

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 64(2020)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Automobile*
2 *Insurance Act*, RSNL 1990, c. A-22 (the
3 “*Act*”), as amended and regulations
4 thereunder; and
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6 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application
7 by The Sovereign General Insurance
8 Company for approval to implement a
9 revised rating program for its Public
10 Vehicles category of automobile
11 insurance.
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14 **WHEREAS** on July 14, 2020 The Sovereign General Insurance Company (“Sovereign”) applied
15 to the Board for approval of a revised rating program under the IAO filing option for the following
16 types of Public Vehicles: (i) Ambulances; (ii) Private Buses - Hotel, Golf & Country Club; (iii)
17 Private Buses - Used to Transport Employees; (iv) Public Buses; (v) School Buses; and (vi) Taxis;
18 and
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20 **WHEREAS** the IAO filing option may be used by insurers to adopt the most recent IAO rating
21 program accepted for use by the Board; and
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23 **WHEREAS** the IAO filing option may also be used to introduce deviations to the IAO rating
24 program by insurers that are proposing to adopt or are currently using IAO rates; and
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26 **WHEREAS** Sovereign proposed to adopt the IAO rating program for Public Vehicles accepted
27 for use by the Board in Information Bulletin A.I. 2020-06 issued on May 5, 2020; and
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29 **WHEREAS** Sovereign proposed a number of deviations to the Board accepted IAO rating
30 program; and
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32 **WHEREAS** Sovereign noted that it did not have sufficient volume to justify a rating program
33 based on company specific data; and
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35 **WHEREAS** Sovereign provided rationale for its proposed deviations to the IAO rating program;
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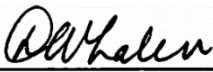
1 **WHEREAS** the revised rating program is filed in accordance with the IAO Filing Guidelines and
2 is supported; and

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4 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are just and reasonable in the
5 circumstances, do not impair the solvency of the insurer, are not excessive in relation to the
6 financial circumstances of the insurer, and do not violate the *Automobile Insurance Act* or the
7 *Insurance Companies Act* or the respective regulations thereunder.
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10 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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12 1. The revised rating program received July 14, 2020 from The Sovereign General Insurance
13 Company for its Public Vehicles category of automobile insurance is approved to be effective
14 no sooner than October 13, 2020 for new business and November 12, 2020 for renewals.


DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 13th day of August, 2020.



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



Christopher Pike, LL.B., FCIP
Commissioner



Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary