

February 2, 2006

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Revised Automobile and Motorcycle Insurance Rates - North Carolina

On February 1, 2005 and subsequently amended on July 29, 2005, the Rate Bureau filed with the Commissioner of Insurance rate level changes for non-fleet private passenger automobiles and motorcycles. The Rate Bureau's filing set forth (1) average rate level changes for non-fleet private passenger automobiles of +17.9% for liability coverages and -1.4% for physical damage coverages, averaging +9.6%; and (2)average rate level changes for motorcycle liability coverages of -1.5%.

Following a public hearing and lengthy negotiations, the Rate Bureau and the Commissioner of Insurance have agreed to settle the 2005 private passenger auto insurance rate filing. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the signed Settlement Agreement and Consent Order dated February 1, 2006 in connection with the settlement with exhibits which set forth the revised base rates for non-fleet private passenger automobile liability and physical damage coverages, revised bodily injury increased limits factors and the revised relativities for motorcycle liability coverages. Also enclosed are the approved model year and symbol relativities. These revised rates and relativities are approved by the Commissioner of Insurance, and therefore no portion of the premiums written using these new rates is required to be placed in escrow.

These changes are effective in accordance with the following Rule of Application:

These changes are applicable to all new and renewal policies effective on or after May 15, 2006. No policy effective prior to May 15, 2006 shall be endorsed or cancelled and rewritten to take advantage of or to avoid the application of these changes except at the request of the insured and at the customary short rate charges as of the date of such request, but in no event prior to May 15, 2006.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Also be advised that G. S. 58-36-45 provides as follows:

"Whenever an insurer changes the coverage other than at the request of the insured or changes the premium rate, it shall give the insured written notice of such coverage change or premium rate change at least 15 days in advance of the effective date of such change or changes with a copy of such notice to the agent. This section shall apply to all policies and coverages subject to the provisions of this Article..."

In the past, some insurers have given notice of premium rate changes by providing to an insured and agent, at least 15 days in advance of the effective date, a renewal policy, renewal certificate, billing or endorsement showing revised rates, together with a written notice substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE - NORTH CAROLINA

The premium for this policy reflects changes in rates applicable to North Carolina placed into effect under the provisions of Article 36, Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The form of this notice has varied at the option of the insurer (printed notice, stamp, stick-on label, etc.). Companies should consult legal counsel with respect to the appropriateness of their own procedures under this statute.

Reprinted Personal Auto Manual pages will be distributed, in the usual fashion, as soon as possible. In the interim, notice of the revised rates and rules should be sent as soon as possible to your agents to make them aware of the new rates and rules.

The following is a list of attachments:

A-1 to A-5	Settlement Agreement and Consent Ord	ler
A-6	Revised Voluntary Liability Rate Pag	je

A-7	Revised Physical Damage 1	Base Rates			
A-8	Revised Uninsured Motorists Rates				
A-9	Revised Combined	Uninsured/Underinsured			
	Motorists Rates				
A-10	Revised Increased Limits Factors				
A-11	Revised Motorcycle Liabi	lity Relativities			
A-12 to A-13	Model Year and Symbol Re	lativities			

Please see to it that this circular letter is brought to the attention of all interested personnel in your Company.

Very truly yours,

F. Timothy Lucas

Personal Lines Manager

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Enclosures

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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING) BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2005 BY THE) OF INSURANCE NORTH CAROLINA RATE BUREAU FOR) REVISED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE) RATES - PRIVATE PASSENGER CARS) Docket No. 1235 AND MOTORCYCLES)

It appearing to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") that the North Carolina Rate Bureau ("Rate Bureau") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance ("Department") have, after consultation with their respective legal, actuarial and economic advisors and subject to approval by the Commissioner and to the conditions hereinafter set forth, entered into a settlement of all matters and things in dispute in connection with the Rate Bureau's filing for private passenger automobile insurance rates dated February 1, 2005 (the "2005 Filing"); and it appearing to the Commissioner that such settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND AGREED as follows:

