

No. 06-1288

OFFICIAL ORDER
of the
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
of the
STATE OF TEXAS
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Date: DEC 13 2006

Subject Considered:

RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR INSURANCE PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANIES

General remarks and official action taken:

On this day the Commissioner of Insurance (the "Commissioner") considered the appropriate rate of assessment for insurance premium finance companies that hold a license issued by the Texas Department of Insurance (the "Department") to ensure that the Department has sufficient funds to meet the expenses of performing its statutory responsibilities for examining, investigating, and regulating insurance premium finance companies.

TEX. INS. CODE ANN., § 651.006(a) requires insurance premium finance companies that hold a license issued by the Department to pay an assessment imposed by the Department to cover the direct and indirect cost of examinations and investigations made under Chapter 651 of the Texas Insurance Code and a proportionate share of the general administrative expense attributable to the regulation of such insurance premium finance companies.

The Commissioner has determined that the amount of such assessment shall be calculated as .00561 of 1.0% of the insurance premium finance company's total loan dollar volume for the calendar-year 2006. If by using the rate of assessment described above, the insurance premium finance company assessment calculation produces an amount that is less than \$250 total, the Commissioner shall levy and collect a minimum overhead assessment of \$250 from an insurance premium finance company.


The Commissioner published a notice in the Texas Register of a formal meeting to solicit comments on the proposed rate of assessment from interested persons, to provide an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing, although a hearing is not required before the rate of assessment is imposed, and to provide instructions on obtaining the proposed rate of assessment from the the Chief Clerk's office for review before the meeting. The Commissioner held the formal meeting on November 30, 2006. The Department did not receive a request for a hearing.

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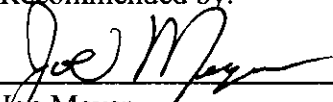
THEREFORE the Commissioner ORDERS that the rate of assessment shall be .00561 of 1.0% of the insurance premium finance company's total loan dollar volume for the calendar-year 2006, unless the amount calculated is less than \$250, in which case the insurance premium finance company shall pay \$250.

The Commissioner FURTHER ORDERS that, on or before April 1, 2007, each insurance premium finance company shall pay such assessment to the Department by sending payment to the Texas Department of Insurance, Examinations Division, Mail Code 305-2E, 333 Guadalupe Street, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78701-9104.



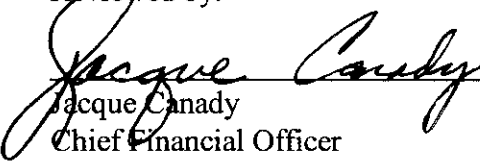
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