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BULLETIN NO. 14-02

TO: ALL INSURERS AUTHORIZED OR ADMITTED TO TRANSACT PROPERTY

AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COVERAGE IN NEW JERSEY

FROM: KENNETH E. KOBYLOWSKI, COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY AND

CASUALTY CLAIMS RELATED TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY SUPERSTORM

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Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:23-20 et seq., the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance ("the Commissioner") has the authority to address inquiries to insurers authorized or admitted to transact the business of insurance in New Jersey concerning their condition or affairs on any matters connected with their transactions.

Due to the extensive property damage caused by Superstorm Sandy it became necessary for the Department of Banking and Insurance ("the Department") to monitor market conditions for property and casualty insurance in this State. In this regard, on November 14, 2012 the Department issued Order No. A12-113 which required property and casualty insurers to provide periodic reports of data on Sandy-related claims. In June, 2013 the Department advised affected insurers that the need for them to submit such reports was being suspended, but further reports might be requested. In September, 2013, through Bulletin No. 13-16, the Department requested updated reports from such insurers for Sandy-related claims as of September 15, 2013.

The Department has determined that it is necessary to continue its review of the volume of these claims on various types of coverage on an ongoing basis. Accordingly, all authorized and admitted property/casualty insurer groups which had a total of \$5,000,000 or more in written property/casualty insurance premiums inforce in this State on October 1, 2012 associated with the types of policies described in Attachment A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are requested to provide to the Department quarterly reports on property damage claims received by the insurer on a consolidated group basis. The reports are to be provided in accordance with the following schedule, specified in Attachment A: the first report for claims as of 01/31/2014 will be due on 2/28/2014; subsequent updates will be due on April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15 for claims as of March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, respectively, until further notice from the Department.

All insurers that previously submitted reports in accordance with Order No. A12-113 and Bulletin No. 13-16 are requested to submit updated reports, even if the reported totals have not changed since the previous update. Any insurer that was not required to submit initial reports under Order No. A12-113 is not required to submit reports in accordance with this Bulletin.

The entire report form to be filed is posted on the Department's website at:

http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/division_insurance/propcasualty/nj_sandydatacall_supplemental.xls.

Insurers should note that this template is similar to the template provided with Bulletin No. 13-16, which eliminated the reporting requirement for flood claims.

Insurer information supplied in accordance with this Bulletin shall be kept confidential to the extent allowed by applicable State law, including, but not limited to, N.J.S.A. 17:23-24 and 47:1A-1 et seq.

Information provided pursuant to this Bulletin should be sent via e-mail to:

NJSandyDataCall@dobi.state.nj.us.

Questions regarding this Bulletin may be directed to William Rader, Assistant Commissioner, Property and Casualty at: william.rader@dobi.state.nj.us.

<u>February 12, 2014</u>

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Kenneth E. Kobylowski

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