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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ADMIN HEARINGS OFFICE

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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ESL, Inc.	:	Sections 611-A(11) and (20) of Act
Penn National Insurance Plaza	:	147 of 2002 (40 P.S. §§ 310.11)
Two North Second Street	:	
Harrisburg, PA 17101	:	
	:	
Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO04-07-032

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this *22nd* day of *September*, 2004, this Order is hereby issued by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that it has received proper notice of its rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq., or other applicable law.

2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other applicable law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

3. The Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:

- (a) Respondent is ESL, Incorporated, and maintains its address at Penn National Insurance Plaza, Two North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed insurance producer.
- (c) Effective September 10, 2003, Respondent acted as the wholesale producer in the procurement of two surplus lines insurance policies, #SP81033203 and #4CA831303, from Essex Insurance Company for S&S Tire and Retreading, Incorporated, Biglerville, Pennsylvania.

- (d) Subsequent to the procurement of the two policies from Essex Insurance Company, Respondent submitted its surplus lines filing that identified the retail producer as Rose Marie Burkey, Taylor Insurance of Frederick, Maryland.
- (e) Rose Marie Burkey did not possess a Pennsylvania insurance license.
- (f) On June 2, 2004, Respondent confirmed that Rose Marie Burkey communicated on the procurement of surplus lines insurance for S&S Tire and Retreading and provided copies of the correspondence that showed she requested the insurance be bound with Essex Insurance Company.
- (g) Respondent asserts that it submitted its surplus lines filing on the two policies from Essex Insurance Company based upon Rose Marie Burkey's representation that she was in compliance with applicable Pennsylvania laws. Respondent also asserts that it erroneously relied upon this representation but did not knowingly conduct business with an unlicensed producer.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

- (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.
- (b) Section 611-A(11) of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits a licensee from knowingly accepting insurance business which was sold, solicited or negotiated by a person who is not licensed as an insurance producer (40 P.S. § 310.11).
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violates Section 611-A(11) of Act 147 of 2002.
- (d) Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits a licensee from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the department that the licensee is worthy of licensure (40 P.S. § 310.11).
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violates Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of 2002.
- (f) Respondent's violations of Sections 611-A(11) and (20) of Act 147 of 2002 are punishable by the following, under Section 691-A of Act 147 of 2002 (40 P.S. § 310.91):

- (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the certificate of qualification or license;
- (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each violation of the Act;
- (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
- (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

ORDER

5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner orders and Respondent consents to the following:

- (a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
- (b) Respondent's certificates and licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under this section is limited to a period of three (3) years from the date of this Order.

- (c) Respondent specifically waives its right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondent's written request.
- (d) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(c) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that it is worthy of a license.
- (e) In the event Respondent's certificates and licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(b) above, and Respondent either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that it is worthy of a license, Respondent's suspended certificates and licenses shall be revoked.

6. In the event the Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law; or, if

applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

7. Alternatively, in the event the Deputy Commissioner finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Deputy Commissioner may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.

8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

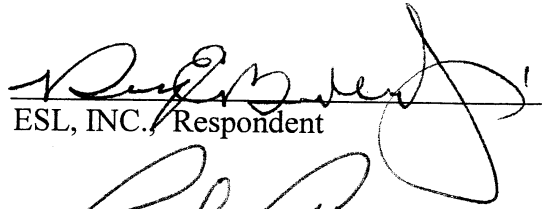
9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.


11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Only the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy

Insurance Commissioner is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violation of law contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

BY:



ESL, INC., Respondent



RANDOLPH L. ROHRBAUGH
Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania