## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND SECURITIES REGULATION 810 FIRST STREET, N.E.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

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IN THE MATTER OF:

MULTI-STATE EXAMINATION OF MONUMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC #66281)

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

**CONSENT ORDER #CO-03-03** 

## **CONSENT ORDER**

This Consent Order is hereby issued by the District of Columbia Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation (the "Department") in disposition of the matter captioned above.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- Respondent is Monumental Life Insurance Company, a licensed insurer domesticated in the State of Maryland that maintains its address at 2 East Chase Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.
- 2. Commencing on January 9, 2001, the States of Maryland and Florida and the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia (the "Lead States") conducted a multi-state examination (the "Examination") of the Respondent with regards to life policies in-force on or after July 1, 1974 which charged higher premiums based on race (the "Affected Policies"). As the domestic state for Respondent, and upon agreement of the Lead States, the Administration coordinated the Examination, as well as the negotiation and finalization of the regulatory settlement between Respondent and the states participating therein.
- 3. The Examination confirmed that some companies subsequently acquired by Respondent and some companies from which Respondent acquired blocks of business engaged in the practice of pricing life insurance policies at rates that were based on a different premium rate attributable to race. In some cases non-whites received a reduced death benefit compared to white policyholders

- 4. paying the same premium, and in other cases non-white policyholders were charged a higher premium for the same death benefit as a white policyholder.
- The Examination, the details of which are provided in Examination Report #789-00 (the "Report"), concluded that the activities described in paragraph 4 above constitute unfair discrimination between individuals of the same class and hazard.
- 6. Respondent is licensed to transact insurance in this state. As affecting the District of Columbia, the Department has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and Respondent.
- 7. A proposed settlement has been presented to the Department, the terms of which are set forth in Consent Order #/(the "Maryland Consent Order" or "Regulatory Settlement Agreement") dated June 12, 2003, which has been executed by Respondent and the Maryland Insurance Administration, in its capacity as primary negotiator, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 8. Upon review of the Regulatory Settlement, it is found that it is a fair and proper disposition of the matters addressed therein.

## <u>ORDER</u>

**WHEREAS** it is stipulated and agreed upon by and between the Department and Respondent and **ORDERED** as follows:

- A. The Regulatory Settlement Agreement dated June 12, 2003, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, is hereby approved, adopted fully and incorporated herein by reference.
- B. Respondent shall immediately initiate compliance with all terms and conditions of the Regulatory Settlement Agreement as incorporated herein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Department and Respondent have executed this Consent Order.

Consented to in form and content:

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