

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF WESTERN)
INSURANCE COMPANY.)

Docket No. 11-10

ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Western Insurance Company, 9065 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84094, holds a Certificate of Authority to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming as a surety insurer; and

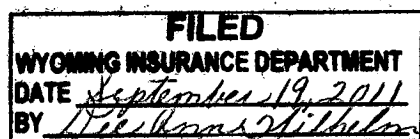
WHEREAS, the Third Judicial District Court in and for Salt Lake County, State of Utah entered a Rehabilitation Order, and Restraining Orders (“Rehabilitation Order”) upon the Verified Petition for Rehabilitation Order, and for Restraining Orders of Neal T. Gooch, in his capacity as Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Utah on August 25, 2011, finding that the continued operation of Western Insurance Company in its current financial condition will substantially increase the risk of loss to policyholders and creditors of Western Insurance Company, and the public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 26-3-116(e), the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Wyoming, without advance notice or hearing, may immediately suspend the certificate of authority of an insurer as to which proceedings for receivership, conservatorship, rehabilitation, or other delinquency proceedings have been commenced in any state by the public insurance supervisory official of that state;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Certificate of Authority of Western Insurance Company be and the same hereby is suspended for a period of one year;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 26-3-118(b), that during the suspension period Western Insurance Company shall not solicit or write any new business in this state but shall file its annual statement, pay fees, licenses and taxes as required under the Wyoming Insurance Code, and may service its business already in force in the State of Wyoming as if the certificate of authority had continued in full force.

PROVIDED that during the suspension period such Certificate of Authority may be reinstated upon Western Insurance Company’s motion and adequate proof to the Insurance

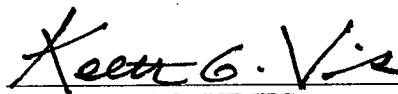


Commissioner of the State of Wyoming that said company has solved the problems which led to the issuance of the Rehabilitation Order; and

PROVIDED, however, that if Western Insurance Company fails to request a hearing and prove to the satisfaction of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Wyoming that it has solved the problems which caused the Rehabilitation Order, its Certificate of Authority shall terminate at the end of the one-year period and shall become permanently revoked pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 26-3-118.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Western Insurance Company shall forthwith surrender and deliver its Certificate of Authority to transact the business of insurance in the State of Wyoming to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Wyoming within ten (10) days after receipt of this Order of Suspension pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 26-3-113(c).

Done in Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 19th day of September, 2011.



KENNETH G. VINES
WYOMING INSURANCE COMMISSIONER