**ORDER NO.: E19-50** 

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

	AGENCY DOCKET NO.: OTSC #E18-72
MARLENE CARIDE, COMMISSIONER, NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE,	) ) ) )
Petitioner,	) AMENDED FINAL DECISION AND ORDER )
<b>v.</b>	)
MAXWELL J. ESKREIS,	
Respondent.	)

This Order reiterates verbatim the provisions of Final Decision and Order No. 19-48, issued May 20, 2019, but corrects typographical errors contained in said Order.

This matter comes before the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance ("Commissioner") pursuant to the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -31, N.J.S.A. 17:1-15, the New Jersey Producer Licensing Act of 2001, N.J.S.A. 17:22A-26 to -48 ("Producer Act"), and all powers expressed or implied therein, for the purposes of reviewing the April 17, 2019 Initial Decision ("Initial Decision") of Administrative Law Judge Julio C. Morejon ("ALJ"). On July 3, 2018, the Department of Banking and Insurance ("Department") filed Order to Show Cause No. E18-72 ("OTSC"), seeking, among other things, to revoke or suspend Maxwell Eskreis's ("Eskreis") license for violations of the Producer Act. Initial Decision at 1-2. On July 23, 2018, Eskreis filed a response wherein he denied the allegations contained in the OTSC and requested a hearing.

Initial Decision at 2. The Department transmitted the matter as a contested case to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") on November 5, 2018, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -31 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to -23. <u>Ibid.</u>

On or about April 15, 2019, the ALJ received a letter from Eskreis's mother, Ana Eskreis. Ms. Eskreis informed the ALJ and the Department that her son had passed away on February 28, 2019 and requested that the matter be withdrawn. <u>Ibid.</u> A copy of the Death Certificate was attached to the letter. <u>Ibid.</u>

On or about April 16, 2019, the Department informed the ALJ that it was aware of Ms. Eskreis's request and that Eskreis had died. <u>Ibid.</u> The Department did not file an objection to Ms. Eskreis's request for a hearing be withdrawn. <u>Ibid.</u>

By Initial Decision dated April 17, 2019, the ALJ noted the circumstances for withdrawal pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.2(a). The ALJ found that Eskreis had passed away on February 28, 2019, Ms. Eskreis requested that the request for a hearing be withdrawn, and that the Department did not object to Ms. Eskreis's request. Initial Decision at 2. The ALJ returned the matter to the Department of Banking and Insurance for appropriate disposition. Initial Decision at 3.

Exceptions to the Initial Decision were due April 30, 2019. Neither party filed Exceptions.

Having carefully reviewed the Initial Decision, and the entire record herein, I hereby ADOPT the ALJ's Initial Decision as my Final Decision.

THEREFORE, IT IS on this 3<sup>th</sup> day of June , 2019 ORDERED that the instant matter is withdrawn.

Marlene Caride Commissioner