

**IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In Re:)
)
FEDERAL INSURANCE) **Market Conduct Examination #1503-95-TGT**
COMPANY (NAIC # 20281))
)
GREAT NORTHERN INSURANCE) **Market Conduct Examination #1503-94-TGT**
COMPANY (NAIC #20303))
)

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

NOW, on this 28TH day of August, 2015, Director John M. Huff, after consideration and review of the market conduct examination of Federal Insurance Company (NAIC #20281) (hereafter referred to as “Federal”), examination number 1503-95-TGT, Great Northern Insurance Company (NAIC #20303) (hereinafter referred to as “Great Northern”), examination number 1503-94-TGT, and the Stipulation of Settlement and Voluntary Forfeiture (“Stipulation”), does hereby issue the following orders:

This order, issued pursuant to §374.205.2(5) RSMo 2000, and §§374.280 and §374.046.15. RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2013), is in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Federal and Great Northern and the Division of Insurance Market Regulation having agreed to the Stipulation, the Director does hereby approve and agree to the Stipulation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Federal and Great Northern shall not engage in any of the violations of law and regulations set forth in the Stipulation and shall implement procedures to place Federal and Great Northern in full compliance with the requirements in the Stipulation and the statutes and regulations of the State of Missouri and to maintain those corrective actions at all times.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Federal shall pay, and the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, State of Missouri, shall accept, the

Voluntary Forfeiture of \$1,000 payable to the Missouri State School Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Great Northern shall pay, and the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, State of Missouri, shall accept, the Voluntary Forfeiture of \$1,000 payable to the Missouri State School Fund.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office in Jefferson City, Missouri, this 28th day of August, 2015.


John M. Huff
Director



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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND VOLUNTARY FORFEITURE

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by the Division of Insurance Market Regulation (hereinafter, the “Division”), Federal Insurance Company (NAIC #20281) (hereinafter, “Federal”),, and Great Northern Insurance Company (NAIC #20303) (Hereinafter “Great Northern”) as follows:

WHEREAS, the Division is a unit of the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration (hereinafter, the “Department”), an agency of the State of Missouri, created and established for administering and enforcing all laws in relation to insurance companies doing business in the State in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Federal and Great Northern have been granted certificates of authority to transact the business of insurance in the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Division called a Market Conduct Examination of Federal and Great Northern based upon findings contained in a Market Conduct Investigation; and

WHEREAS, based on the Market Conduct Investigation, the Division alleges:

1. Federal failed to include a payment for sales tax in one commercial automobile policy first party total loss settlement even though Federal’s policy provided for payment of the sales tax in violation of §§ 375.445,¹ 375.936(13), 375.1007(1), and 375.1007(4), RSMo, and 20 CSR 100-1.020(1)(A);

2. Great Northern failed to include a payment for sales tax in one commercial automobile policy first party total loss settlement even though Great Northern’s policy provided for

¹ All references, unless otherwise noted, are to Revised Statutes of Missouri 2000, as amended.

payment of the sales tax in violation of §§ 375.445,² 375.936(13), 375.1007(1), and 375.1007(4), RSMo, and 20 CSR 100-1.020(1)(A);

WHEREAS, the Division, Federal and Great Northern have agreed to resolve the issues raised in the Market Conduct Examinations and Market Conduct Investigation as follows:

A. **Scope of Agreement.** This Stipulation of Settlement and Voluntary Forfeiture (hereinafter, "Stipulation") embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the signatories with respect to the subject matter contained herein. The signatories hereby declare and represent that no promise, inducement or agreement not herein expressed has been made, and acknowledge that the terms and conditions of this agreement are contractual and not a mere recital.

