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1	Douglas Heller Advocates For:
2	CONSUMER FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION
3	1107 9th St. Suite 901 Sacramento, CA 95814
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5	BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
6	OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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8	IN RE CONSUMER FEDERATION OFCONSUMER FEDERATION OFCALIFORNIA EDUCATION FOUNDATIONCALIFORNIA EDUCATION
9	REQUEST FOR GENERAL FINDING OF FOUNDATION REQUEST FOR FINDING
10	ELIGIBILITY TO SEEK COMPENSATION;OF ELIGIBILITY TO SEEKEFFECTIVE FOR TWO YEARSCOMPENSATION PURSUANT TO
11	CALIFORNIA INSURANCE CODE § 1861.10 AND CALIFORNIA CODE OF
12	REGULATIONS, TITLE 10 § 2662.2
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15	The Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation (CFCF) respectfully
16	submits this verified, general ¹ Request for Finding of Eligibility to Seek Compensation pursuant
17	to California Insurance Code (Cal. Ins. Code) § 1861.10 and California Code of Regulations,
18	Title 10 (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10) § 2662.2. If granted the general finding of eligibility is
19	effective for two years from the date the general finding of eligibility is made. As demonstrated
20	more fully below and as supported by the attached exhibits, CFCF represents the interests of
21	consumers and specifically CFCF represents the interests of California insurance policyholders.
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24	¹ It is our understanding that while the regulation, Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662.2, requires this request for a
25	finding of eligibility is to be filed in "conjunction with an ongoing proceeding," the request itself is not "specific" to any particular proceeding. Therefore, herein we use the term "general" to mean a blanket ruling recognizing CFCF's
26	blanket or "general" eligibility to seek compensation as a representative of California insurance consumers in future matters before the Commissioner. Further, it is our understanding that, should the Commissioner make a general
27	finding that CFCF is eligible to seek intervenor compensation, that finding will be valid in any proceeding in which CFCF seeks intervenor status within two years of the general finding of eligibility.
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I. The Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation Represents the Interests of California Consumers and Specifically the Interests of California Insurance Consumers

CFCF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) education and research foundation that advocates for consumer interests. Founded in 1999 as a charitable organization sponsored by the non-profit Consumer Federation of California, the CFCF has been a consumer research, education and advocacy organization for the past 18 years. The central purpose of this organization has been, and continues to be to serve as an education and research organization, to promote educational programs and public forums in the field of consumer rights and other policy issues that may be of interest to consumers in order to improve the quality of life of all people, to represent consumers and the interests of consumers, including working people, families, retirees, children, utility ratepayers, insurance policyholders and others, for the purpose of participating in administrative, commission proceedings, regulatory proceedings, legislative advocacy, public awareness and advocacy campaigns, and litigation within the maximum legal limits allowed of a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt corporation under Federal and California law.

The Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation has entered into an agreement with its sponsor, the Consumer Federation of California, under which the CFCF is the successor to the Consumer Federation of California as the party in interest for all ongoing and new activities previously performed by the Consumer Federation of California in representing and advocating for and intervening in proceedings of regulatory agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Department of Insurance. The California Public Utilities Commission has substituted the CFCF as the successor to the Consumer Federation of California as the party in interest in several current CPUC proceedings.

The Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation 's Articles of Incorporation set forth these central purposes, which are:

to research, analyze, educate and promote the interests of consumers, using peaceful, lawful methods to: (1) research and analyze any and all social, economic or political or scientific issues which actually effect consumers or may be of interest to consumers; (2) publish, educate and provide information to consumers. Policy direction implementing the CFCF's consumer representation, education and advocacy purposes is set by a Board of Directors consisting of the following officers: a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four additional members.

To achieve its consumer advocacy goals, CFCF maintains full time staff in Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area, a consultant in Southern California and an economist in Vancouver, Canada to review and analyze rate applications and regulatory proceedings at the Department of Insurance, to monitor industry compliance with laws, regulations and approved rates, to file petitions to intervene in these rate cases and regulatory rule making cases, and applications to participate in cases where it believes a regulated company is not in compliance, to participate in hearings and perform the multitude of tasks necessary to effectively intervene in, represent consumers before and otherwise participate in proceedings of the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Department of Insurance and other agencies of government.

A. CFCF Represents the Interests of California Insurance Consumers in General and at the California Department of Insurance.

