

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 51(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 The Sovereign General Insurance
8 Company for approval to implement
9 a revised rating program for its
10 Commercial Vehicles and Interurban
11 Trucks category of automobile insurance.
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14 **WHEREAS** on November 12, 2021, The Sovereign General Insurance Company (“Sovereign”) applied to the Board for approval of a revised rating program under the IAO filing option for its Commercial Vehicles and Interurban Trucks category of automobile insurance; and
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18 **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
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21 **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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24 **WHEREAS** Sovereign proposed to adopt the IAO rating program for Commercial Vehicles and Interurban Trucks accepted for use by the Board in Information Bulletin A.I. 2021-04 issued on June 8, 2021; and
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28 **WHEREAS** Sovereign also proposed a number of deviations to the Board-accepted IAO rating program; and
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31 **WHEREAS** Sovereign noted that it did not have sufficient volume to justify a rating program based on company specific data; and
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34 **WHEREAS** Sovereign provided rationale for its proposed deviations to the IAO rating program; and
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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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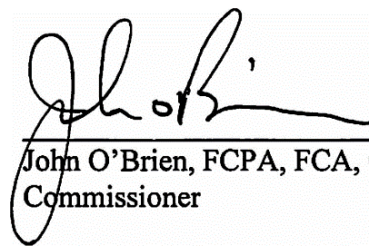
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10 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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12 1. The revised rating program received November 12, 2021 from The Sovereign General
13 Insurance Company for its Commercial Vehicles and Interurban Trucks category of
14 automobile insurance is approved to be effective no sooner than April 17, 2022 for new
15 business and renewals.

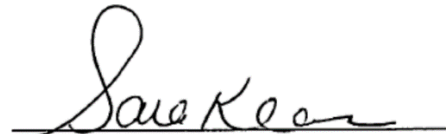
DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 3rd day of December, 2021.



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



John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner



Sara Kean
Assistant Board Secretary