

**STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
INSURANCE DIVISION**

In the Matter of **Great American Alliance**) **STIPULATION** and
Insurance Company) **FINAL ORDER**
) Case No. INS 10-09-015

STIPULATION

The Director of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (director) commenced this administrative proceeding, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256, to take enforcement action against Great American Alliance Insurance Company (Great American Alliance).

Great American Alliance desires to conclude this proceeding without a hearing by entering into this stipulation pursuant to ORS 183.417(3).

Great American Alliance waives all rights relative to an administrative hearing and judicial review thereof.

Great American Alliance stipulates to the following facts, conclusions, action, and to the issuance of a final order incorporating this stipulation.

Facts and Conclusions

Licensing Information

Great American Alliance has been licensed in Oregon as a foreign insurer since 8/10/48. Great American Alliance's last recorded principal business address is located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Filed OIGA Recoupment Assessment Certification Late

Great American Alliance is subject to enforcement action pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 836-031-0855(8) because of the following circumstances. ORS 734.550 requires all insurers who are licensed in Oregon as insurers and authorized to transact generally property and casualty insurance to be members of the Oregon Insurance Guaranty Association (OIGA). ORS 734.570(3) requires OIGA to assess its member insurers an amount necessary to pay OIGA's expenses. If OIGA assesses its member insurers, then a member insurer must either recoup the assessment from its insureds pursuant to ORS 734.579(1), expense any amount unrecouped pursuant to OAR 836-031-0855(7), or payback or carry over any excess

amount recouped pursuant to OAR 836-031-0855(9), and annually file with the director a certification pursuant ORS 734.579(2) and OAR 836-031-0855(8). OAR 836-031-0855(8) requires a member insurer to file a certification on a form specified by the director by June 1 of each year following the completion of a 12-month recoupment assessment period referred to in OAR 836-031-0855(6). At all relevant times, Great American Alliance was a member insurer of OIGA, was assessed by OIGA, and recouped or otherwise disposed of the assessment. Great American Alliance was required to file its certification for 2009 by 6/1/10. Great American Alliance filed its certification for 2009 on 7/15/10, 45 days late.

Action

Pursuant to ORS 731.988(1), Great American Alliance is assessed a civil penalty of \$4,500. The payment shall be made in the form of a check payable to the "Department of Consumer and Business Services" for the full amount due. The payment shall be delivered or mailed to the Insurance Division at the Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter Street NE Room 300, Salem, Oregon 97301-3880; or mailed to the Insurance Division at PO Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405. The payment shall be *received* by the Insurance Division by the date of the final order.

Dated October 10, 2010

/s/ Lisa A. Pennekamp

[Signature of Representative]

Lisa A. Pennekamp

[Printed Name of Representative]

Assistant Vice President

[Printed Title of Representative]

Great American Alliance Insurance Company

FINAL ORDER

The director incorporates herein the above stipulation, adopts it as the director's final decision in this proceeding, and orders that the action stated therein be taken.

Dated November 2, 2010

/s/ Cory Streisinger

Cory Streisinger

Director

Department of Consumer and Business Services