# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In Re: Declaration of Emergency Pursuant to Section 6218 of the Oklahoma Insurance Code

) ) Case No. 14-0367-EMG FILED

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INGURANCE COMMISSIONER

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY AND ORDER**

The State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John Doak, Insurance Commissioner, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, issues this order based upon the following findings and conclusions of law, to wit:

#### JURISDICTION

1. That John Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and as such is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101-7301.

2. That pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6218, in the event of a catastrophe, the Insurance Commissioner may declare an emergency to exist, and in the event of such declaration, the Commissioner may issue a license as an emergency adjuster to any resident or nonresident applicant.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

That on or about April 3, 2014 through April 4, 2014, a severe outbreak of storms caused widespread damage to people and property in the State of Oklahoma, resulting in a catastrophe and that as a result of this catastrophe, an emergency exists.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. That, pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6218, in the event of a catastrophe, the Insurance Commissioner may declare an emergency to exist, and in the event of such a declaration, the Commissioner may issue a license as an emergency adjuster to any resident or nonresident applicant. 2. That, pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6218, an individual licensed as an emergency adjuster pursuant to that section may only adjust claims related to that catastrophe.

3. That, pursuant 36 O.S. § 6218, a license as an emergency adjuster shall remain in force for not more than ninety (90) days from the date of issue, unless extended for an additional ninety (90) days by the Commissioner.

4. That, pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6218, the Insurance Commissioner should declare that an emergency exists.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED AND ORDERED by the Insurance Commissioner that an emergency exists due to a catastrophe caused by a severe outbreak of storms on or about April 3, 2014 through April 4, 2014, causing widespread damage to the people and property of the State of Oklahoma.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that emergency licenses may hereby be issued to those applicants who are certified as required by the Commissioner by an adjuster licensed in this state or by an insurer who maintains an office in this state and is licensed to do business in this state to serve as emergency adjusters pursuant to 36 O.S. § 6218 only to adjust losses occurring as a result of the catastrophe due to a severe outbreak of storms on or around April 3, 2014 through April 4, 2014.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 9th day of April, 2014.



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PAUL WILKENING First Deputy Commissioner Oklahoma Insurance Department

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