NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATION AND HEARING AGENDA

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption, Amendment or Repeal of Regulations of The Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance

The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance ("Division"), (775) 687-0700, will hold a public hearing at **1:30 p.m. on January 3, 2018,** in the 1st Floor Hearing Room, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Interested persons may also participate through a simultaneous videoconference conducted in the 4th Floor Nevada Room at the Nevada State Business Center / Division of Insurance, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 275, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations pertaining to chapter(s) 690C of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC").

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 233B.0603 and the directives of the Governor:

LCB File No. R093-17. Service Contract Filings (SERFF).

A regulation relating to service contracts; requiring a provider of a service contract to file a service contract with the Commissioner of Insurance and pay certain fees by using certain electronic means; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

(1) Why is the regulation necessary and what is its purpose?

The purpose of this regulation is to mandate that Nevada registered service contract providers use the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing ("SERFF") to file forms for approval by the Division of Insurance and Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") to pay the associated filing fee.

(2) What are the terms or substance of the proposed regulation?

The proposed regulation amends NAC 690C.100 to specify that service contract providers must submit proposed service contract forms for approval by the Division using SERFF and that the filing fee must be paid using the EFT function in SERFF.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") oversees the operation of SERFF. SERFF expedites the filing review and approval process. With SERFF, filings and communications between the filer and reviewer are instantaneous. SERFF allows both the Division and industry to conveniently maintain and retrieve documents electronically, thus providing additional efficiencies and reducing the need for storage of paper filings. Currently, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and over 3,000 insurance companies participate in SERFF. Thirty-five states have already mandated that filings be submitted using SERFF in at least one business area with twenty-two states mandating EFT payments for SERFF filings.

(3) What is the anticipated impact of the regulation on the problem(s)?

The service contract filing review and approval process will be expedited with communication between filer and reviewer being instantaneous.

(4) Do other regulations address the same problem(s)?

No.

(5) Are alternate forms of regulation sufficient to address the problem(s)?

No.

(6) What value does the regulation have to the public?

Service contract providers will be able to bring their products to market more quickly.

- (7) What is the anticipated economic benefit of the regulation?
 - a. Public
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
 - b. Insurance Business
 - 1. Immediate: Filing through SERFF is cheaper for most companies. Filings can be approved more quickly.
 - 2. Long Term: Filing through SERFF is cheaper for most companies. Filings can be approved more quickly.
 - c. Small Businesses
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
 - d. Small Communities
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
 - e. Government Entities
 - 1. Immediate: Filing review and approval is more efficient using SERFF.
 - 2. Long Term: Filing review and approval is more efficient using SERFF.
- (8) What is the anticipated <u>adverse impact</u>, if any?
 - a. Public
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
 - b. Insurance Business
 - 1. Immediate: There are some costs associated with setup and training to

use the SERFF system.

- 2. Long Term: *None*
- c. Small Businesses
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
- d. Small Communities
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
- e. Government Entities
 - 1. Immediate: None
 - 2. Long Term: *None*
- (9) What is the anticipated cost of the regulation, both direct and indirect?
 - a. Enactment None
 - b. Enforcement None
 - c. Compliance None
- (10) Provide a statement indicating whether the regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

There are no new fees or increases to existing fees.

(11) Provide a statement which identifies the methods used by the agency in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business, prepared pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 233B.0608.

Attached.

(12) Provide a description of any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates, and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, state the name of the regulating federal agency.

None.

(13) If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, provide a citation and description of the federal law.

Not applicable.

(14) If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, provide a summary of such provisions.

Not applicable.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed actions of the Division may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to the Division, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Written submissions must be received by the Division on or before December 27, 2017. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Division may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed will be on file at the State Library, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation will be available at the offices of the Division, 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, and 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 275, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at http://leg.state.nv.us/register/. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will be mailed to members of the public upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copies if it is deemed necessary. This does not apply to a public body subject to the Open Meeting Law.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

Notice of the hearing was provided via electronic means to all persons on the agency's email list for administrative regulations, and this Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulation was posted to the agency's Internet Web site at http://doi.nv.gov/ and was provided to or posted at the following locations:

Nevada Division of Insurance 1818 East College Parkway, Suite 103 Carson City, Nevada 89706

Legislative Building 401 South Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Blasdel Building 209 East Musser Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Capitol Building Main Floor 101 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701 Nevada Division of Insurance 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 275 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Nevada State Business Center 3300 West Sahara Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

Grant Sawyer Building 555 East Washington Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation 2800 E. Saint Louis Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89104 Nevada State Library & Archives 100 North Stewart Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Churchill County Library 553 South Main Street Fallon, Nevada 89406

Elko County Library 720 Court Street Elko, Nevada 89801

Eureka Branch Library P.O. Box 293 Eureka, Nevada 89316

Lander County Library P.O. Box 141 Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820

Lincoln County Library P.O. Box 330 Pioche, Nevada 89043-0330

Mineral County Public Library P.O. Box 1390 Hawthorne, Nevada 89415

Storey County Clerk P.O. Drawer D Virginia City, Nevada 89440

Washoe County/Downtown Reno Library P.O. Box 2151

Reno, Nevada 89505-2151

Carson City Library 900 North Roop Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Douglas County Library P.O. Box 337 Minden, Nevada 89423

Esmeralda County Library P.O. Box 430 Goldfield, Nevada 89013

Humboldt County Library 85 East 5th Street Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District 7060 W. Windmill Lane Las Vegas, NV 89113

Lyon County Library 20 Nevin Way Yerington, Nevada 89447

Pershing County Library P.O. Box 781 Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Tonopah Public Library P.O. Box 449 Tonopah, Nevada 89049

White Pine County Library 950 Campton Street Ely, Nevada 89301

Members of the public who would like additional information about the proposed regulation may contact Erin Summers, Actuarial Analyst, at (775) 687-0765, or via e-mail to esummers@doi.nv.gov.

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the hearing are requested to notify the Commissioner's secretary, in writing, no later than five (5) working days before the hearing: 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706, or suebell@doi.nv.gov.

DATED this _29th_ day of November, 2017.

BARBARA D. RICHARDSON Commissioner of Insurance

By: /s/
LAURIE SQUARTSOFF
Chief Deputy Commissioner
With Delegation of Authority

HEARING AGENDA

The State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Insurance

January 3, 2018 • 1:30 p.m.

Location of Hearing:

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Available via Videoconference at:

Nevada Division of Insurance 3300 W. Sahara Ave., 4th Floor Nevada Room Las Vegas, NV 89102 (Division Offices located in Suite 275)

- 1. **Open Hearing: R093-17.**
- 2. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of Proposed Regulation. (For Possible Action)

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- 3. Public Comment.
- 4. Close Hearing: R093-17.
- 5. Adjournment.

Supporting public material for this hearing may be requested from Susan Bell, Legal Secretary, Nevada Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89706, (775) 687-0704, or suebell@doi.nv.gov.

Note: Any agenda item may be taken out of order; items may be combined for consideration by the public body; items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time; and, discussion relating to an item may be delayed or continued at any time. The Hearing Officer, within his/her

discretion, may allow for public comment on individual agenda items. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per speaker.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments for the record.

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The State of Nevada Website (www.nv.gov)

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