

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMON)	
TERRITORY MAP FILED BY THE)	ORDER APPROVING
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE)	COMMON TERRITORY MAP
TERRITORIAL RATING PLAN)	
ADVISORY COMMISSION)	

This matter having been opened by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (“Commissioner”) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:29A-36 and 17:29A-48 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A, and all powers expressed or implied therein; and

IT APPEARING that N.J.S.A. 17:29A-48 et seq. provides for insurers transacting private passenger automobile insurance in this State, and every rating organization establishing territorial rating plans on behalf of its member companies, to establish new territorial rating plans, in place of the insurer’s or filer’s territorial rating plan previously in effect, which meet the standards set forth in that statute; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that N.J.S.A. 17:29A-50 established the Automobile Insurance Territorial Rating Plan Advisory Commission (“Commission”) to review insurer data and recommend a common territorial rating plan for use by insurers not filing a territorial rating plan in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-48; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Department of Banking and Insurance (“Department”) adopted new rules effective April 18, 2005 to implement N.J.S.A. 17:29A-48 et seq.; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.4 sets forth the standards for the establishment of territories and N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.5 provides, among other things, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:29A-36, the initial territorial relativity for any territory shall not be significantly disproportionate to the current relativity for that territory; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.9, the Commission shall file a territory map in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.4 and territorial relativities in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.5 for the Commissioner's approval; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Commission filed its recommended common territory map on December 5, 2007, and that, having reviewed that filing, the Commissioner has found that it complies with the requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 17:29A-48 et seq., 17:29A-36, and N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A and, accordingly, should be approved; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.9(b) provides that if a rating organization intends to file a territory map and relativities, the filing shall be made no later than 60 days after the Commissioner's approval or certification of the common territory map and N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.9(c) provides that no later than 180 days after the Commissioner's approval or certification of the common territory map, every insurer, including the New Jersey Personal Automobile Insurance Plan ("PAIP"), shall file a territory map, territorial relativities and amendments to its rating plan that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS on this 28th day of December 2007 ORDERED that:

1. The common territory map filed by the Commission on December 5, 2007, attached hereto as [Exhibit 1](#) and made a part hereof, is hereby approved. The accompanying list of municipalities or portions of municipalities and ZIP codes included in the territories specified

on the common territory map, attached hereto as [Exhibit 2](#) and made a part hereof, is also approved.

2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.9(b), within 60 days of the date of this Order each rating organization shall make a filing with the Department that either specifies that the rating organization intends to use the common territory map or contains its own territory map. All such filings shall also include the filer's relativities that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A. For good cause shown, a rating organization may request an extension of the filing deadline.

3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.9(c), within 180 days of the date of this Order every insurer transacting private passenger automobile insurance in this state shall make a filing with the Department that specifies that the insurer intends to use the common territory map or the map of a rating organization to which it belongs or the insurer's own territory map which is submitted simultaneously. All such filings shall also include the filer's territorial relativities and amendments to its rating plan that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A. The insurer shall demonstrate that the initial filing is revenue neutral in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17:29A-36d and N.J.A.C. 11:3-16A.9(c)2. The PAIP shall use the common territory map. For good cause shown, an insurer or the PAIP may request an extension of the filing deadline.

Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may result in the imposition of penalties as authorized by law.

/s/ Steven M. Goldman
Steven M. Goldman
Commissioner