B. **Remedial Action.** Federal and Great Northern agree to take remedial action bringing it into compliance with the statutes and regulations of Missouri and agree to maintain those remedial actions at all times. Such remedial actions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Federal and Great Northern agree that they will pay all automobile total loss claims, including payment for all sales taxes relating to such claims, according to the terms of their policy provisions;

2. Federal agrees that it will review all first party automobile total loss claims paid or processed at any time from July 15, 2010 to the date of the Final Order closing this Market Conduct Examination to determine if Federal paid all applicable sales tax to the claimant for the damaged vehicle using the contractual value payable under the terms of the policy at the time of loss.³ If all applicable sales tax was not paid by Federal to the claimant, or if Federal is unable to document that all applicable sales tax was paid by Federal to the claimant, Federal shall pay restitution to the claimant in the amount of the sales tax payable under its policy on the date of loss, including all state, city, county and other taxes. Such restitution shall be paid with no reduction in the amount payable to the claimant if the owner of the total loss vehicle retains the vehicle as salvage, unless there is a clear and specific provision in the policy supporting the reduction.

3. Great Northern agrees that it will review all first party automobile total loss claims paid or processed at any time from July 15, 2010 to the date of the Final Order closing this Market

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³ This could be Actual Cash Value, Stated Value or some other valuation method listed in the policy.

Conduct Examination to determine if Great Northern paid all applicable sales tax to the claimant for the damaged vehicle using the contractual value payable under the terms of the policy at the time of loss.⁴ If all applicable sales tax was not paid by Great Northern to the claimant, or if Great Northern is unable to document that all applicable sales tax was paid by Great Northern to the claimant, Great Northern shall pay restitution to the claimant in the amount of the sales tax payable under its policy on the date of loss, including all state, city, county and other taxes. Such restitution shall be paid with no reduction in the amount payable to the claimant if the owner of the total loss vehicle retains the vehicle as salvage, unless there is a clear and specific provision in the policy supporting the reduction.

C. **Compliance.** Federal and Great Northern agree to file documentation with the Division, in a format acceptable to the Division, within 120 days of the entry of a final order of any remedial action taken to implement compliance with the terms of this Stipulation and to document payment of restitution required under the terms of this Stipulation.

D. **Voluntary Forfeiture.** Federal agrees, voluntarily and knowingly, to surrender and forfeit the sum of \$1,000 such sum payable to the Missouri State School Fund, in accordance with § 374.280. Great Northern agrees, voluntarily and knowingly, to surrender and forfeit the sum of \$1,000 such sum payable to the Missouri State School Fund, in accordance with § 374.280.

E. **Other Penalties.** The Division agrees that it will not seek penalties against Federal or Great Northern, other than those agreed to in this Stipulation, in connection with Market Conduct Examinations #1503-95-TGT and 1503-94-TGT.

F. **Non-Admission.** Nothing in this Stipulation shall be construed as an admission by Federal or Great Northern, this Stipulation being part of a compromise settlement to resolve disputed factual and legal allegations arising out of the above referenced market conduct examinations.

G. **Waivers.** Federal and Great Northern, after being advised by legal counsel, do hereby voluntarily and knowingly waive any and all rights for procedural requirements, including notice and an opportunity for a hearing, and review or appeal by any trial or appellate court, which may have otherwise applied to Market Conduct Examinations #1503-25-TGT and 1503-24-TGT.

⁴ This could be Actual Cash Value, Stated Value or some other valuation method listed in the policy.

H. **Changes.** No changes to this Stipulation shall be effective unless made in writing and agreed to by all signatories to the Stipulation.

I. **Governing Law.** This Stipulation shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.

J. **Authority.** The signatories below represent, acknowledge and warrant that they are authorized to sign this Stipulation.

K. **Effect of Stipulation.** This Stipulation shall not become effective until entry of a Final Order by the Director of the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration (hereinafter the "Director") approving this Stipulation.

L. **Request for an Order.** The signatories below request that the Director issue an Order approving this Stipulation and ordering the relief agreed to in the Stipulation, and consent to the issuance of such Order.

DATED: 8/28/2015

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Director
Division of Insurance Market Regulation

DATED: 8/26/2015

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