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333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

February 17, 2000

Honorable M. Diane Koken, Commissioner
Insurance Department
1326 Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: IRRC Regulation #11-170 (#1988)
Insurance Department
Surplus Lines Insurance

Dear Commissioner Koken:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its February 17, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure
cc: Elaine M. Leitzel
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Insurance Department
Surplus Lines Insurance

Regulation No. 11-170

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On September 23, 1998, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Insurance Department (Department). This rulemaking amends 31 Pa. Code Chapter 124. The authority for this regulation is found in Article XVI of the Insurance Company Law (40 P.S. §§ 991.1601 – 991.1625). The proposed regulation was published in the October 3, 1998 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 24, 2000.

Surplus lines insurance is intended to provide coverage for nonstandard or unique risks that do not fit the underwriting guidelines of most insurers. The original Surplus Lines Insurance Law (Act) was adopted in 1966. The Act was updated in 1992. This rulemaking amends the existing regulations to be consistent with the 1992 revisions to the Act.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 11-170 from the Insurance Department, as submitted to the Commission on January 24, 2000, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.


Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

