NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 10 (2010)

IN THE MATTER OF the *Automobile* 1 2 Insurance Act, RSNL 1990, c. A-22, as 3 amended (the "*Act*"); 4 5 AND 6 7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by 8 Primmum Insurance Company ("Primmum") 9 to implement revised rates for its private 10 passenger vehicles classes of business. 11 12 13 **WHEREAS** on June 23, 2010 Primmum applied to the Board for approval of a revised private 14 passenger vehicles insurance rating program which will result in rates that are higher than those 15 previously approved by the Board; and 16 17 WHEREAS on September 23, 2010 the Board sent written notice to Primmum advising that the 18 90-day review period was extended an additional 90 days due to Primmum's delay in responding 19 to information requests; and 20 21 WHEREAS on October 20, 2010 the Board's actuarial consultants, Oliver Wyman, filed a 22 report with the Board that identified issues with the rate proposals; and 23 24 WHEREAS on November 30, 2010 Primmum submitted revised rate proposals to address the 25 issues raised in Oliver Wyman's October 20, 2010 report; and 26 27 WHEREAS on December 2, 2010 Oliver Wyman filed a report that concludes the November 28 30, 2010 rate proposals are based on factors and parameters determined by the Board to be 29 reasonable and are supported by information submitted in connection with the filing; and 30 31 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are not too high in the circumstances.

1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:** 2

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1. The proposed rates and rating program for the private passenger vehicles class of business of Primmum Insurance Company is approved with effect no sooner than June 30, 2011 for new business and renewal business.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 8th day of December 2010.

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng. Vice-Chair

James Oxford Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary