

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 48(2020)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Automobile*
2 *Insurance Act*, RSNL 1990, c. A-22,
3 as amended, and regulations
4 thereunder; and
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6 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application
7 by Unifund Assurance Company for
8 approval to implement a revised rating
9 program for its Private Passenger
10 Automobiles category of automobile
11 insurance.
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14 **WHEREAS** on June 24, 2020 Unifund Assurance Company applied to the Board for approval of
15 a revised rating program under the Expedited Approval option for its Private Passenger
16 Automobiles category of automobile insurance; and
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18 **WHEREAS** Unifund Assurance Company filed an overall rate level indication of +4.8% and
19 proposed an overall rate level change of +2.0% that varied by coverage; and
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21 **WHEREAS** on July 9, 2020 the Board's actuarial consultants, Oliver Wyman Limited (“Oliver
22 Wyman”), filed a report of findings with the Board which identified key areas of the filing for the
23 Board's consideration; and
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25 **WHEREAS** Oliver Wyman found the proposed overall rate level change of +2.0% to be
26 supported; and
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28 **WHEREAS** the Board finds the proposed rate change is in accordance with the Expedited
29 Approval Filing Guidelines as it does not exceed +3.0% in one year, does not cumulatively exceed
30 +6.0% in three years, and does not result in dislocation to any vehicle premium greater than
31 +10.0% overall after capping; and
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33 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are just and reasonable in the
34 circumstances, do not impair the solvency of the insurer, are not excessive in relation to the
35 financial circumstances of the insurer, and do not violate the *Automobile Insurance Act* or the
36 *Insurance Companies Act* or the respective regulations thereunder.

1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

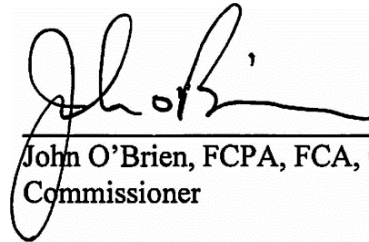
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1. The revised rating program received on June 24, 2020 from Unifund Assurance Company for its Private Passenger Automobiles category of automobile insurance is approved to be effective no sooner than September 1, 2020 for new business and October 1, 2020 renewals.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 17th day of July, 2020.



Darlene Whalen, P. Eng., FEC
Chair and Chief Executive Officer



John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner



Sara Kean
Assistant Board Secretary