Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: <u>10/22/2020</u>

Subject Considered:

Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. 650 California Street, Suite 2900 San Francisco, CA 94108

Consent Order
TDI Enforcement File No. 25966

General remarks and official action taken:

This is a consent order with Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. failed to timely file surplus lines policies and related documents. Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. has agreed to pay a \$3,250.00 administrative penalty for these violations.

Waiver

Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. acknowledges that the Texas Insurance Code and other applicable law provide certain rights. Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. waives all of these rights, and any other applicable procedural rights, in consideration of the entry of this consent order.

Findings of Fact

1. Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc., organization identification number 17413, holds a surplus lines license issued by the Texas Department of Insurance.

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- 2. Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 981.105(a), a surplus lines insurance agent must file with the Surplus Lines Stamping Office of Texas either:
 - a. a copy of the policy issued or
 - b. if the policy has not yet been issued, a copy of the certificate, cover note, or other confirmation of insurance delivered to the insured.

This information is due not later than the 60th day after the later of the effective date or the issue date of new or renewal surplus lines insurance.

3. In 2019, Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. filed surplus lines policies late.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Tex. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 84.021-84.044, and 981.105.
- 2. The commissioner of insurance has authority to informally dispose of this matter under Tex. Ins. Code § 82.055, Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.056, and 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.47.
- 3. Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. has knowingly and voluntarily waived all procedural rights to which it may have been entitled regarding the entry of this order, including, but not limited to, issuance and service of notice of intention to institute disciplinary action, notice of hearing, a public hearing, a proposal for decision, rehearing by the commissioner, and judicial review.
- 4. Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. violated Tex. Ins. Code § 981.105(a) by failing to timely file new or renewal surplus lines policies and related documents.

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Order

It is ordered that Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. must pay an administrative penalty of \$3,250.00. The administrative penalty must be paid within 30 days from the date of this order. The administrative penalty must be paid by cashier's check or money order made payable to the "State of Texas." Mail the administrative penalty to the Texas Department of Insurance, Attn: Enforcement Division, Division 60851, MC 9999, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104.

Commissioner of Insurance

By: Down Slape

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Doug Slape Chief Deputy Commissioner Tex. Gov't Code § 601.002

Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

Recommended and reviewed by:

Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner

Enforcement Division

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Latoya Merida, Attorney

Enforcement Division

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Affidavit
THE STATE OF <u>California</u> §
COUNTY OF Sanfrancisco §
Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the affiant, who being by meduly sworn, deposed as follows:
"My name is <u>Vaniela Quilici</u> am of sound mind, capable of making this statement and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.
I hold the office of and am the authorized representative of Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. I am duly authorized by the organization to execute this statement.
Crouse and Associates Insurance Services of N CA Inc. has knowingly and voluntarily entered into the foregoing consent order and agrees with and consents to the issuance and service of the same by the commissioner of insurance of the state of Texas."
Lamela Varlici Affiant
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on October 15, 2020.
NOTARY SEAL)
CARMENCITA VILLEGAS Notary Public - California San Francisco County Commission # 2279671 My Comm. Expires Mar 4, 2023 Carmencita Villegas Signature of Notary Public Carmencita Villegas Printed Name of Notary Public