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12 **BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**
13 **OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

14 In the Matter of the Rates, Rating Plans, or
15 Rating Systems of

16 CSAA Insurance Exchange,
17 Respondent.

File No. NC-2024-00019

**SETTLEMENT STIPULATION AND
18 CONSENT TO ORDER; [PROPOSED]
19 CONSENT ORDER**

20 The DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA (the
21 “Department”) and CSAA INSURANCE EXCHANGE (“CSAA” or “Respondent”) (collectively
22 the “Parties”), stipulate as follows:

- 23 1. The Department has jurisdiction over Respondent, a licensed, admitted insurer in
24 the state of California.
- 25 2. At all relevant times, Respondent transacted the business of insurance in California
26 on risks or lines subject to the provisions of the California Insurance Code (“Insurance Code”)
27 and the California Code of Regulations (“Regulations”).
- 28 3. On March 6, 2024, Respondent submitted a rate filing for its Personal Umbrella
Program (Rate Filing No. 24-548 / SERFF No. WSUN-134023227).
4. During the review of Respondent’s rate filing, the Department discovered
Respondent had been charging unfiled and unapproved installment fees and non-sufficient fund
(“NSF”) fees since 2018, impacting 4,936 policies and 4,890 policyholders.
5. Based upon these facts as well as additional information and documents provided

1 to the Department, including but not limited to information contained in Respondent's rate filing
2 number 24-548, and as set forth in the Notice of Noncompliance, which has been provided to
3 Respondent, the Department is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Respondent
4 violated Insurance Code sections 1861.01(c) and 1861.05(a) by charging unfilled fees and using
5 rates not approved by the Commissioner.

6 6. Having fully reviewed the allegations of violations of the California Insurance
7 Code and Regulations as set forth in the Notice of Noncompliance filed in this matter,
8 Respondent hereby voluntarily and willingly enters into this Settlement Stipulation and Consent
9 to Order ("Stipulation") with the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California (hereafter
10 "Commissioner"), as a means of achieving a full and final resolution of the allegations set forth
11 in the Notice of Noncompliance, in lieu of an evidentiary hearing and Order.

12 7. Respondent has met and conferred with the Department regarding the facts and
13 circumstances giving rise to the allegations set out in the Notice of Noncompliance.

14 8. The Parties believe it is in the public interest to resolve this matter without the
15 need for a hearing or any other administrative action.

16 9. Respondent has undertaken several corrective steps as follows:

17 a. Respondent amended rate filing number 24-548 to include the installment fees
18 and NSF fees, which was approved on November 26, 2024.

19 b. On or before December 5, 2024, Respondent issued refunds to impacted
20 policyholders with 10% interest per annum:

21 i. For installment fees, Respondent issued 14,037 refunds, totaling
22 \$320,036.50 (\$245,239 plus \$74,797.70 in interest).

23 ii. For NSF fees, Respondent issued 127 refunds, totaling \$3,948 (\$2,900 plus
24 \$1,048 in interest).

25 10. Other than as set forth in this Stipulation, the Parties agree that no factual findings
26 or legal conclusions have been made.

27 11. By entering into this stipulated agreement, memorialized by this Stipulation,
28 Respondent makes no admission of liability, wrongdoing, or violation of law.

1 12. Respondent waives its rights to a hearing and any and all rights to which it may be
2 entitled pursuant to Chapter 5, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2, (Sections 11500-11529 of the California
3 Government Code), and Insurance Code Section 1858.1.

4 13. This Stipulation includes all acts related to Respondent's actions and inactions that
5 led the Department to issue the Notice of Noncompliance. Nothing in this Stipulation precludes
6 the Department from pursuing other action against Respondent based upon conduct that is not
7 described herein and in the Notice of Noncompliance.

8 14. The Parties intend this Stipulation to be an integrated writing representing the
9 complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or
10 contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments
11 (written or oral). This Stipulation may not be amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise
12 changed, except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

13 15. Respondent acknowledges that this Stipulation is a public record as required by
14 Government Code Section 11517(d), and that this Stipulation will be accessible to the public
15 pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Sections 6250 *et seq.* The
16 Stipulation will be posted on the Department's Internet website pursuant to Insurance Code
17 Section 12968.

18 16. Respondent acknowledges that Insurance Code Section 12921(b)(1) requires the
19 Insurance Commissioner of the State of California ("Commissioner") to approve the final
20 settlement of this matter. Both the settlement terms and conditions in this Stipulation and the
21 acceptance of those terms and conditions are contingent upon the Commissioner's approval,
22 which shall be evidenced and memorialized by the Commissioner's execution of the PROPOSED
23 CONSENT ORDER set forth below. By signing the Stipulation, Respondent understands and
24 agrees that it may not withdraw its agreement or rescind the Stipulation prior to the time the
25 Commissioner considers and acts upon the Stipulation and Proposed Consent Order. If the
26 Commissioner rejects the Stipulation and does not execute the proposed Consent Order, the
27 Stipulation shall be of no force and effect except for this paragraph, and it shall be inadmissible
28 in any legal action between the Parties. Any dispute over the admissibility, or lack thereof, of the

1 rejected stipulation and any related drafts or communications regarding settlement shall be
2 governed by applicable provisions of the California Insurance Code and related regulations, the
3 California Evidence Code, and any other applicable California law or regulation.

4 17. This Stipulation represents a full, final, and complete resolution and settlement of
5 all issues raised in the Notice of Noncompliance between the Department and Respondent and
6 supersedes and replaces prior negotiations, communications, or agreements on the subject matter
7 of this Stipulation. This Stipulation may not be modified unless agreed in a writing executed by
8 all parties and approved by an Order of the Commissioner.

9 18. This Stipulation will become final and effective only when it is approved and
10 expressly adopted by the Commissioner as evidenced by the execution of the Order below.

11 19. Discussions, admissions, concessions, or offers to stipulate or settle made by any
12 party in negotiating this Stipulation, are not discoverable, shall remain confidential, and shall not
13 be admissible for any purpose in any proceeding unless so authorized by a judicial officer (e.g.,
14 Administrative Law Judge or California Superior Court Judge) in compliance with applicable
15 California laws and regulations.

16 20. The Department and Respondent have participated jointly in the negotiation and
17 drafting of this Stipulation, and, in the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation
18 arises, this Stipulation shall be construed as jointly drafted by the Parties hereto, and no
19 presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the
20 authorship of any provision of this Agreement.

21 21. Nothing contained in this Stipulation and any executed Consent Order constitutes
22 a limitation upon or a waiver of the rights and powers of the Commissioner to enforce any
23 California law, to examine the rating, underwriting, and/or any other business practices of
24 Respondent, to take corrective or disciplinary action, to assess penalties against Respondent as
25 provided for by law, or to take such other action as necessary to protect the public based upon
26 conduct that is not addressed in the Notice of Noncompliance and in this Stipulation and any
27 executed Consent Order.
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22. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement and shall only become effective when counterparts have been signed and delivered by each of the Parties to the Department. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a “.pdf” format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the Party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or “.pdf” signature page was an original thereof.

23. Respondent acknowledges that it freely and voluntarily executed this Stipulation with full realization of its legal rights.

24. The Commissioner retains jurisdiction to ensure that the Parties comply with the provisions and terms of this Stipulation and the Order requested thereon.

25. The undersigned represent and warrant under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that they have full and complete authority to enter into this Stipulation and bind the party on whose behalf they are signing to all of the terms of this Stipulation.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: July 7, 2026

CSAA INSURANCE EXCHANGE

By



Caraine Leon Guerrero, Director, Market Regulation

Dated: June 25, 2026

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

By

Jennifer McCune

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Rate Enforcement Bureau

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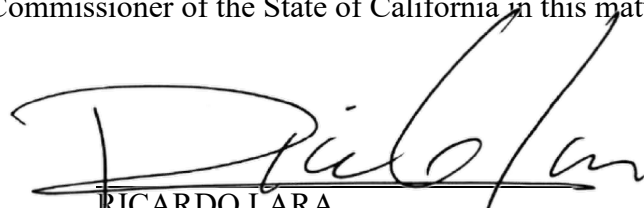
**ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATION AND
CONSENT ORDER**

10 **CONSENT ORDER**

11 Having reviewed the parties' Stipulation and good cause appearing, I approve the terms
12 of the Stipulation and adopt and incorporate those terms by reference as though fully set forth
13 herein as the Order of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California in this matter.

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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16 Dated: July 9, 2026

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19 California Insurance Commissioner
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