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Memorandum

To: All Agents, Directs Operations, and Attorneys in the State of Texas
From: Shannon Savage, Texas Agency Manager
Date: 05/03/2004
Re: Final Order Issued

As you are probably aware on April 23, 2004, Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor issued a final order in the Texas Title Insurance Biennial Rate Hearing. The final order reduces the Basic Premium Rate across the board by 6.5% (see the attached rate chart). The order also includes 5 new Rate Rules authorizing rates for new endorsements and amends 5 existing Rate Rules. All rate rules are effective **July 1, 2004**.

NEW RATE RULES:

R-29: Premium for restrictions, Encroachments, Mineral Endorsement (T-19) And Restrictions, Encroachments, Mineral Endorsement-Owner Policy (T-19.1)

Adopts a Premium Rate as follows:

Residential Real Property – T-19
5% of the Basic Rate/Minimum \$25

Non-Residential Real Property-T-19
10% of the Basic Rate/Minimum \$25

Residential Real Property-T-19.1
May not issue T-19.1

Non-Residential Real Property
15% of Basic Rate/Minimum \$25

R-30: Premium for Access Endorsement (T-23)

Adopts a premium for Access Endorsement (T-23) of \$100 for each policy. Not available for residential policies.

R-31: Premium for Non-Imputation Endorsement (T-24)

Adopts a premium for Non-Imputation Endorsement (T-24) of 5% of the Basic Rate for each policy minimum with a \$25. Not available for residential policies.

R-32: Premium for Contiguity Endorsement (T-25)

Adopts a premium for Contiguity Endorsement (T-25) of \$100 for each policy. Not available for residential policies.

R-33: Premium for Additional Insured Endorsement (T-26)

Adopts a premium for Additional Insured Endorsement (T-26) of 10% of the Basic Rate for each policy with a minimum of \$25. Not available for residential policies.

AMENDED RATE RULES:

R-5: Simultaneous Issuance of Owner and Mortgagee Policies

Amended to streamline the procedure for providing the credit, but does not change the rate of the credit calculated in a transaction.

R-8: Mortgagee Policy, on a loan to take Up, Renew, Extend or Satisfy and Existing Lien

Amended to clarify that a credit will still be allowed in situations where only one or more new loans are insured in a multiple loan situation.

R-11: Mortgagee Policy Endorsement

Reduces Premium charged for issuance of each endorsement provided for in rule P-9.b.(9) from \$50 to \$25.

R-15: Owner Policy Endorsement

Amended to clarify that the Supplemental Coverage Manufactured Housing Unit Endorsement (T-31.1) is appropriate for use under both Procedural Rule P-9.a.(4) and P-9.a.(3).

R-27: Texas Limited Coverage Junior Mortgagee Policy

Modified to reference the updated title of the Texas Residential Mortgagee Policy Home Equity Line of Credit/Variable Rate Endorsement (Form T-46).

If you have any questions regarding the new rates please feel free to call 1-800-678-1700.