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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 44(2021)

- 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 Co-operators General Insurance
- 8 Company for approval of rating program
- 9 changes for its Commercial Vehicles
- 10 category of automobile insurance.
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13 WHEREAS on August 10, 2021 Co-operators General Insurance Company ("Co-op") applied to 14 the Board under the Supplemental filing option for approval of rating program changes for its 15 Commercial Vehicles category of automobile insurance; and

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- 17 WHEREAS on October 19, 2021 the Board received an amendment from Co-op to correct errors 18 discovered in its original submission; and
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- 20 WHEREAS Co-op proposed an overall rate level change of 0.0% which included the following:
 - a) Differential changes;
 - b) Rating variable changes;
 - c) Discount and surcharge changes;
 - d) Rating rule and definition changes;
 - e) New minimum deductible requirements;
- 26 f) Adoption of the 2021 CLEAR rate table; 27
 - g) Discontinuation of IAO rate group; and
 - h) Base rate changes by coverage to achieve revenue neutrality; and
- 30 WHEREAS Co-op also proposed to introduce a new capping method to mitigate the dislocation 31 of the rating program changes at renewal and estimated the overall rate level change on a capped 32 basis to be -5.4%; and
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34 WHEREAS on October 25, 2021 the Board's actuarial consultants, Oliver Wyman Limited

35 ("Oliver Wyman"), filed a report of findings with the Board which identified key areas of the filing

for the Board's consideration; and 36

1 **WHEREAS** Oliver Wyman reported that it found the proposed rating program changes to be 2 reasonable and supported based on the analysis and judgements made by Co-op; and

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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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

 The revised rating program received October 19, 2021 from Co-operators General Insurance Company for its Commercial Vehicles category of automobile insurance is approved to be effective no sooner than February 16, 2022 for new business and March 18 2022 for renewals.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 5th day of November, 2021.

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

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA Commissioner

Sara Kean Assistant Board Secretary