BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. GLEN	
MULREADY, Insurance Commissioner,	
Petitioner,) Mourano 2020
vs.) OK COM
ERIC J. MICHAELS, a licensed producer in) AHOMA SSIONER
the State of Oklahoma,) CASE NO. 21-0621-DIS
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Respondent.)

CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Glen Mulready, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel, Andrea M. Golden, and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. Glen Mulready 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. §§ 101-7401, including the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act, 36 O.S. §1250.1 et seq..
- 2. Respondent Eric J. Michaels, ("Respondent"), is a licensed producer, holding license number 3001122845, authorized to write life insurance in the State of Oklahoma. Respondent's address of record is 11240 Greenbriar Chase Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73170-3217.
- 3. If Respondent requests a hearing in writing pursuant to *OAC 365:1-7-1*, the Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to *36 O.S.* §319, will appoint an independent hearing examiner who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer and preside over the hearing requested by Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about October 7, 2021, the Consumer Assistance Division of the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID") received a consumer complaint.
- 2. On or about October 28, 2021, OID e-mailed a letter to Respondent and requested a response within twenty (20) days from the date of receipt. The OID file number for this matter is #90824. The letter was emailed to mytermadvantage@gmail.com, Respondent's recorded business email in the State Based System ("SBS").
- 3. The twentieth (20th) day after the date of the letter was November 17, 2021. Respondent failed to provide an adequate response to the aforementioned letter on or before November 17, 2021.
- 4. On November 18, 2021, OID e-mailed a follow up letter to Respondent, again requesting a response. The follow up letter was also e-mailed to mytermadvantage@gmail.com.
- 5. As of the date of this Order, Respondent has failed to provide an adequate response to the aforementioned letters from OID.
- 6. Pursuant to 36 O.S. §1250.4(B), "[a]ny person subject to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner, upon receipt of any inquiry from the Commissioner shall, within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of receipt of the inquiry, furnish the Commissioner with an adequate response to the inquiry. The Commissioner may, upon good cause shown and on a case-by-case basis, extend the time allowed for a response for up to seven (7) additional calendar days. Any inquiry or response subject to this subsection shall be delivered electronically."
- 7. Pursuant to 36 O.S. §1250.14, the Insurance Commissioner may, after notice and hearing, subject an insurer to a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each violation of the Unfair Claims Settlement Practices

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent has violated 36 O.S. §1250.4(B) by failing to furnish an adequate response to inquiry letters from the Commissioner within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of each respective inquiry.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent shall provide a response to the Oklahoma Insurance Department letters referenced above and is hereby CENSURED and FINED in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). The response and fine shall be submitted to the Oklahoma Insurance Department within thirty (30) days of the date of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. The fine shall be sent to the Oklahoma Insurance Department located at 400 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Failure to comply with a proper order of the Commissioner will result in further administrative action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless Respondent requests a hearing with respect to the Findings of Fact set forth above within thirty (30) days of the date of this Conditional Order, the penalties set forth above will become a Final Order on the thirty-first (31st) day following the date of mailing this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing and addressed to Andrea M. Golden, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 400 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The request for hearing must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order and must be served on the Oklahoma Insurance Department within the thirty (30) days allotted. The proceedings on such requested hearing will be conducted in

accordance with the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 through 324. If Respondent serves a timely request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order will act as a notice of the matters to be reviewed at the hearing and the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and penalties imposed in this Conditional Order shall be considered withdrawn, pending final resolution at the hearing.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 30 day of December 2021.



GLEN MULREADY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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