MISSOURI DIFP FILING GUIDELINES Property & Casualty Section

These filing guidelines and requirements are based on Missouri statutes and regulations. If you have questions regarding these guidelines, you may contact the Property and Casualty Section ("P&C Section") at 573-751-3365.

<u>FILING FEES:</u> FILING FEES ARE BILLED MONTHLY – DO NOT REMIT PAYMENT WITH A FILING The general filing fee is \$50.00 per line, for each company (see <u>Regulation 20 CSR 500-8.100</u> and <u>Section 374.230.6 RSMo.</u>)

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL P&C FILINGS

Priority will be given to SERFF filings. SERFF is a reliable and inexpensive means of submitting filings. If you haven't already done so, you can sign up for SERFF by contacting the SERFF Marketing Team at serffmktg@naic.org or 816-783-8787. To learn more about SERFF, please visit www.serff.org.

- Companies that submit filings in SERFF must submit ALL of their filings in SERFF. The P&C Section may reject a paper filing from a company that submits filings in SERFF.
- A change to any form, including application, policy jacket, declaration page, etc. must be filed for each line of insurance and for each company within a group (to which that form applies).
- All actuarial justification for rate changes and an indication of the rate change's overall effect must be filed. For companies who use a rating organization, they must complete and submit <u>Exhibit A</u>, <u>B</u>, and <u>C</u> found in <u>Regulation 20 CSR 500-4.200</u>, (Not applicable to Workers' Compensation filings).
- If your company is affiliated with a rating organization, the following must be clearly indicated either on the cover letter or within the SERFF filing description:
 - O Any company deviations from the original rating organization's product should be included within the filing.
- Once a file has been closed, the contents of the filing can only be revised, amended, or corrected by submitting a new filing and incurring a filing fee, per 20CSR500-8.100(1)(C).
- For details about how your filing complies with the Missouri Statues and Regulations, please review the form filing checklists located on our web site at http://www.insurance.mo.gov/industry/filings/checklists/index.php
- A company may submit a "me-too" filing with our department, as long as:
 - o the referenced company is affiliated to the filing company and the filing was submitted in SERFF

OR

O the referenced company is affiliated to the filing company and the filing was submitted as a paper filing to our department after July 1, 2007

SPECIFIC FILING GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SERFF FILINGS

- Transmittal documents and cover letters are not required on SERFF filings. A brief description of the filing should be included in the Filing Description field.
- The P&C Section will give priority to a form filing consisting of less than two hundred and fifty (250) pages. This page limitation only applies to the forms portion of the filing.
- The P&C Section will no longer respond to status inquiries on SERFF filings. SERFF allows companies instant access to the status of their filings.
- For more information on filing guidelines in SERFF, please review the General Instructions document in SERFF.

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GENERAL FILING GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PAPER FILINGS

The following procedures relate to filings submitted in a paper format. <u>Failure to organize and submit your filing as requested will result in the rejection of your filing.</u> Rejection means we will return the file to you without review or consideration.

We will not accept paper filings with:

- o Staples
- o Binding, such as spiral, book type, etc.
- Any other fasteners or paper types that prohibit us from scanning documents easily.
- Rubber bands and paperclips are acceptable to keep materials together and in order.
- The P&C Section will give priority to a form filing consisting of less than 25 forms, subject to a page limitation of two hundred and fifty (250) pages. This page limitation only applies to the forms portion of the filing. Because we are scanning and entering paper filings into SERFF, filings that contain numerous forms make this process very labor intensive, and as a result, our limited resources are not being utilized in the most efficient manner.
- The NAIC Transmittal Document must be submitted.
- The Transmittal Document must contain the following information:
 - COMPANY NAME Company name must be listed exactly as is shown on the company Certificate of Authority.
 - o NAIC NUMBER The nine (9) digit Company NAIC number must be listed.
 - o COMPANY TRACKING NUMBER This should be a company specific tracking number.
 - BILLING ADDRESS This should be the billing address of the company, not a consulting firm.
 - o **CONTACT PERSON** This should be the actual "Filer", not the Company President.
 - o PHONE NUMBER Toll Free number or a number we can call collect for any concerns associated with the filing.
 - o FILING RETURN ADDRESS The address where all correspondence may be sent.
 - O CODING The Uniform NAIC Filing Code for the filing must be identified (TOI and Sub-TOI). This code can be found on the NAIC web site at http://www.naic.org/documents/industry rates pc matrix.pdf
- A <u>Forms Schedule</u> must be submitted unless the information is provided on the NAIC Transmittal Document. This Schedule is necessary for our back-office tracking.
- The cover letter must include the company name, NAIC number, line of business, NAIC Matrix Code (TOI and sub-TOI), filing contact name and contact information (including telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address, if applicable), effective date of filing and a brief description of the filing.
- A filing memorandum must be submitted which outlines the contents of the filing, if not addressed by the cover letter.
- If multiple companies under one parent company are filing identical information for all companies, one filing may be submitted for all companies.
- A copy of the cover letter and a self-addressed, postage paid envelope must be submitted if the company desires to have a stamped copy of the cover letter returned for their records. If no copy is included, nothing will be returned.
- The P&C Section will not respond to status inquiries until after the filing has been at our department for sixty (60) days.
- Since all paper filings are now being scanned and entered into SERFF, if a company wishes to amend the effective date for a closed filing, a new filing must be submitted and a filing fee will be charged. If the forms, rates, and/or rules have not been revised, then a cover letter referencing the initial filing and the revised effective date is sufficient for the new filing.