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TO: Insurers Writing Credit Property Insurance in South Carolina in Conjunction with Consumer Credit Transactions subject to 1966 S.C. Act No. 988, Consumer Finance Law

FROM: Raymond G. Farmer
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SUBJECT: Notice of Tentative Credit Property Insurance Rates and Opportunity to Request a Hearing

DATE: July 31, 2014

I. NOTICE OF TENTATIVE CREDIT PROPERTY INSURANCE RATES

Regulation 69-11.1, Regulation of Credit Insurance, requires the South Carolina Department of Insurance (Department) to promulgate tentative rates for credit property insurance by August 1st of each year. The tentative rates are those the Department believes may reasonably be expected to produce a loss ratio of not less than fifty percent (50%) in the following calendar year. This Bulletin constitutes official notice of the tentative rates for 2015.

The Department has reviewed past loss experience for credit property insurance written in conjunction with consumer credit transactions subject to the Consumer Finance Law. The aggregate 2013 loss ratio at prima facie rates is twenty-three and six tenths percent (23.6%). The aggregate 2012 loss ratio at prima facie rates is twenty-seven and nine tenths percent (27.9%). Both loss ratios reflect the rate decrease of fifty-seven and eight tenths percent (57.8%) effective January 1, 2008 as well as the decreases effective January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014.

The tentative rates expressed as a percentage of the total amount of the loan are as follows:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Approved Rates</u>
Automobile, Fire and Theft – Single Interest	.0093 percent
Automobile Collision – Single Interest	.0348 percent

Household Goods – Single Interest	.0280 percent
Household Goods – Dual Interest	.0102 percent

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

Regulation 69-11.1.C.(4) provides that “every insurer which feels aggrieved by any of the rates so promulgated shall have fifteen days to request a public hearing with respect to such rate or rates.” Accordingly, all requests for a hearing must be submitted to the Department in writing on or before August 18, 2014. Please direct any requests for a hearing to the attention of:

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All requests must include documentation supporting your position that the tentative rates for credit property insurance need to be changed. After all such hearings have been held, the final rate or an affirmation of the tentative rate shall be sent to all companies before October 1, 2014.

III. QUESTIONS

Any questions or concerns about this Bulletin should be submitted in writing to the attention of:

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