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10 **NO. A. I. 17 (2007)**

11 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Automobile,*  
12 *Insurance Act*, RSNL 1990, c. A-22, as  
13 amended (the “*Act*”);

14 **AND**

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16 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
17 The Sovereign General Insurance Company (the “Applicant”)  
18 to adopt the rates and rating program of  
19 Canadian Union Insurance Company (“Canadian Union”)  
20 for its private passenger class of business.  
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24 **WHEREAS** on October 15, 2007, the Applicant applied to adopt the rates and rating program of  
25 Canadian Union for its private passenger class of business; and  
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27 **WHEREAS** by Board Order A.I. 4 (2007) dated May 14, 2007, the Board approved a revised rating  
28 program for the Private Passenger class of business of Canadian Union.  
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30 **WHEREAS** the Applicant and Canadian Union are member companies of the Co-operators Group of  
31 Companies; and  
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33 **WHEREAS**, the Applicant shares Canadian Union’s claims management and settlement processes; and  
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35 **WHEREAS** the Applicant writes principally commercial automobile insurance in the province and writes  
36 limited private passenger automobile insurance to accommodate its commercial clients; and  
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38 **WHEREAS** in 2006 the Applicant wrote nine private passenger vehicles with a total written premium of  
39 \$8,000; and  
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41 **WHEREAS** Canadian Union is principally a writer of private passenger automobile insurance in the  
42 province; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Applicant has, since 2003, with Board approval utilized the rating program of Canadian  
2 Union; and

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4 **WHEREAS** the Applicant's private passenger automobile insurance experience in the province is  
5 insufficient on which to base an actuarially-justified rate filing; and

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7 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the use by the Applicant of Canadian Union's rating manual and  
8 rating program is appropriate under the circumstances.

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11 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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13 1. With effect from January 5, 2008:

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15 The application by The Sovereign General Insurance Company to utilize the private-passenger rating  
16 program of Canadian Union Insurance Company is approved.

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18 2. The Applicant shall annually commencing before March 30, 2008 and continuing thereafter until it  
19 applies to the Board for approval of a rating program based on its own experience report to the Board  
20 the numbers of private passenger automobiles written and the premiums associated therewith.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 5th day of December 2007.

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Robert Noseworthy  
Chairperson & Chief Executive Officer

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Darlène Whalen, P.Eng.  
Vice-Chairperson

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G. Cheryl Blundon,  
Board Secretary