No. 2023-8277

Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: <u>10/12/2023</u>

Subject Considered:

Edgewood Partners Insurance Center 1390 Willow Pass Rd Ste 800 Concord, California 94520

Consent Order TDI Enforcement File No. 32807

General remarks and official action taken:

This is a consent order with Edgewood Partners Insurance Center for failure to timely file surplus lines policies and related documents. Edgewood Partners Insurance Center has agreed to pay an administrative penalty of \$13,325 for these violations.

Waiver

Edgewood Partners Insurance Center acknowledges that the Texas Insurance Code and other applicable law provide certain rights. Edgewood Partners Insurance Center waives all of these rights, and any other applicable procedural rights, in consideration of the entry of this consent order.

Findings of Fact

- 1. Edgewood Partners Insurance Center, license number 1497729, holds a surplus lines agency license issued by the Texas Department of Insurance.
- 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 2022, Edgewood Partners Insurance Center filed surplus lines policies and related documents late.
- 4. In March 2022, TDI assessed fees against Edgewood Partners Insurance Center because the late-filed surplus lines policies met at least one of the conditions in TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(d-e).
- 5. Edgewood Partners Insurance Center did not timely pay the fees assessed pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(c-e).
- 6. The commissioner previously disciplined Edgewood Partners Insurance Center for violating TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a) in Official Order No. 2022-7190, entered on January 24, 2022.
- 7. The commissioner previously disciplined Edgewood Partners Insurance Center for violating TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a) in Official Order No. 2022-7682, entered on December 13, 2022.

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. Edgewood Partners Insurance Center 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.

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4. Edgewood Partners Insurance Center violated TEX. INS. CODE § 981.105(a) by failing to timely file new or renewal surplus lines policies and related documents.

Order

It is ordered that Edgewood Partners Insurance Center must pay an administrative penalty of \$13,325 within 30 days from the date of this order. The administrative penalty must be paid as instructed in the invoice, which the department will send after entry of this order.

DocuSigned by:

Cassie Brown Commissioner of Insurance

Recommended and reviewed by:

Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner Fraud and Enforcement Division

Stephanie Ändrews, Attorney Enforcement

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Affidavit

THE STATE OFNew York	§
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COUNTY OF _Nassau	§

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the affiant, who being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Jacqueline Beaudet. I 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 _Executive Vice President, Head of Risk and Compliance_ and am the authorized representative of Edgewood Partners Insurance Center. I am duly authorized by the organization to execute this statement.

Edgewood Partners Insurance Center 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."

DocuSigned by: Jacky Beaudet A8003E003A534

Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on September 28, 2023.

(NOTARY SEAL) CYNTHIAL. SALLAY NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK Registration No. 01SA6382187 Qualified in Rockland County Commission Expires October 22, 2026

Signature of Notary Public

Cynthia L. Sallay Printed Name of Notary Public