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6 **BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**
7 **OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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9 In the Matter of the Rate Application of

File No.: PA-2024-00009

10 USAA Casualty Insurance
Company,

SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

11 Applicant.

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13 USAA Casualty Insurance Company (“Applicant”), Consumer Watchdog (“Petitioner”),
14 and the California Department of Insurance (“Department”) (collectively, the “Parties”) stipulate
15 as follows:

16 **RECITALS**

17 A. The Applicant is licensed by the Department to conduct insurance business in
18 California.

19 B. On March 27, 2024, Applicant filed for a rate increase to its private passenger auto
20 line of insurance (File No. 24-744 [“Application”]) with an overall rate impact of 19.8%.

21 C. On April 19, 2024, pursuant to California Insurance Code (“CIC”) section
22 1861.05(c), the Department notified the public of the Application.

23 D. On June 3, 2024, Petitioner submitted a timely Petition for Hearing, Petition to
24 Intervene, and Notice of Intent to Seek Compensation regarding the Application.

25 E. On June 18, 2024, the Commissioner issued an Order Denying Consumer
26 Watchdog’s Petition to Intervene.

27 F. On June 27, 2024, Petitioner submitted a combined Petition for Hearing, Amended
28 Petition to Intervene, and Notice of Intent to Seek Compensation.

1 G. On July 12, 2024, the Commissioner granted Petitioner's Amended Petition to
2 Intervene (only) without ruling on Petitioner's Petition for Hearing, which was reserved for later
3 decision.

4 H. The Parties have engaged in discussions regarding the Application and additional
5 information and analysis that the Parties provided.

6 I. As a result of the Parties' discussions and negotiations, Applicants updated the
7 Application per the Parties' agreement.

8 **STIPULATION**

9 1. This Stipulation, together with the updated Application and the Commissioner's
10 approval in SERFF, represents the complete and final settlement resolving all issues between the
11 Parties regarding the Application.

12 2. Based upon the Application and additional information that the Parties provided,
13 the Parties agree that an overall rate increase of 11%, with a target effective date on or after June
14 12, 2025, complies with the applicable laws and regulations and results in rates that are not
15 excessive, not inadequate, and not unfairly discriminatory. Applicant has made appropriate
16 updated filings in SERFF to reflect the overall rate change as well as agreed-upon rate changes by
17 coverage.

18 3. Approval of the Application described in this Stipulation will only be effective
19 when approved by the Commissioner in SERFF in accordance with the overall rate change set
20 forth in paragraph 2.

21 4. Consistent with 10 CCR sections 2656.1(b) and 2662.3(c), no agreement regarding
22 Petitioner's compensation has been made. However, the Parties agree that the Commissioner's
23 approval of the Application, consistent with this Stipulation, will be a decision or order within the
24 meaning of CIC section 1861.10(b). Petitioner agrees to submit any request for compensation to
25 the Public Advisor within 30 days after notice of the Commissioner's approval in SERFF.

26 5. Petitioner agrees to withdraw its Petition for Hearing effective as of the date of
27 Petitioner's execution of this Stipulation, provided the Application is approved by the
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1 Commissioner in SERFF in accordance with the agreed upon rate change set forth in paragraph 2
2 within 10 days.

3 6. This Stipulation is made solely to reach a compromise among the Parties. The
4 Commissioner's approval of the Application shall not constitute approval of or precedent
5 regarding any principle or any issue in any other proceeding.

6 7. The Commissioner retains jurisdiction to ensure that the Parties comply with this
7 Stipulation.

8 8. Nothing in this Settlement Stipulation constitutes a limitation upon or a waiver of
9 the Commissioner's rights and powers to enforce any California law, examine the Applicant's
10 rating practices, or take such other action as necessary to protect the public.

11 9. This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts.

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13 Dated: April 2, 2025

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

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15 By /s/ Vanessa Wells

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17 Dated: April 3, 2025

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