitioner was granted authority to transact workers' compensation limited to reinsurance in Arizona.
- 4. In accordance with A.R.S. § 23-961, Petitioner established and continuously maintained a deposit of at least \$100,000 (One hundred thousand dollars) with the Arizona

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State Treasurer for the protection of its Arizona workers' compensation policyholders and claimants.

- 5. Effective December 28, 2005, Petitioner redomesticated to Iowa and its workers' compensation reinsurance authority was terminated.
- 6. Petitioner has no outstanding Arizona workers' compensation insurance obligations.
- 7. Petitioner provided a certification from the State of Iowa Insurance Division that Petitioner has deposited \$2,000,000 (Two million dollars) for the benefit of all policyholders.
- 8. Petitioner currently has deposits with the Arizona State Treasurer of approximately \$110,000 (One hundred ten thousand dollars) for the protection of Arizona workers' compensation policyholders and claimants and approximately \$1,200,000 (One million two hundred thousand dollars) for the protection of all policyholders within the United States (the "Arizona Deposits").
- 9. Petitioner filed an application dated March 21, 2006 for release of the Arizona Deposits pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-588(A)(2).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Petitioner's deposit for the protection of Arizona workers' compensation policyholders and claimants is no longer required.
- 2. Petitioner's deposit held by the State of Iowa Insurance Division satisfies the requirements of A.R.S. § 20-213.
- 3. The Director of Insurance has no personal liability for the release of the Arizona Deposits so made by her in good faith as provided in A.R.S. § 20-588(B).

1	4. Petitioner is entitled to the release of the Arizona Deposits pursuant to A.R.S. §	
2	20-213 and 20-588(A)(2).	
3	ORDER	
4	THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Arizona Deposits shall be released to Petitioner	r.
5	Dated this 5th day of May, 2006	
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7	CHRISTINA URIAS	
8	Director of Insurance	
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10	COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered	
11	this <u>5th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2006, to:	
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