BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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| STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. |) | APR 1 9 2016 |
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| DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, |) | INSUPANCE COMMISSIONE |
| Petitioner,) | | OKLAHOMA |
| VS. |) | Case No. 16-0235-DIS |
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| ARGONAUT—SOUTHWEST INSURANCE |) | |
| COMPANY, a licensed insurance company |) | |
| doing business in the State of Oklahoma, |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel, Senior Attorney Kelley C. Callahan, and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma ("the Insurance Commissioner"); therefore, he is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq, as well as 85A O.S. § 31(D) of the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.
- 2. Respondent Argonaut—Southwest Insurance Company ("Respondent") is a licensed insurance company doing business in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 19844.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Title 85A, Section 31(D) of the Oklahoma statutes, provides in pertinent part that "Any mutual or interinsurance association, stock company, or other insurance company, which is subject to regulation by the Insurance Commissioner, or CompSource Oklahoma, failing to make

payments required in this act promptly and correctly, and failing to report payment of the same to the Insurance Commissioner within ten (10) days of payment shall be subject to administrative penalties as allowed by law, including but not limited to a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is greater, to be paid to the Insurance Commissioner."

- 2. On February 3, 2015, the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("the OID") sent a Notice of Potential Penalty via e-mail to Respondent advising the OID had not received the Workers' Compensation Multiple Injury Trust Fund Assessment Report filing from the Respondent as required by 85A O.S. § 31(D) for the Quarter ending December 31, 2015 (the "Notice").
- 3. The Notice advised Respondent the Department was giving it the opportunity to correct its non-compliance by immediately providing the OID with (1) a copy of the WC-10 MITF Assessment Report (includes zero premium reports) for the applicable Quarter(s) filed with the Oklahoma Tax Commission ("the OTC"), and (b) a copy of the applicable Quarter(s) check(s) (if payment was due) paid to the OTC.
- 4. The Notice further advised Respondent to provide the documents referenced above within 15 days by e-mail (<u>Jeanette.pearce@oid.ok.gov</u>), by fax (405-522-2640) or mail to: Oklahoma Insurance Department, ATTN: Financial Division, 3625 NW 56th St. Ste. 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73112-4511.
- 5. Finally, the Notice informed Respondent that should a violation of 85A O.S. § 31(D) be confirmed by the OID, Respondent would be subject to administrative penalties as allowed by law, including, but not limited to, a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is greater, to be paid to the

Insurance Commissioner. The Respondent did not act on the Department's Notice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. While Respondent did timely file a WC-10 Form payment report for the Fourth Quarter of 2015 to the OTC and made payment to the OTC on December 31, 2015, Respondent nevertheless violated 85A O.S. § 31(D) by a failure to do two things. First, Respondent failed to file and submit to the OID a copy of the same WC-10 report Respondent sent the OTC covering the Fourth Quarter of 201. Second, Respondent failed to demonstrate proof of payment actually made to the OTC for the Fourth Quarter of 2015 by sending the OID a copy of check of other instrument used to pay the OTC.
- 2. Pursuant to 85A O.S. § 31(D), as a result of these failures, Respondent is subject to administrative penalties as allowed by law, including but not limited to a fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the unpaid amount, whichever is greater, to be paid to the Insurance Commissioner.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Argonaut-Southwest Insurance Company be FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Respondent is further notified that it may request a hearing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Order, and upon such request, the Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to Kelley C. Callahan, Senior Attorney, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, and state the basis for requesting the hearing.

If Respondent does not request a hearing within the thirty (30) days allotted, this Order shall become a **FINAL ORDER** on the 31st day following the Respondent's receipt of the Order and the **FINE** ordered herein shall be due and payable to the Insurance Commissioner.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this day of April, 2016.

JOHN D. DOAK

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to Be Heard* was mailed certified, return receipt requested, on this day of April, 2016, to:

Argonaut-Southwest Insurance Company P.O. Box 469011 San Antonio, TX 78246-9011 Certified Mail No. 7015 3010 0001 4604 5856

Kelley C Callahan

Senior Attorney

Oklahoma Insurance Department



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