COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 17, 2007

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and the State

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

At the relation of the

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

v.

CASE NO. INS-2007-00352

METROPOLITAN PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, METROPOLITAN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, METROPOLITAN DIRECT PROPERTY AND CASUALTY COMPANY, METROPOLITAN GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, and ECONOMY PREMIER INSURANCE COMPANY,

## **Defendants**

## SETTLEMENT ORDER

Based on an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Insurance, it is alleged that the Defendants, duly licensed by the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to transact the business of insurance in the Commonwealth of Virginia, violated § 38.2-317 of the Code of Virginia by delivering or issuing for delivery an insurance policy or endorsement without having filed such policy or endorsement with the Commission at least thirty days prior to its effective date.

The Commission is authorized by §§ 38.2-218, 38.2-219, and 38.2-1040 of the Code of Virginia to impose certain monetary penalties, issue cease and desist orders, and suspend or revoke the Defendants' licenses upon a finding by the Commission, after notice and opportunity to be heard, that the Defendants have committed the aforesaid alleged violations.

The Defendants have been advised of their right to a hearing in this matter, whereupon the Defendants, without admitting any violation of Virginia law, have made an offer of

settlement to the Commission wherein the Defendants have tendered to the Commonwealth of Virginia the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per company for an amount totaling five thousand dollars (\$5,000), waived their right to a hearing, and agreed to comply with the Corrective Action Plan set forth in their letter to the Bureau dated March 29, 2007.

The Bureau of Insurance has recommended that the Commission accept the offer of settlement of the Defendants pursuant to the authority granted the Commission in § 12.1-15 of the Code of Virginia.

THE COMMISSION, having considered the record herein, the offer of settlement of the Defendants, and the recommendation of the Bureau of Insurance, is of the opinion that the Defendants' offer should be accepted.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The offer of the Defendants in settlement of the matter set forth herein be, and it is hereby, accepted; and
  - (2) The papers herein be placed in the file for ended causes.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to Charles Nystedt, Esquire, Senior Counsel, MetLife Auto and Home, 700 Quaker Lane, Warwick, Rhode Island 02887; and the Bureau of Insurance in care of Deputy Commissioner Mary M. Bannister.