As the successor in interest to the Consumer Federation of California, CFCF and its predecessor organization CFC has advocated for insurance consumer interests, at the California

1	Department of Insurance (the CDI) for many years. Since 2006, CFC has participated in these
2	regulatory proceedings before California Department of Insurance:
3	In 2006 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance rulemaking
4	entitled: <i>Proposed Prior Approval of Insurance Rate Regulations</i> , CDI File No. RH 05042749;
5	In 2006 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance rulemaking
6	entitled: Prior Approval Insurance Rate Regulations, CDI File No. RH 05042749;
7 8	In 2006 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance ratemaking entitled: <i>Low Cost Automobile Insurance Rates</i> , CDI File No. RH 05050092;
9	In 2006 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance rulemaking
10	entitled: Title Insurance Rate Regulation, CDI File No. RH0504799;
11	In 2008 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance rulemaking: <i>Usage Based Auto Insurance</i> , CDI File No. REG 2008-00020;
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13	In 2012 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance rulemaking workshop entitled: <i>Scope of Prior Approval</i> , CDI File No. OV-2011-00076;
14	In 2012 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance rulemaking
15 16	entitled: Standards for Repairs and Use of Aftermarket Car Parts, CDI File No. REG 2011 00024;
17	In 2014, CFC participated in California Department of Insurance Public Hearing on Autonomous Vehicle Insurance Issues; and
18	In 2015 CFC participated in California Department of Insurance Rulemaking
19 20	Workshop entitled: Sale of Insurance on a Group Basis Pursuant to Insurance Code 1861.12.
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22	B. The Consumer Federation of California, CFCF's predecessor organization was Found Eligible to Seek Compensation in 2012, 2014 and 2016 and Has
23	Been Granted Intervenor Status in fourteen Proposition 103 Rate Proceedings at the California Department of Insurance
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25	On April 20, 2012, pursuant to its request, Consumer Federation of California was found
26	to be generally eligible to seek compensation by the Insurance Commissioner in accordance with
27	Cal. Code Regs., Tit, 10, Section 2662.2. On or about May 1, 2014 and May 1, 2016 the
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1	Insurance Commissioner renewed Consumer Federation of California's status as generally
2	eligible to seek compensation. In addition to involvement in the matters listed in section 1. A.
3	above, CFC has intervened in several rate proceedings, including:
4	1. Farmers Insurance Exchange: PA 2013-00011 (2013-2014)
5	2. State Farm General Insurance Company: PA 2013-00012 (2013-2014)
6	3. AIG Property and Casualty: PA 2013-00013 (2013-2014)
7	4. Infinity Insurance Company: PA-2014-00002, (2014)
8	5. Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company: PA-2014-00011 (2014 – 2015)
9	6. California Capital Insurance Company: PA-2015-0002 (2014-2016)
10	7. Safeco Insurance Company of America: PA-2015-00007 (2015-2016)
11	8. Wawanesa General Insurance Company: PA-2015-0007 (2015-2016)
12	9. State Farm General Insurance Company: PA 2015-00004 (2015-2016)
13	10. Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin: PA 2016-00013 (2016-2017)
14	11. Loya Casualty Insurance Company: PA 2016-00010 (2016 – present)
15	12. National General Insurance Company: PA 2017-00011 (2017-2018)
16	13. Kemper Independence Insurance Company: PA 2017-00002 (2017-2018)
17	14. Hartford Insurance Company: PA 2017-00014 (2017-present)
18	Of the above Proceedings all but items 11 and 13 have concluded (except that item 9 is
19	currently the subject of judicial review). The Department of Insurance has awarded Consumer
20	Federation of California intervenor compensation for its substantial contribution to each of these
21	the proceedings, except for item 12, for which Consumer Federation of California's request for
22	intervenor compensation is pending at the CDI. Items 11 and 13, above, are current proceedings.
23	In the completed proceedings, Consumer Federation of California saved California ratepayers
24	hundreds of millions of dollars in reductions to rates requested by insurers. Consumer Federation
25 26	of California's interventions have also made other substantial contributions to proceedings,
26 27	including ensuring compliance with state law and regulations prohibiting unfair discrimination as
28	well as other Department rate filing requirements.
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C. Consumer Federation of California Petitioned the Department of Insurance for a Finding of Non-Compliance By an Automobile Insurer, Resulting in a Settlement That Ended Automobile Insurance Rate Quoting Practices the Consumer Federation of California Alleged Violated Proposition 103 and California Civil Rights Law.

In 2015, Consumer Federation of California researched GEICO's online automobile rate quoting practices, concluded that these practices violated Proposition 103 and the Unruh Civil Rights Act, and petitioned the Department of Insurance to find that the insurer was in non-compliance with state law. The Department of Insurance granted Consumer Federation of California's petition to intervene. CDI initiated a conciliation process that resulted in an agreement of the parties that the CDI approved. Under the terms of the settlement, GEICO paid the State of California six million dollars, agreed to change the programming of its online rate quote system to eliminate misstatements regarding the minimum coverages available to certain good drivers, and agreed to submit to auditing of its online quote system for a period of three years. The CDI approved Consumer Federation of California's request for intervenor compensation is this enforcement matter.

D. Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation Represents the Interests of Consumers in Other Regulatory Proceedings

Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation also represents the interests of consumers in other regulatory proceedings, as the successor in interest to the Consumer Federation of California. For the past twelve years, California Public Utilities Commission had approved Consumer Federation of California as an eligible intervenor representing the interests of residential ratepayers in over two dozen concluded ratemaking and regulatory proceedings. In <u>most</u> of these proceedings the CPUC has awarded the Consumer Federation of California intervenor compensation for making a substantial contribution, and five intervenor compensation requests are pending at the CPUC. These proceedings addressed a wide array of issues of concern to consumers, including a PG&E general rate case; reconfiguration of payments for gas

utilities public purpose program surcharges; transfer of assets of the state's largest petroleum
pipeline utility; development of rules for limited English-speaking telecommunications
consumers; water conservation pricing for investor-owned water utilities; establishment of
consumer privacy protections as an element of the deployment of the smart grid for electricity;
development of rules for pricing and infrastructure for electric vehicle charging systems, energy
storage, clean energy, and telephone service quality. Pursuant to the CPUC's approval of the
Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation as the successor to the Consumer
Federation of California, CFCF is currently intervening in the following seven proceedings
before the CPUC:

A. 17-12-011, 012, 013: Electric Rate Design Window

A. 16-09-001: Southern California Edison General Rate Case

R. 17-06-024: Water Assistance Programs

A. 17-10-007, 008: Sempra General Rate Case

R. 12-06-013: Electric Time of Use

R. 13-11-007: Zero Emission Vehicles.

R. 14-10-003: Electric Consumption Demand Side

Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation and TURN (The Utility Reform Network) have also filed a joint petition seeking that CPUC open a proceeding into mobile telephone consumer privacy regulation (Case P. 18-03-014)

E. Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation's Staff and Consultants Have and Will Continue to Represent the Interests of California Insurance Consumers

CFCF's participation in CDI proceedings includes these staff and consultants:

Richard Holober

Richard Holober is the Executive Director of the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation. Mr. Holober has served in this capacity since 2018. Previously, since 2001 Mr. Holober managed the day to day operations of the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation as a member of its Board of Directors. As Executive Director of the Consumer Federation of California since 2001, Mr. Holober has advocated on behalf of consumers, and specifically insurance consumers, before consumer groups, regulators, legislators, agencies, lawmakers and in public campaigns.

In 2006, at the request of former Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, under the leadership of Mr. Holober, the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation initiated a project designed to increase awareness of California's Low-Cost Automobile Insurance Program. Having obtained funding from a philanthropic foundation, CFCF launched the program targeted at San Francisco and Alameda Counties. This project ran for two years, and entailed extensive outreach to insurance producers, local government agencies and communitybased organizations that serve low-income communities. The project surpassed its goals in increasing the number of local residents that enrolled in the low-cost insurance program.

Subsequently, former Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner appointed Mr. Holober to sit on the Blue Ribbon Review Committee of the Commissioner's then, newly established Advisory Task Force on Insurance Fraud. In this capacity Mr. Holober was instrumental in the review and publication, in 2008, of a comprehensive task force study on insurance fraud.

Further, as a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee, and in his capacity as consumer advocate, Mr. Holober helped influence the Commissioner in reconsidering his plan to sponsor a ballot initiative that would have required local police to confiscate vehicles driven by uninsured motorists. Mr. Holober convinced the Commissioner to drop the proposed regulation and to instead refocus his efforts on strengthening outreach for California's Low-Cost Automobile Insurance Program. In other advocacy before the Department of Insurance, in 2008, Mr. Holober provided testimony regarding the privacy implications of regulations sought by the insurance industry that would have mandated installation of mileage recording and transmitting devices for determining motor vehicle renewal rates for policyholders.

Mr. Holober also takes an active role in prior approval rate cases recently and currently at issue at the CDI.

James Gordon

In addition, since 2005, CFCF President James Gordon, in his capacity as President of the Consumer Federation of California has served on the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (CAARP) Advisory Board representing consumers as an appointee of the Insurance Commissioner. The CAARP plan was created to provide an alternative source of automobile insurance for motorists unable to obtain coverage in the private sector due to their driving records or other extraordinary circumstances. The CAARP Board also oversees the California Low Cost Automobile Insurance Program, which is designed to provide affordable liability insurance to low-income drivers. Through Mr. Gordon, CFCF advocates for insurance consumers in terms of overseeing the implementation of CAARP rules and regulations. Likewise Mr. Gordon advocates for low-income insurance consumers by monitoring and promoting the California Low Cost Automobile Insurance Program.

