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**TO: SURPLUS LINES AGENTS/BROKERS AND INDEPENDENTLY PROCURED COVERAGE (IPC) FILERS**

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**DATE: APRIL 22, 2015**

**SUBJECT: CLEARINGHOUSE TRANSACTION FEE DECREASED FROM 0.3% TO 0.175%**

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify you that the Clearinghouse transaction fee charged by the Surplus Lines Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) to process transactions remitted on behalf of the NIMA states will be decreased from 0.3% to 0.175% effective **July 1, 2015**.

All new and renewal policies, and subsequent endorsements on those policies, with an effective date on or after July 1, 2015, will be charged or refunded a Clearinghouse transaction fee of 0.175% of the gross premium for all multistate and single state transactions reported to the Clearinghouse.

All new and renewal policies, and subsequent endorsements on those policies, with an effective date prior to July 1, 2015, will be charged or refunded a Clearinghouse transaction fee of 0.3% of the gross premium for all multistate and single state transactions reported to the Clearinghouse.

Clearinghouse Transaction Fees	
<b>New and renewal policies and endorsements on those policies effective July 1, 2015, and after</b>	<b>0.175%</b>
<b>New and renewal policies and endorsements on those policies effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

The Clearinghouse transaction fee is charged or refunded on the gross premium reported to the Clearinghouse for all multistate transactions where a NIMA full member state is the home state of the insured, and where a NIMA full member state has opted to utilize the Clearinghouse for the reporting of single state transactions. NIMA full member states using the Clearinghouse for multistate reporting are Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. NIMA full member states using the Clearinghouse for single state reporting are South Dakota and Wyoming. Transactions reported to the Clearinghouse for NIMA associate member states, Tennessee and Wisconsin, will not be charged the Clearinghouse transaction fee.

The Clearinghouse transaction fee is charged based on the effective date of the new business or renewal policy. All endorsements, audits, installments, or cancellation transactions will be charged the Clearinghouse transaction fee rate charged at the inception date of the policy.

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**EXAMPLE ONE:** The Clearinghouse transaction fee for a policy with an effective date of 01/01/2015, is 0.3% of the gross premium reported. An additional premium endorsement to the policy with an effective date of 07/15/2015, is also charged a Clearinghouse transaction fee of 0.3% on the endorsement premium. If the same policy is cancelled effective 08/01/2015, the Clearinghouse transaction fee of 0.3% is refunded.

**EXAMPLE TWO:** The Clearinghouse transaction fee for a policy with an effective date of 07/01/2015, is 0.175% of the gross premium reported. An additional premium endorsement to the policy with an effective date of 07/15/2015, is also charged a Clearinghouse transaction fee of 0.175% on the endorsement premium. If the same policy is cancelled effective 08/01/2015, the Clearinghouse transaction fee of 0.175% is refunded.

Business rules for calculating the correct service fee will be programmed into FLSO's management system. No changes will be needed for SLIP or XML batch filing. However, you may need to contact your agency's information technology vendor or staff regarding needed revisions to your internal agency management system that may be necessary to calculate the revised Clearinghouse transaction fee.

Additionally, the [Clearinghouse Tax Estimator](#) will be updated to reflect the reduced Clearinghouse transaction fee and may be used to estimate taxes and fees due for a policy to be reported to the Clearinghouse. For further information, please contact the Surplus Lines Clearinghouse staff at 877.267.9855 or email us at [info@slclearinghouse.com](mailto:info@slclearinghouse.com).