

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
QBE INSURANCE CORPORATION)
PRAETORIAN INURANCE COMPANY)
QBE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY) **DOCKET NO. 4161-2019**
)
AUTHORITY #'S 39217-18-HO-738,)
37257-18-739 and 11515-18-HO-740)
)
One QBE Way)
Sun Prairie, WI 53596)

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

THIS STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER is entered into as of

10 - 22 -, 2019, by and between the QBE Insurance Corporation, the Praetorian Insurance Company and the QBE Specialty Insurance Company (hereafter together “Respondent”) and the State of Delaware Department of Insurance (the “Department”).

Respondent and the Department are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, Respondent are homeowner’s insurance companies QBE Speciality Insurance Company (“QBESIC”) is incorporated in the State of North Dakota and QBE Insurance Company (“QBEIC”) and Praetorian Insurance Company (“PIC”) are incorporated in Pennsylvania. QBESIC, QBEIC and PIC are each authorized to conduct the business of insurance in the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Department, through its examiners, conducted a target market conduct examination (“Examination”) of Respondent’s affairs and practices as of August 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Department, through its examiners, prepared and provided to Respondent for review and comment draft versions of the Examination report; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has reviewed and commented on such draft versions of the Examination report; and

WHEREAS, after considering Respondent's comments, the Department, through its examiners, has prepared a final report of the Examination, dated as of August 31, 2018 ("Final Examination Report"); and

WHEREAS, among other findings contained in the Final Examination Report, the Department concluded that the Respondent's practices and procedures did not comply with;

18 Del. Admin C. 702 – Required Disclosures for Residential Homeowners Policies Sections 4.0 and 5.0.

18 Del. Admin C. 902 – Prohibited Unfair Claims Settlement Practices.

18 Del. C. § 1715(a) – (b) Appointments.

18 Del. C. § 8307 (b) Notifications.

WHEREAS, after communications with the Department, Respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to any administrative hearing or court action (such as an appeal).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED, by and between Respondent and the Department as follows:

1. Respondent accepts the Final Examination Report, waives any right to a hearing thereon, and agrees that the Department may file the Final Examination Report without any further modifications.

2. Upon execution of this Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent shall pay to the Department an administrative penalty for the Notice Violations in the amount of Seventy

Thousand and One Hundred Dollars (\$ 70,100.00). Respondent shall make its check for the administrative penalty payable to the “State of Delaware”.

3. Respondent waives any right to challenge in an administrative or court proceeding any of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order.

4. This Stipulation and Consent Order is the free and voluntary act of Respondent, and its terms are binding upon Respondent and may be admitted into evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding against Respondent to enforce such terms. Respondent acknowledges that it has had a full opportunity to seek and receive advice of counsel on all matters related to this Stipulation and Consent Order.

5. This Stipulation and Consent Order contains all of the terms and conditions agreed to by the parties and constitutes the final agreement between Respondent and the Department.

6. No change, amendment, or modification hereto shall be effective or binding unless it is in writing, dated, and signed by the parties.

7. If the Department fails to act on any one or more defaults by Respondent, such failure to act shall not be a waiver of any rights hereunder on the part of the Department to declare Respondent in default and to take such action as may be permitted by this Stipulation and Consent Order or by law.

8. This Stipulation and Consent Order may be signed in duplicate, and both documents shall be considered originals. The person executing this Stipulation and Consent Order on behalf of Respondent shall acknowledge his or her signature before a Notary Public and, by executing this Stipulation and Consent Order, certifies that he or she is duly authorized to execute this Stipulation and Consent Order on behalf of Respondent. Respondent agrees that an uncertified

copy of this Stipulation and Consent Order shall be valid as evidence in any proceeding for purposes of enforcement.

9. This Stipulation and Consent Order shall survive Respondent and be enforceable against its successors, transferors, or assigns.

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