

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 33(2024)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the **Automobile**
2 **Insurance Act**, RSNL 1990, c. A-22,
3 as amended and regulations
4 thereunder; and
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6 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application
7 by The Sovereign General Insurance
8 Company for approval to implement
9 a revised rating program for its Private
10 Passenger Automobiles category
11 of automobile insurance.
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14 **WHEREAS** on May 22, 2024 The Sovereign General Insurance Company (“Sovereign”) applied to
15 the Board for approval of a revised rating program under the IAO filing option for its Private
16 Passenger Automobiles category of automobile insurance; and
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18 **WHEREAS** the IAO filing option may be used by insurers to adopt the most recent IAO rating
19 program accepted for use by the Board; and
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21 **WHEREAS** Sovereign does not have sufficient volume to justify a rating program based on
22 company-specific data; and
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24 **WHEREAS** Sovereign proposed to adopt the IAO rating program for Private Passenger
25 Automobiles accepted for use by the Board in Information Bulletin A.I. 2024-03; and
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27 **WHEREAS** Sovereign also proposed the following changes:
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- 30 • deviations to a number of deductibles;
 - 31 • to reclassify its distracted driving conviction from a minor to a major conviction;
 - 32 • to adopt the 2024 CLEAR rate group table; and
 - 33 • to maintain its current by-value rate group table; and

34 **WHEREAS** the proposed rating program results in an overall rate level change of -7.7%; and

1 **WHEREAS** the revised rating program is filed in accordance with the IAO Filing Guidelines; and

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3 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are just and reasonable in the
4 circumstances, do not impair the solvency of the insurer, are not excessive in relation to the
5 financial circumstances of the insurer, and do not violate the **Automobile Insurance Act** or the
6 **Insurance Companies Act** or the respective regulations thereunder.

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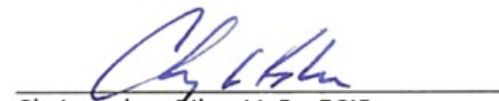
9 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

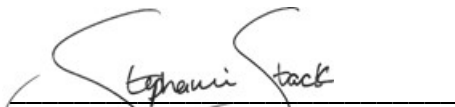
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- 11 1. The revised rating program received May 22, 2024 from The Sovereign General Insurance
- 12 Company for its Private Passenger Automobiles category of automobile insurance is approved
- 13 to be effective no sooner than August 26, 2024 for new business and renewals.

DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 23rd day of May, 2024.


 Kevin Fagan
 Chair and Chief Executive Officer


 John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
 Commissioner


 Christopher Pike, LL.B., FCIP
 Commissioner


 Stephanie Stack
 Assistant Board Secretary