TO: ALL PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANIES LICENSED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FROM: KARIMA WOODS, ACTING COMMISSIONER

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY POSTPONEMENT OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY RATE INCREASES DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The purpose of this Bulletin is to notify all property and casualty insurers that for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (“Department”) will temporarily postpone all rate increases filed during the Public Health Emergency to provide further relief to policyholders, effective immediately.


To provide relief to policyholders, the Commissioner issued Commissioner’s Order 03-2020 on May 9, 2020. To supplement those measures, the Commissioner, pursuant to § 302 of the Act, codified at D.C. Official Code § 31-104.01, which grants the Commissioner emergency authority, including the powers to impose a “temporary postponement of premium increases,” announces that for the duration of the Public Health Emergency, the Department will not approve any rate increases or permit any insurer to “file and use” rates without the Commissioner’s prior approval. This temporary postponement of premium rate increases shall not apply to filings to reduce premiums rates.
Any questions or concerns regarding this Bulletin may be directed to Robert Nkojo at robert.nkojo@dc.gov.

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