Douglas Heller

Douglas Heller is a consumer advocate and insurance expert retained by CFCF to assist in its regulatory interventions. Mr. Heller is a nationally-recognized consumer advocate with extensive expertise in insurance regulatory matters. Mr. Heller has more than fifteen years of experience as a consumer advocate focusing on property-casualty insurance rates and policies. Since 1999, Mr. Heller has participated and / or intervened in numerous rulemaking and ratemaking proceedings before the Department of Insurance, having a particular focus on matters related to, or governed by, Proposition 103.

1	Between 1997 and 2013, Mr. Heller worked in various capacities for the nonpartisan,
2	nonprofit organization Consumer Watchdog, including serving as its Executive Director from
3	2004 until 2012. Mr. Heller was the lead insurance advocate during most of the 16 years he spent
4	with the organization. Examples of Mr. Heller's ratemaking, rulemaking and other insurance
5	advocacy include:
6	• In the Matter of the Rate Application of Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin, file number PA 2016-00013;
7	• In the Matter of the Rate Application of Loya Casualty Insurance Company, file
8	 number PA 2016-00010; In the Matter of the Rate Application of State Farm General Insurance Company,
9	 file number PA 2015-00004; In the Matter of the Rate Applications of Safeco Insurance Company of America,
10	First National Insurance Company of America, American States Preferred
11	 Insurance Company, file number PA 2015-00007; In the Matter of the Rate Applications of Hartford Underwriters Insurance
12	Company and Trumbull Insurance Company;
13	• In The Matter Of The Rate And Rating Plan Application Of AIG Property Casualty Company, file number PA-2013-00013;
14	• In the Matter of the Rate Application of Progressive West Insurance Company, file number IP-2012-00011;
15	• In re proposed amendments to Subchapter 4.9, Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4.7, Section 2632.5 (Pay as you Drive, Usage
16	Based Auto Insurance Regulations), file number IP-2008-00043; and
17	• In re RH 03 02 6431 and RH 03 02 6432, Low Cost Automobile Insurance Rates, file number IC 03 03 3218.
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19	In addition to the above listed matters in which he served as an advocate and / or expert,
20	Mr. Heller is a "Consumer Representative," appointed by the Insurance Commissioner, to sit on
21	the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan Advisory Board. Mr. Heller was a featured
22	speaker at a May 16, 2013 symposium regarding the regulation of California's insurance industry
23	presented for MCLE credit by The Insurance Law Committee of the California State Bar. He is
24	the coauthor of the report entitled: What Works: A Review of Auto Insurance Rate Regulation in
25	America and How Best Practices Save Billions of Dollars. This seminal report was published by
26	the Consumer Federation of America in 2013.
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Bickmore

In its insurance rate regulatory work, CFCF uses the services of Bickmore, to provide actuarial expertise. Bickmore is a Sacramento-based risk services consulting firm and is ranked as the largest risk consulting firm that is independent of brokerage and insurance company operations in the western United States and has extensive experience with property and casualty insurance ratemaking and California's insurance regulation environment. Established in 1960, Bickmore has extensive experience with property and casualty insurance ratemaking and substantial experience with the Proposition 103 prior approval insurance rate regulations. Bickmore personnel have extensive experience, in general, in the California insurance regulatory environment.

Bickmore has an actuarial team of 13 professionals with more than 100 years of combined actuarial consulting experience with general liability, auto, property, and workers' compensation programs for a variety of public and private sector clients. The firm employs more than 100 professional and support staff, including credentialed insurance professionals. The Bickmore team includes five Fellows of the Casualty Actuarial Society (FCAS) and two Associates of the Casualty Actuarial Society (ACAS), all of whom are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA). Bickmore clients include both public and private entities in over 30 states.

Tony Roberts

Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation employs Tony Roberts as an economist. Tony Roberts is a consumer advocate and regulatory specialist for Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation with 22 years experience as a practicing economist, including 14 years of experience in the regulation of energy, insurance, and transportation industries.

He served for four years as a Senior Economist with the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC), the authority regulating auto insurance rates in BC. At BCUC, Mr. Roberts worked on

1 several auto insurance proceedings, including: Insurance Corporation of British Columbia 2 (ICBC) Rate Design Proceeding (2007), ICBC Revenue Requirements Proceeding (2007), and 3 ICBC Application for Changes to the Universal Compulsory Automobile Insurance for Fleet 4 plan Vehicles (2010), in which he served as the Commission's lead staff in the proceeding. For 5 the following six years, Mr. Roberts served as a consultant to the British Columbia Public 6 Interest Advocacy Center. In that capacity he consulted for the BC Old Age Pensioners' 7 Associations to support their interventions in auto insurance proceedings, including ICBC 8 Revenue Requirements Proceeding (2012), ICBC Revenue Requirements Proceeding (2013), and 9 ICBC Revenue Requirements Proceeding (2014). Mr. Roberts is a member of the Association of 10 Professional Economists of British Columbia, and the Chartered Institute of Logistics and 11 Transportation. Mr. Roberts has served the Consumer Federation of California, and currently for 12 the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation as successor in interest to the 13 Consumer Federation of California, as an expert in Department of Insurance and California 14 Public Utilities Commission proceedings since 2015. His participation on behalf of the 15 Consumer Federation of California includes: Loya Casualty CDI Case No. PA-2016-00010 and 16 Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin, CDI Case No. PA-2016-00011. 17 18 F. CFCF Advises Consumer Advocates on the Interests of Consumers, and **Specifically Insurance Consumers in the Legislature** 19 To achieve its consumer advocacy goals, CFCF monitors pending legislation 20 impacting California insurance consumers. CFCF does not lobby at the legislature. Its sponsoring 21 organization, the Consumer Federation of California, which is a not-for profit 501(c)4 22 organization consults with the CFCF's staff of insurance experts in developing positions on 23

