

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

v.

CASE NO. INS-2021-00103

FLORISTS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
Defendant

SETTLEMENT ORDER

Based on a market conduct inquiry conducted by the Bureau of Insurance ("Bureau"), it is alleged that Florists' Mutual Insurance Company, duly licensed by the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to transact the business of insurance in the Commonwealth of Virginia ("Virginia"), in certain instances violated § 38.2-317 H of the Code of Virginia ("Code") by failing to notify the Commission prior to the effective date that insurance policies or endorsements filed on its behalf and approved will no longer be used; and § 38.2-1906 D of the Code by making or issuing an insurance contract or policy not in accordance with the rate and supplementary rate information in effect for the Defendant.

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

The Defendant has been advised of the right to a hearing in this matter whereupon the Defendant, without admitting or denying any violation of Virginia law, has made an offer of settlement to the Commission wherein the Defendant has agreed to comply with the corrective action plan outlined in company correspondence dated June 23, 2021; has confirmed that

restitution was made to 75 consumers in the amount of Five Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars and Twenty-nine Cents (\$569.29); has tendered to the Treasurer of Virginia the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500); and has waived the right to a hearing.

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

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

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The offer of the Defendant in settlement of the matter set forth herein is hereby accepted.

(2) This case is dismissed, and the papers herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.

A COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission by electronic mail to: Tim Noble, President, Florists' Mutual Insurance Company, at Liz.kilinski@sentry.com, #1 Horticultural Lane, P.O. Box 428, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025; and a copy shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and the Bureau of Insurance in care of Deputy Commissioner Rebecca Nichols.