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In the Matter of:)
Griffin Underwriting Services)
Licensee)

Case No. D 20-06

STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Division of Insurance (division) and Griffin Underwriting Services, (Griffin), the licensee in this case, stipulate and agree to the following:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Griffin holds surplus lines broker license number 8034.

B. Under AS 21.06.120, the division performed a limited and targeted premium tax audit of Griffin's surplus lines business for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. The audit was completed and a report and order approving the report were issued on September 21, 2020 under TA 20-01. Both were sent to Griffin on September 21, 2020.

C. Under one failed finding in the audit report, 50 violations of AS 21.34 were identified as being within the control of Griffin to correct in order to comply with Alaska insurance laws.

D. The 50 violations of AS 21.34 subjects Griffin to civil penalties under AS 21.34.230.

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E. Due to these violations having been found during the subsequent audit after the Stipulated Agreement and Order D 17-10 entered into between the division and Griffin was signed, the previously suspended civil penalty of \$10,000 in that Stipulated Agreement and Order is now subject to reinstatement.

II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. The division agrees that the next audit performed on Griffin related hereto will exclude any quarter ending before January 1, 2021.

2. For the TA 20-01 audit violations, Griffin agrees to pay a civil penalty under AS 21.34.230 in the amount of \$10,000 with \$5,000 suspended. The unsuspended penalty of \$5,000 is payable within three months of the date that Griffin is notified that the director has signed the order approving this agreement.

3. For the reinstated penalty under Stipulated Agreement and Order D 17-10, Griffin agrees to pay \$10,000 within three months of the date Griffin is notified that the director has signed the order approving this agreement.

4. In the event Griffin is found to have violated the Alaska insurance laws during the next audit resulting in failed findings, the suspended portion of the penalty referenced in paragraph 2 will be reinstated. Griffin also will be subject to any and all sanctions authorized by the insurance laws including imposing additional penalties.

5. By signing this agreement, Griffin understands and agrees that any failure to comply with the terms of this agreement may be grounds to revoke, suspend, or non-renew Alaska surplus lines broker license number 8034.

6. Griffin understands that this agreement is not binding on the parties unless and until the director signs the order approving the agreement.

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DATED: 11/16/20

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

By: Rebecca Nesheim
Rebecca Nesheim
Tax Auditor

DATED: _____

GRIFFIN UNDERWRITING SERVICES

By: Van C. Griffin
Van C. Griffin
Compliance Officer

Approved as to form and content:

DATED: 11/6/20

CLYDE SNIFFEN, JR.
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: /s/ Daniel Wilkerson 11/17/20
Daniel Wilkerson
Assistant Attorney General

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that this Stipulated Agreement and Order is adopted in full resolution of the issues in this case, and shall constitute the final order in this matter.

DATED this 18 day of November, 2020.

Lori Wing-Heier
Lori Wing-Heier
Director