

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *ex rel.*  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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v.

CASE NO. INS-2021-00104

UTICA NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY,  
Defendant

SETTLEMENT ORDER

Based on a market conduct investigation performed by the Bureau of Insurance ("Bureau"), it is alleged that Utica National Assurance Company ("Defendant"), duly licensed by the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to transact the business of insurance in the Commonwealth of Virginia ("Virginia"), in certain instances violated § 38.2-317 A of the Code of Virginia ("Code") by issuing insurance policies or endorsements in Virginia without having filed such policies or endorsements with the Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to their effective date.

The Commission is authorized by §§ 38.2-218, 38.2-219, and 38.2-1040 of the Code to impose certain monetary penalties, issue cease and desist orders, and suspend or revoke a defendant's license upon a finding by the Commission, after notice and opportunity to be heard, that a defendant has committed the aforesaid alleged violation.

The Defendant has been advised of the right to a hearing in this matter whereupon the Defendant, without admitting or denying any violation of Virginia law, has made an offer of settlement to the Commission wherein the Defendant has agreed to comply with the corrective action plan outlined in company correspondence dated June 14, 2021; and has waived the right to a hearing.

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The Bureau has recommended that the Commission accept the offer of settlement of the Defendant pursuant to the authority granted the Commission in § 12.1-15 of the Code.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the record herein, the offer of settlement of the Defendant, and the recommendation of the Bureau, is of the opinion that the Defendant's offer should be accepted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The offer of the Defendant in settlement of the matter set forth herein is hereby accepted.
2. This case is dismissed, and the papers herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.

A COPY of this order shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission by electronic mail to: Louisa S. Ruffine, Esquire, Associate General Counsel, Compliance Officer and Secretary, Utica National Insurance Group, at [louisa.ruffine@uticanational.com](mailto:louisa.ruffine@uticanational.com), P.O. Box 530, Utica, New York 13503; and a copy shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and the Bureau of Insurance in care of Deputy Commissioner Rebecca Nichols.