



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER KAREN WELDIN STEWART, CIR-ML, hereby gives notice that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on **Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, prevailing Eastern Time at the Department of Insurance, The Nemours Building, 1007 Orange Street, Suite 1010, Wilmington, DE 19801 (the "Hearing").

The purpose of the Hearing is to address the application reviewed by the Delaware Department of Insurance pursuant to 18 *Del. C.* §4930, regarding the proposed merger of **EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY and ESSEX INSURANCE COMPANY**. The docket number assigned to this Hearing is 3159-2016.

The Hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Delaware Administrative Procedures Act, 29 *Del. C.* Chapter 101. A party has the right to present evidence, be represented by Delaware counsel and to appear personally or by other representative. The Delaware Department of Insurance is obligated to reach its decision based on the evidence received.

Comments are being solicited from any person. Comments may be in writing or may be presented orally at the Hearing. Written comments must be received no later than **Thursday, May 26, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.** and should be addressed to the attention of Kathleen Makowski, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Insurance, The Nemours Building, 1007 Orange Street, Suite 1010, Wilmington, DE 19801. Also, those intending to provide oral comments at the Hearing must notify Kathleen Makowski at (302) 674-7326 or Kathleen.Makowski@state.de.us, no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016.**