NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 32(2020)

- 1 IN THE MATTER OF the Automobile
- 2 Insurance Act, RSNL 1990, c. A-22 (the
- 3 "*Act*"), as amended and regulations
- 4 thereunder; and
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- 6 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application
- 7 by CUMIS General Insurance Company
- 8 for approval to implement a revised
- 9 rating program for all vehicle types.
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WHEREAS effective January 1, 2020 changes to the Automobile Insurance Act and regulations thereunder came into effect which included mandatory reforms of the automobile insurance product; and

- 16 WHEREAS the mandatory reforms included the introduction of Direct Compensation Property 17 Damage ("DCPD") coverage for all vehicles and an increase in the deductible applicable to all 18 pain and suffering awards from \$2,500 to \$5,000; and
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- WHEREAS on November 5, 2019 the Board implemented a simplified "Reform" filing option
 and Reform Filing Guidelines to expedite the approval of the mandatory reform changes; and
- WHEREAS the Reform Filing Guidelines provide step-by-step procedures for splitting existing
 Board approved Third Party Liability rates into rates for Bodily Injury, Property Damage-Tort and
 DCPD sub-coverages as well as for reflecting the deductible increase into Bodily Injury rates; and
- WHEREAS on June 2, 2020 CUMIS General Insurance Company applied to the Board for
 approval of a revised rating program under the Reform filing option for the following types of
 vehicles: (i) Private Passenger Automobiles, (ii) Motorcycles, (iii) All Terrain Vehicles, (iv)
 Motorhomes, (v) Snow Vehicles, (vi) Mopeds, (vii) Camping Trailers, and (viii) Utility Trailers;
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- WHEREAS on June 15, 2020 CUMIS General Insurance Company filed revised filing
 documentation to correct a number of errors and omissions discovered; and

1 **WHEREAS** the revised rating program is consistent with the Reform Filing Guidelines and is 2 supported; and

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4 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are just and reasonable in the 5 circumstances, do not impair the solvency of the insurer, are not excessive in relation to the 6 financial circumstances of the insurer, and do not violate the Automobile Insurance Act or the 7 Insurance Companies Act or the respective regulations thereunder.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 12 1. The revised rating program received June 2, 2020 from CUMIS General Insurance Company
- 13 for all vehicle types is approved to be effective no sooner than December 1, 2020 for new
- 14 business and renewals.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 23rd day of June, 2020.

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Darlene Whalen, P. Eng., FEC Chair and Chief Executive Officer

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA Commissioner

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Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary