## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

## NO. A.I. 27(2021)

- 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 5
- 6 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
- 7 Northbridge General Insurance
- 8 Corporation for approval to implement a
- 9 revised rating program for its Private
- 10 Passenger Automobiles category of
- 11 automobile insurance.
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- WHEREAS on June 14, 2021 Northbridge General Insurance Corporation ("NGIC") applied to
   the Board for approval of a revised rating program under the IAO filing option for its Private
   Passenger Automobiles category of automobile insurance; and
- 18 WHEREAS on July 14, 2021 NGIC submitted a revised proposal; and
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- WHEREAS the IAO filing option may be used by insurers to adopt the most recent IAO rating
   program accepted for use by the Board; and
- WHEREAS the IAO filing option may also be used to introduce deviations to the IAO rating
  program by insurers that are proposing to adopt or are currently using IAO rates; and
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- WHEREAS NGIC proposed to adopt the IAO rating program for Private Passenger Automobiles
   accepted for use by the Board in Information Bulletin A.I. 2020-08 issued on September 14, 2020;
   and
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- WHEREAS NGIC proposed a number of deviations to the Board-accepted IAO rating program;
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- WHEREAS NGIC proposed to adopt 2021 CLEAR; and
- 35 WHERAS NGIC proposed a number of underwriting, endorsement and rating rule changes; and

WHEREAS NGIC noted that it did not have sufficient volume to justify a rating program based
 on company specific data; and
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WHEREAS NGIC provided rationale for its proposed deviations to the IAO rating program and
 for the proposed underwriting, endorsement and rating rule changes; and

WHEREAS the revised rating program is filed in accordance with the IAO Filing Guidelines and
 is supported; and

10 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are just and reasonable in the 11 circumstances, do not impair the solvency of the insurer, are not excessive in relation to the 12 financial circumstances of the insurer, and do not violate the *Automobile Insurance Act* or the 13 *Insurance Companies Act* or the respective regulations thereunder.

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## 16 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

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The revised rating program received July 14, 2021 from Northbridge General Insurance
 Corporation for its Private Passenger Automobiles category of automobile insurance is
 approved to be effective no sooner than April 25, 2022 for new business and June 9, 2022 for
 renewals.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA Commissioner

Sara Kean Assistant Board Secretary