insurance legislation. CFCF also has and will continue to perform consumer education and voter outreach as those activities pertain to the initiative process and California insurance consumers.

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II. **Attached Exhibits** 1 2 Attached please find the following exhibits, each of which is incorporated herein by this 3 reference: Exhibit A: A copy of Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation 's 4 articles of incorporation and by-laws (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10. § 2662.2(a)(2)(A));5 6 Exhibit B: Approximate number of current of members (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662.2(a)(2)(B)); 7 8 Exhibit C: A list of CFCF's current Board of Directors -- including the name and business address of each director and/or the name and business address of the 9 principals of the group if it is not a corporation (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662.2(a)(2)(C)); 10 11 Exhibit D: Newsletter circulation, if any, along with a representative sample of newsletters and/or any other publications issued by the intervenor in California 12 during the previous twelve (12) months (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662.2(a)(2)(D)); 13 14 Exhibit E: Any annual or year-end report for the prior year (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662.2(a)(2)(E)); 15 16 Exhibit F: Statement as to whether or not the group has been granted non-profit status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 17 2662(a)(2)(F)); 18 Exhibit G: A listing, by general category, of the Consumer Federation of 19 California Education Foundation 's funding sources for the prior twenty-four (24) months and the approximate total percentage of Consumer Federation of 20 California Education Foundation 's annual budget from each funding category. Each foundation, corporate, business, or government grant shall be separately 21 listed by name of foundation, corporation, business, or government agency and 22 amount of grant. For each individual who contributed at least five percent of the group's annual budget, the name of the individual and the total amount of the 23 annual contribution shall be separately listed (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662.2(a)(2)(G)); 24 25 Exhibit H: list of organizational members; and 26 Exhibit I: List of highlighted 2012-2013 legislation. 27 28 CFCF REQUEST FOR FINDING OF ELIGIBILITY 13 29 30

III. CFCF Respectfully Asks That the Insurance Commissioner Determine That CFCF is Eligible to Seek Compensation

The Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation is committed to continuing its representation and advocacy on behalf of California insurance consumers and therefore seeks re-approval of its request for a finding of intervenor eligibility. If the request is granted, CFCF intends to continue to participate in rulemaking matters, ratemaking matters, and other proceedings before the California Department of Insurance and the Insurance Commissioner in pursuit of consumer protection and in keeping with the public interest.

CFCF believes it has complied with all the requirements of Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10. § 2662.2 and asks that the Public Advisor determine that CFCF has complied with those requirements and that this filing is complete.

Additionally, CFCF respectfully requests that based on the information set forth above, that the Insurance Commissioner determine that CFCF represents the interests of consumers and grant its request for a finding of eligibility to seek compensation of its reasonable advocacy and witness fees and expenses.

Dated: June 22, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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KICHARD HOLOBER Executive Director THE CONSUMER FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

VERIFICATION

I am the Executive Director of the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation, and I am authorized to make this verification on its behalf. I verify that where the information contained in these documents, that is based upon my first-hand knowledge, is true and correct. To the extent the information is not based upon my first-hand knowledge, the truth of the matters as set forth are based upon information and belief, are of a type easily determined to be true and correct and I believe the information to be true and correct.

Please be advised that the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation has been granted non-profit status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662(a)(2)(F)).

I declare under penalty of perjury under California law that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: June 22, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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KICHARD HOLOBER Executive Director THE CONSUMER FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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4	<u>Exhibit A</u>
5	Exhibit A: A copy of Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation 's articles
6	of incorporation and by-laws (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10. § 2662.2(a)(2)(A)).
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Articles of Incorporation of the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation

- I. The name of this corporation is Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation
- II. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes.
- III. The specific purpose of this corporation is to research, analyze, educate and promote the interests of consumers, using peaceful, lawful methods to: (1) research and analyze any and all social, economic or political or scientific issues which actually effect consumers or may be of interest to consumers; (2) publish, educate and provide information to consumers.
- IV. The name and address in the state of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is: Howard L. Owens, 1151 Oak Hall Way Sacramento, CA 95822-3209
- V. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the promotion or social welfare purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c) (3).
- VI. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- VII. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to social welfare purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.
- VIII. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a non profit fund foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for social welfare purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under IRC Section 501 (c) (3).

<u>June 29, 2006</u> Date

James B. Gordon, Jr., President

Lucinda Sikes, Secretary

CONSUMER FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION BY-LAWS

As amended February 22, 2018

SECTION 1

<u>Name</u>

The name of the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation shall be changed to be: Consumer Federation of California Foundation. The Consumer Foundation of California may utilize trade names as permitted by law.

SECTION 2

Objectives

To create an education and research organization, to promote educational programs and public forums in the field of consumer rights and other policy issues that may be of interest to consumers in order to improve the quality of life of all people.

To represent consumers and the interests of consumers, including working people, families, retirees, children, utility ratepayers, insurance policyholders and others, for the purpose of participating in administrative, commission proceedings, regulatory proceedings, legislative advocacy, public awareness and advocacy campaigns, and litigation within the maximum legal limits allowed of a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt corporation under Federal and California law.

To remain incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws for the State of California and the Internal Revenue Service under Code 501 (c)(3).

SECTION 3

Administration

The affairs of the organization shall be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the following officers of the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation: a President, two Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and four additional members who shall comprise the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4

Officers

The Officers of the organization shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such additional Officers as shall be appointed or elected by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5

President

- A. The President's duties shall be:
 - 1. To preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors
 - 2. To preside over the daily operations of the CFC Foundation subject to the limits as delegated to such officers as authorized by the Board.
 - 3. To have such other powers and to perform such other duties as may be required, from time to time, by the Board of Directors.
 - 4. To appoint such Committee or Committees as may be approved by the Board of Directors, from time to time and to define the duties of such Committees.
 - 5. To appoint officers and employees with the consent of the Board.
- B. The President shall be elected from, and be a member of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6

Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents shall, in order of their seniority, in the absence of the President, perform all of the duties and have all of the powers of the President. They also shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as shall be assigned to them by the Board of Directors. Each Vice President shall be elected from, and be a member of, the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7

Secretary

A. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- 1. To keep a record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.
- 2. To serve all notices required by law or by the Bylaws of the organization.
- B. The Secretary may be any person except the President. The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8

<u>Treasurer</u>

A. The Treasurer's duties shall be as implied by the name: to furnish, prepare and keep a full set of books of account, showing every detail of the business and organization's accounts and all receipts and disbursements of every name and nature, the amount of cash on hand, and the amount of money owed by the organization or owing to it, and such other information as by be pertinent in the judgment of said officer, or such as may be required by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9

Directors

- A. General Powers of Directors: The Board of Directors shall have the management of the business of the organization, and, subject to the restriction imposed by law, Articles of Incorporation, or these By-laws, shall exercise all of the powers of the organization.
- B. Specific Powers of Directors: Without prejudice to such general powers, it is hereby expressly declared that the Directors shall have the following powers:
 - 1. To fill vacancies on the Board caused by death, disability or resignation.
 - 2. To make and change regulation, Articles and By-laws, for the management of the organization's affairs.
 - 3. To approve recommendations of the President to appoint and remove, at its pleasure, all officers, agents and employees of the organization, prescribe their duties, and in their discretion, from time to time, to devolve the powers and duties of any officer upon any other person. The Board may hire an employee to direct the day-to-day operations of the

Foundation, and delegate to this employee the supervision, hiring and setting of compensation of other Foundation employees. Any employee designated to direct the day-today operations of the Foundation shall report to the President, and through the President, to the Board.

- 4. To pay for any property purchased by the organization, either wholly or partly in money, bonds, debentures or other securities of the organization.
- 5. To borrow money and to make and issue notes, bonds, and other negotiable and transferable instruments, mortgages, deeds of trust, trust agreements and to do every act and thing necessary to effectuate the same.
- 6. To designate, from time to time, the time and place of its meetings or to authorize the President to do so. To appoint Committee or Committees on any subject within the scope of the organization's objectives and to define the powers and duties of such Committees. To authorize the President or Officer to appoint an employee or employees with such duties and compensation as authorized by the Board.
- 7. To select and designate such bank or trust company as they may deem advisable, as official depository of the funds of the organization and to prescribe and order the manner in which such deposits shall be made and/or withdrawn.
- C. <u>Compensation of Directors</u>: Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their service as Board members. Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the organization in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation thereof.

SECTION 10

Directors' Meetings

- A. <u>Regular Meetings</u>: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at the time and place specified by the Board.
- B. <u>Who May Call Special Directors' Meetings</u>: special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or any three Directors of this organization.
- C. <u>Special Meetings</u>: Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held upon one week's notice by first-class mail or by telephone or telegraph to each Director. Said notice shall specify the purpose of the meeting.

- D. <u>Adjournment</u>: A majority of the Directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may recess any meeting to another time and place. If the meeting is recessed for more than 24 hours, notice of such recess shall be given prior to the time of the recessed meeting to those Directors who were not present at the time of the recess.
- E. <u>Place of Meeting</u>: Meetings of the Board may be held at any place within or without the state, providing timely notice has been sent.
- F. <u>Meetings by Telephone</u>: Members of the Board may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all members participating in such meeting can correspond with one another. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this paragraph constitutes presence in person at such meeting.
- G. <u>Quorum</u>: A quorum of the Board for the transaction of business shall consist of one-third or more of the elected Directors. Subject to applicable law, every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting, or such greater number as is required by law, Articles of Incorporation or these By-laws.

SECTION 11

Committees

- A. The President may appoint committees to investigate and review matters pertaining to the organization and advise the Board as to their findings. Such committees shall have no authority to obligate or bind the organization unless authorized to do so by the Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors may appoint standing committees, outlining their duties and defining their authority to act in the matter to which they are assigned. All appointments of committees, their assignment and scope of authority must be recorded.

SECTION 12

Offices

- A. <u>Principal Office</u>: The principal office shall be established and maintained in a California location, as designated by the Board of Directors.
- B. <u>Other offices</u>: Other offices of the organization may be established as such places as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate or the business of the organization may require.

SECTION 13

Checks, Drafts, Notes

All checks, drafts or other orders exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness) issued in the name of the organization for all debts of the organization shall be signed by two out of three officers/directors as shall, from time to time, be determined by the Board of Directors. Checks or payments not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for budgeted items, or for expenses incurred pursuant to a contract, grant, or resource sharing agreement may be signed with a single authorized signatory and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for seeing to it that those who are responsible for signing checks for this organization shall be bonded at such time it is financially reasonable or when assets exceed \$10,000.

SECTION 14

Action by Directors without Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consenting in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Such action by written consent shall be of the same force and affects the unanimous vote of such Directors.

SECTION 15

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this organization shall be the same as the calendar year, ending on December 31.

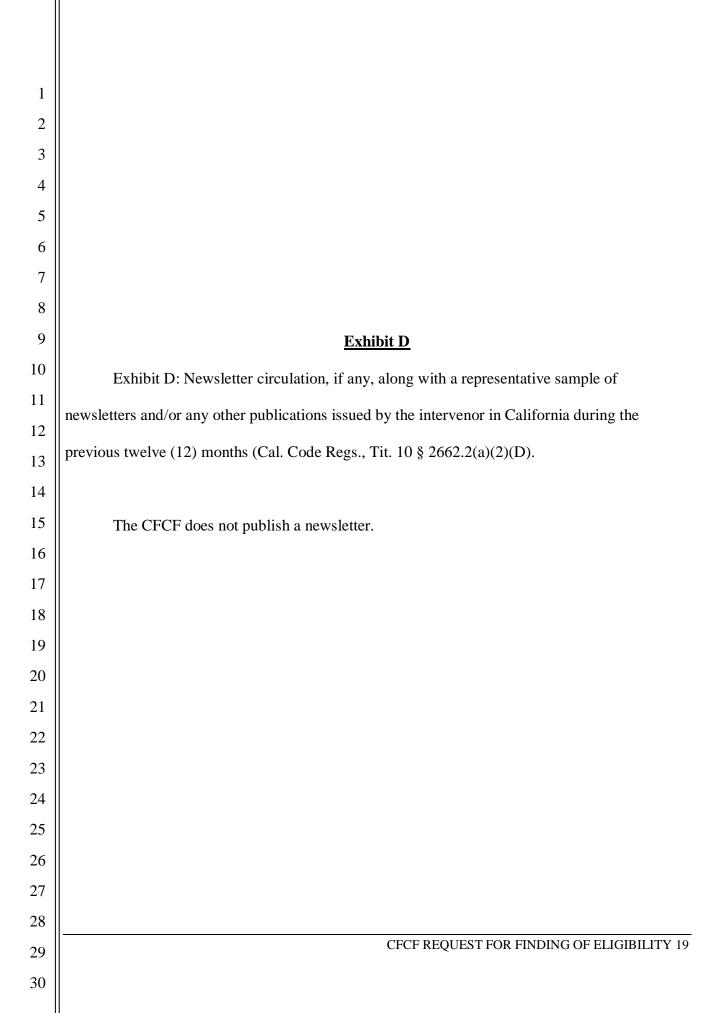
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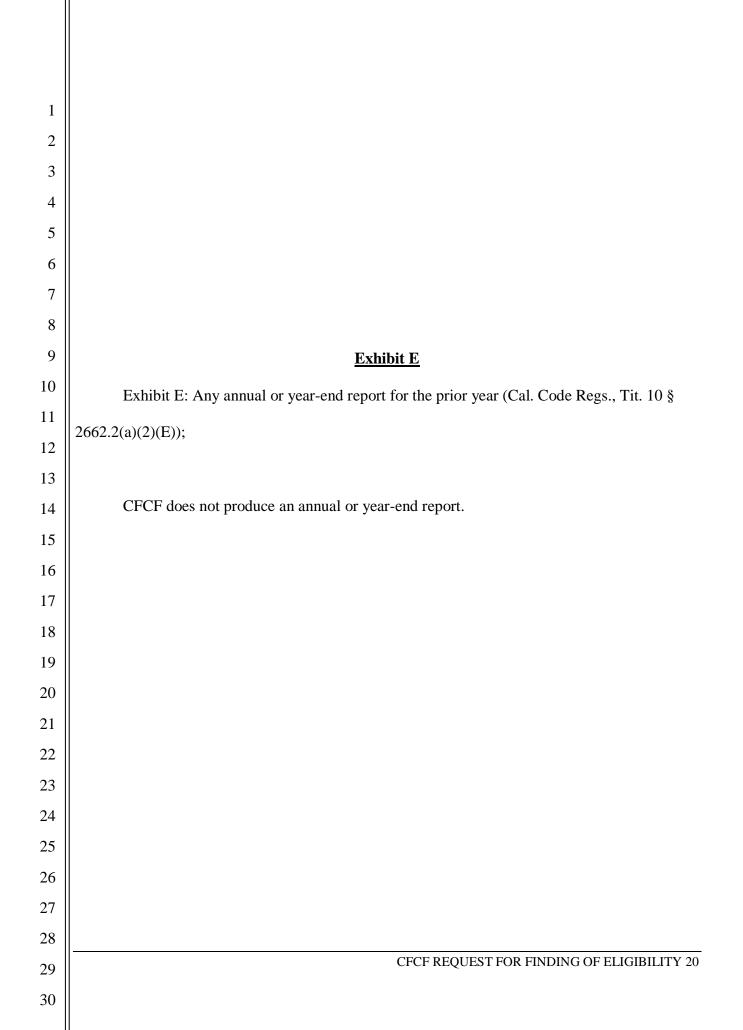
Members

