

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
3 DEVELOPMENT

4 DIVISION OF INSURANCE

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6 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-3567
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10 In the Matter of:)
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12 Alliant Insurance Services Houston, LLC)
13 License # 38254)
14 Surplus Lines Broker)
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16 Division of Insurance Case No. D 22-12

17 STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER

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19 The State of Alaska Division of Insurance (division) and Alliant Insurance Services
20 Houston, LLC (AISH, LLC), the producer in this case, stipulate and agree to the following:

21 I. BACKGROUND

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23 A. On April 13th, 2004, AISH, LLC received their initial Insurance Producer and
24 Surplus Lines broker license # 38254, authorizing AISH, LLC to transact
25 insurance business in Alaska.
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- 1 B. On April 20th, 2022, the Surplus Lines Broker license expired for failure to
2 provide the required documentation of administrative actions taken by other states
3 and failure to pay a delayed notification fee.
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- 5 C. On August 1st, 2022, the division received all required documentation of
6 administrative actions to reinstate the license. The Surplus Lines Broker license
7 was reinstated.
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- 9 D. In a routine internal audit performed in July of 2022, it was discovered that AISH,
10 LLC had sold policies while their license was expired.
- 11 E. On August 25th, 2022, notice was sent to AISH, LLC informing them of the
12 division's audit that revealed policies posted before initial licensure. This notice
13 requested a Business Transaction Form verifying any additional business that may
14 have been placed prior to licensure in the state of Alaska.
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- 16 F. On August 31st, 2022, Dennis Burden of AISH, LLC provided a Business
17 Transaction Form to the division. This form indicated one policy was sold prior to
18 reinstatement generating a commission of \$8,761.50.
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- 20 G. On September 6th, 2022, a proposed agreement was issued to AISH, LLC
21 assessing a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,761 with \$4,380 suspended. The
22 unsuspended penalty of \$4,380 is payable to the division.
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- 24 H. On September 7th, 2022, AISH, LLC responded to the Division's request to move
25 forward and enter into a formal agreement to pay the civil penalty of \$4,380.
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27 II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT
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A. The policy sold prior to the license issuance date on May 6th, 2022, was in violation of AS 21.27.440 which subjects AISH, LLC to civil penalties. AS 21.27.440(a) provides that “in addition to any other penalties provided by law, a person that the director of the division (director) determines under AS 21.06.170-21.06.240 has violated the provisions of this chapter is subject to (1) a civil penalty equal to the compensation promised, paid, or to be paid, directly or indirectly, to a person in regard to each violation; (2) either a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation or a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each violation if the director determines that the person willfully violated the provisions of this chapter; and (3) denial, nonrenewal, suspension, or revocation of a license.” The director has the latitude to impose civil penalties against a person who has violated Alaska’s insurance laws

B. AISH, LLC agrees to pay the civil penalty under AS 21.27.440 in the amount of \$8761 for activity that occurred prior to the issuance of the firm license with \$4,380 suspended.

C. In the event AISH, LLC violates Alaska insurance laws during the next two years, the suspended portion of the penalty referenced in paragraph one will be reinstated. AISH, LLC will be subject to any and all sanctions authorized by the insurance laws including imposition of additional penalties regarding any such violation.

D. By signing this agreement, AISH, LLC understands and agrees that any failure to comply with the conditions of this agreement will be grounds to revoke, suspend, or not renew Alaska firm license 38254.

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E. AISH, LLC understands that this agreement is not binding on the parties unless and until the director signs the order approving the agreement.

DATED: September 15, 2022__

AISH, LLC INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC

By: Dennis Burden

Dennis Burden
Senior Vice President

By: Neal D. Kounkel

Neal Kounkel
First Vice President – Director of Licensing

Approved as to form and content:

DATED: September 16, 2022

By: Susan Mitchell

Susan Mitchell
Assistant Attorney General

ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Stipulated Agreement and Order is adopted in full resolution of the civil liability issues between the parties to this agreement in these cases and shall constitute the final order in these matters.

DATED this 11th day of Oct., 2022.

Lori Wing-Heier

Lori K. Wing-Heier
Director, Division of Insurance