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# DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 03A-169-INS

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, NAIC # 19232,

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent.

Examiners for the Department of Insurance (the "Department") conducted a market conduct examination of Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate"). In the Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Allstate, the Examiners allege that Allstate violated A.R.S. §§20-461 and A.A.C. R20-6-801.

Allstate wishes to resolve this matter without formal proceedings, admits that the following Findings of Fact are true, and consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- Allstate is authorized to transact property and casualty insurance pursuant to a Certificate of Authority issued by the Director.
- 2. The Examiners were authorized by the Director to conduct a market conduct examination of Allstate. The on-site examination covered the time period from January 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001 and was concluded on February 13, 2002. Based on their findings, the Examiners prepared the "Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Allstate Insurance Company" dated February 13, 2002.
- 3. The Examiners reviewed 150 of 15,485 personal automobile policies cancelled during the time frame of the examination and found that Allstate used policy forms that failed to state that the policy would remain in force during the grace period.
  - 4. The Examiners reviewed 51 of 2,066 first party automobile total loss

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claim files processed by the Company during the time frame of the Examination and found that Allstate failed to include all applicable taxes and fees on 60 claims.

- 5. The Examiners reviewed 50 of 377 third party automobile total loss claim files processed by the Company during the time frame of the Examination and found that Allstate failed to include all applicable taxes and fees on 9 claims.
- 6. Allstate's failure to pay all taxes and fees to first and third party automobile total loss claimants resulted in 69 claims being underpaid a total of \$1,006.83.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.**

- 1. Allstate violated A.A.C. R20-6-801(H)(1)(b) and A.R.S §20-461(A)(6) by not paying all applicable taxes and fees on first party automobile total losses.
- 2. Allstate violated A.R.S §20-461(A)(6) by not paying all applicable taxes and fees on third party automobile total losses.
- 3. Grounds exist for the entry of the following Order in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 20-220 and 20-456.

# <u>ORDER</u>

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- Allstate shall:
- a. Use policy forms that state that the policy remains in force during the grace period.
- b. Pay all applicable taxes and fees on first and third party automobile total losses.
- 2. Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, Allstate shall submit to the Arizona Department of Insurance, for approval, evidence that it has implemented processes consistent with Paragraph 1 of the Order section of this Consent Order and

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communicated those processes to the appropriate personnel. Evidence of these processes and communication thereof includes, but is not limited to, memos, bulletins, E-mails, correspondence, procedures manuals, print screens, and training materials.

- Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, Allstate shall pay the 18 3. insureds listed in Exhibit A of this Order \$898.74, plus interest at the rate of ten percent A letter previously approved by the Director shall accompany all per annum. payments. A list of payments, giving the name and address of each party paid, the amount of the payment, the amount of interest paid, and the date of payment, shall be provided to the Department within 90 days of the filed date of this Order.
- The Department shall be permitted, through authorized representatives, 4. to verify that Allstate has complied with all provisions of this Order.
- Allstate shall pay \$7,000.00 to the Director for remission to the State 5. Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 20-220(B) and 20-456. This amount shall be provided to the Market Oversight Division of the Department prior to the filing of this Order.
- The Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Allstate 6. Insurance Company as of February 13, 2002, including the letter of objection to the Report of Examination, shall be filed with the Department upon the filing of this Order. DATED at Phoenix, AZ this day of

Charles R. Cohen Director of Insurance

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# **EXHIBIT A**

# FIRST PARTY AUTOMOBILE TOTAL LOSS SETTLEMENTS FAILED TO INCLUDE ALL APPLICABLE TAXES AND OTHER FEES

	Insured ID	Taxes & Other Fees
	Number	<b>Due Insured</b>
	395	\$28.45
	55	\$174.97
	182	\$23.28
	168	\$19.25
	387	\$15.40
	58	\$109.45
	61	\$86.45
	169	\$14.28
	60	\$94.92
	6	\$15.79
	231	\$10.45
	16	\$29.75
	62	\$57.85
	17	\$77.15
	174	\$55.93
	54	\$35.91
	63	\$42.21
(Third Party Claim ID#)	376	<u>\$7.25</u>
	Total	\$898.74

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# **CONSENT TO ORDER**

- 1. Allstate Insurance Company has reviewed the foregoing Order.
- Allstate Insurance Company admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, admits the foregoing Findings of Fact, and consents to the entry of the Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Allstate Insurance Company is aware of the right to a hearing, at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Allstate Insurance Company irrevocably waives the right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals related to this Order.
- 4. Allstate Insurance Company states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever was made to it to induce it to enter into this Consent Order and that it has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Allstate Insurance Company acknowledges that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance is solely for the purpose of settling this matter and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or its subdivisions or any other person from instituting proceedings, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 6. John F. Haas, who holds the office of Southwest-Regional Counsel of Allstate Insurance Company, is authorized to enter into this Order for them and on their behalf.

10/22	03	By ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY
Date	,	

1	COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered		
2	this 28th_day of <u>October</u> , 2003, to:		
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