There shall be no members of this organization.

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7	<u>Exhibit B</u>
8	Exhibit B: Approximate number of current of members (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 §
9	2662.2(a)(2)(B)).
10	The CFCF does not have any members.
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8	<u>Exhibit C</u>
9 10	A list of CFCF's current Board of Directors, including the name and business address of each director and/or the name and business address of the principals of the group if it is not a $(C_1 + C_2 + C_3) = (C_2 + C_3) = (C_2 + C_3) = (C_2 + C_3) = (C_2 + C_3) = (C_3 $
11	corporation (Cal. Code Reg. § $2662.2(a)(2)(C)$).
12	Board of Directors
13	James Gordon Jr., President
14	Barry Broad, Treasurer Lucinda Sikes, Secretary
15	Brian Kabateck, Vice President Richard Holober
16	Mark Schacht, Vice President
17	Willie Pelote Pauline Brooks
18	One vacant Board seat
19	The mailing address for the individuals listed above is:
20	Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation 1107 9th Street, Suite 901
21	Sacramento, CA 95814
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12	<u>Exhibit F</u>
13	Exhibit F: Statement as to whether or not the group has been granted non-profit status
14	under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662(a)(2)(F)).
15	As set forth in the verification, above, CFCF has been granted non-profit status under Internal Revenue Code Section $501(a)$ 2 (Col. Code Reg. § 2662(a)(2)(F))
16	Revenue Code Section 501(c) 3 (Cal. Code Reg. § 2662(a)(2)(F)).
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6	<u>Exhibit G</u>
7	Exhibit G: A listing, by general category, of the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation 's funding sources for the prior twenty-four (24) months and the
8	approximate total percentage of Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation 's annual budget from each funding category. Each foundation, corporate, business, or government
9	grant shall be separately listed by name of foundation, corporation, business, or government
10	agency and amount of grant. For each individual who contributed at least five percent of the group's annual budget, the name of the individual and the total amount of the annual contribution
11	shall be separately listed (Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 10 § 2662.2(a)(2)(G));
12	Sources of Income and percentage of budget for 24 months from May 2016 through April 2018
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14	Cy Pres Awards42%Grants10%
15	Service Fees 48%
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17	Names of funding sources:
18	Strategic Claims Services (Brown v. US Money Reserve cy pres award) \$42,365.68
19	Consumer Federation of California (Service Fees) \$29,361.06 Meltz Communications (Service fees) \$20,000.00
20	Consumer Attorneys Public Interest Fund \$10,000.00
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