NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 56(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 Miscellaneous Vehicles category of
- 11 automobile insurance.
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14 WHEREAS on November 30, 2021, The Sovereign General Insurance Company ("Sovereign") 15 applied to the Board for approval of a revised rating program under the IAO filing option for its

- 16 Miscellaneous Vehicles category of automobile insurance, including the All-Terrain Vehicles,
- 17 Camper Units, Motorcycles and Mopeds, Motorhomes, Snow Vehicles and Trailers vehicle
- 18 classes; 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
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- 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 Sovereign proposed to adopt the IAO rating program for Miscellaneous Vehicles
 accepted for use by the Board in Information Bulletin A.I. 2021-04 issued on June 8, 2021; and
- WHEREAS Sovereign also proposed a number of deviations to the Board-accepted IAO rating
 program; and
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- 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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- 35 **WHEREAS** Sovereign provided rationale for its proposed deviations to the IAO rating program;
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WHEREAS the revised rating program is filed in accordance with the IAO Filing Guidelines and
 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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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

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- 12 1. The revised rating program received November 30, 2021 from The Sovereign General 13 Insurance Company for its Miscellaneous Vehicles category of automobile insurance is
- 14 approved to be effective no sooner than May 22, 2022 for new business and renewals.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 14th day of December, 2021.

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

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary