

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 50(2020)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Automobile*
2 *Insurance Act*, RSNL 1990, c. A-22, as
3 amended, and regulations thereunder; and
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5 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
6 Verassure Insurance Company for
7 approval to implement a revised rating
8 program for its Miscellaneous Vehicles
9 category of automobile insurance.
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12 **WHEREAS** effective January 1, 2020 changes to the *Automobile Insurance Act* and regulations
13 thereunder came into effect which included mandatory reforms of the automobile insurance
14 product; and
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17 **WHEREAS** the mandatory reforms included the introduction of Direct Compensation Property
18 Damage (“DCPD”) coverage for all vehicles and an increase in the deductible applicable to all
19 pain and suffering awards from \$2,500 to \$5,000; and
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22 **WHEREAS** on June 30, 2020 Verassure Insurance Company applied to the Board for approval of
23 a revised rating program under the Reform filing option for its Miscellaneous Vehicles category
24 of automobile insurance, including Antique Vehicles, ATVs, Camper Units, Motorcycles,
25 Motorhomes, Snow Vehicles and Trailers; and
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28 **WHEREAS** Verassure Insurance Company has no relevant exposures in the province and
29 proposed to adopt the most recent rates and risk classification system of its partner company,
30 Northbridge General Insurance Corporation; and
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33 **WHEREAS** in Order No. A.I. 46(2020) Northbridge General Insurance Corporation received
34 approval for a revised rating program for its Miscellaneous Vehicles category of automobile
35 insurance effective November 21, 2020 for new business and renewals; and
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38 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are just and reasonable in the
39 circumstances, do not impair the solvency of the insurer, are not excessive in relation to the
40 financial circumstances of the insurer, and do not violate the *Automobile Insurance Act* or the
41 *Insurance Companies Act* or the respective regulations thereunder.

1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

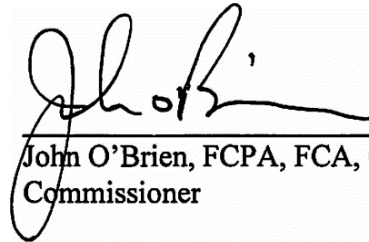
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1. The revised rating program received June 30, 2020 from Verassure Insurance Company for its Miscellaneous Vehicles category of automobile insurance is approved to be effective no sooner than November 21, 2020 for new business and for renewals.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 17th day of July, 2020.



Darlene Whalen, P. Eng., FEC
Chair and Chief Executive Officer



John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner



Sara Kean
Assistant Board Secretary