



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Market Conduct Report

of

Utica First Insurance Company

October 28, 2021

The Market Conduct Division of the Connecticut Insurance Department examined by survey the market conduct practices of Utica First Insurance Company using a sample period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The examination survey was limited to Connecticut Property and Casualty insurance business.

Utica First Insurance Company has its home office in the State of New York. By authority granted under §38a-15 of the Connecticut General Statutes, this examination survey was conducted by Market Conduct examiners of the State of Connecticut Insurance Department (the Department) at the Department offices in Hartford, Connecticut.

The purpose of the examination survey was to evaluate the Company's market conduct practices in the State of Connecticut. The examiners reviewed the Company's survey response, which included new business, claims, complaints and underwriting information requested for the examination period.

The Department's findings are as follows:

- One instance where individual producers were not appointed to write new business for the company

As it relates to the issues listed above, the Company was not in compliance with applicable Connecticut Statutes.



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IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET MC 21-87
UTICA FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY:
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STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

It is hereby stipulated and agreed between Utica First Insurance Company and the State of Connecticut Insurance Department by and through Andrew N. Mais, Insurance Commissioner, to wit:

I

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Market Conduct examination, the Insurance Commissioner alleges the following with respect to Utica First Insurance Company:

1. Utica First Insurance Company, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, is domiciled in the State of New York and is licensed to transact property and casualty insurance in the State of Connecticut. The NAIC company code number is 15326.
2. From June 22, 2021 through October 28, 2021, the Department conducted an examination of Respondent's market conduct practices in the State of Connecticut covering the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
3. During the period under examination, in certain instances, Respondent failed to follow established practices and procedures to ensure compliance with statutory requirements resulting in the following:
 - a) One (1) individual producer was not appointed to write new business.
4. The conduct described in paragraph three is in violation of Sections 38a-702m of the Connecticut General Statutes, and constitutes cause for the imposition of a fine or other administrative penalty under Sections 38a-2 and 38a-41 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

II

1. WHEREAS, Respondent admits the allegations in paragraphs three and four of Article I of this Stipulation and Consent Order; and

2. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to undertake a complete review of its practices and procedures, with respect to those areas of concern, as described in the Market Conduct Report and this Stipulation, so that those areas of concern are compliant with Connecticut Statutes; and
3. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to provide the Insurance Commissioner with a full report of findings and a summary of actions taken to comply with the requirements of paragraph two of this Section within ninety (90) days of the date of this document; and
4. WHEREAS, Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of \$1,500 for the violations described herein; and
5. WHEREAS, Respondent, being desirous of terminating administrative action without the necessity of a formal hearing or further litigation, does consent to the making of this Consent Order and voluntarily waives:
 - a. any right to notice and a hearing; and
 - b. any requirements that the Insurance Commissioner's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law; and
 - c. any and all rights to object to or challenge before the Insurance Commissioner or in any judicial proceeding any aspect, provision or requirement of this Stipulation

NOW THEREFORE, upon the consent of the parties, it is hereby ordered and adjudged:

1. That the Insurance Department has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this administrative proceeding.
2. That Respondent is fined the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the violations herein above described.

Utica First Insurance Company

By: Shawn M. Kain / Shawn M. Kain
(Representative of Insurance Company)

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned deposes and says that she/he has duly executed this Stipulation and Consent Order on this 4th day of November 2021, for and on behalf of Utica First Insurance Company; that she/he is the Senior Vice President of such company, and she/he has authority to execute and file such instrument.


By: Shawn M. Kai

STATE OF New York

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COUNTY OF Oneida

On the 4th day of November 2021, before me personally appeared Shawn Kai, sealer of the foregoing Stipulation and Consent Order, acknowledged same to be her/his act and deed.


Notary Public/Commissioner of The Superior Court

TANYA L. SANTA MARIA
Notary Public - State of New York
No. 01SA6145410
Qualified in Oneida County
My Commission Expires May 1, 2022

Section Below To Be Completed by State of Connecticut Insurance Department

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 10 day of November 2021.


Andrew N. Mais
Insurance Commissioner