1. The 2005 Filing is approved subject to the modifications set forth in Paragraphs 2 and 3, below.

2. The approved rate level change for each coverage, relative to the Rate Bureau manual rate levels currently in force,

is as follows:

CARS

Liability	
Bodily Injury	7.8%*
Property Damage	2.1%
Medical Payments	2.7%
Uninsured Motorists	3.0%
Underinsured Motorists	10.6%
Liability Total	5.1%
Physical Damage	
Comprehensive	-6.5%
Collision	-14.5%
Physical Damage Total	-12.0%
Grand Total	-2.5%

MOTORCYCLES

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Liability

-6.5%

*Bodily injury change is +6.1% for Basic Limits and +1.6% for Total Limits effect of bodily injury increased limits factor changes.

The base rates approved as a result of these approved changes are set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

The approved rates shall be implemented in accordance with the following Rule of Application:

This rate change is applicable to all policies effective on or after May 15, 2006. No policy effective prior to May 15, 2006 shall be endorsed or canceled and rewritten to take advantage of or to avoid the application of this rate change except at the request of the insured and at the customary short rate charges as of the date of such request, but in no event prior to May 15, 2006.

3. The approved bodily injury increased limits factors are as follows:

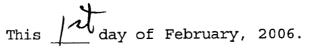
Policy Limit	Approved Increased Limits Factor
30/60	1.00
50/100	1.15
100/100	1.27
100/200	1.33
100/300	1.35
300/300	1.54
250/500	1.57
500/1000	1.73
1000/1000	1.83
1000/2000	1.88

4. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 5 below, the rates for the coverages coming within the scope of this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall remain in force until October 1, 2006 and thereafter until revised as provided by law, and neither the Rate Bureau nor the Commissioner nor the Department shall undertake to effect a change in such rates having an effective date prior to October 1, 2006; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prevent a change in such rates prior to October 1, 2006 if agreed to by the Rate Bureau and the Commissioner.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Settlement

Agreement and Consent Order, in the event of legislative or Settlement judicial action subsequent to the date of this Agreement and Consent Order which changes the statutory ratemaking methodology, rate level need or loss or expense exposure of insurers, either the Rate Bureau or the Commissioner shall have the right to take such action as is within its or his statutory authority to effect a change in rates prior to October 1, 2006 for the sole purpose of adjusting rates to reflect such change in methodology, loss or expense exposure. Further, either the Rate Bureau or the Commissioner shall have the right to take such action as is within its or his statutory authority to adjust rate relativities, classifications and rules in the event of legislative or judicial action subsequent to the date of this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order making such adjustment appropriate.

6. This Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall not be construed to condone, validate, accept or agree to the Bureau's, the Department's, or the Commissioner's theories, methodologies or calculations pertaining to the setting of insurance rates for private passenger cars and motorcycles.



of Insurance Commissioner

WE CONSENT: BUREAU NORTH CAROLINA RAT BY:

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY:

NORTH CAROLINA

PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

APPROVED BASE RATES - VOLUNTARY LIABILITY

Terr <u>Code</u>	\$30,000/60,000 <u>Bodily Injury</u>	\$25,000 Property Damage	\$500 Medical Payments
11	\$124	\$158	\$13
13	190	194	20
14	179	191	18
15	199	189	20
16	164	190	17
17	204	186	21
18	153	169	16
24	146	149	15
25	1,77	174	18
26	233	161	24
31	183	170	19
32	148	157	15
33	184	141	19
40	226	191	23
41	193	180	20
43	169	146	17
47	180	149	18
51	149	178	15
52	196	201	20



NORTH CAROLINA

PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

APPROVED PHYSICAL DAMAGE BASE RATES (A)

Terr <u>Code</u>	FULL COVERAGE COMPREHENSIVE	\$100 DEDUCTIBLE <u>COLLISION</u>
11	\$40	\$196
13	61	221
14	53	218
15	50	214
16	51	201
17	45	198
18	45	195
24	59	210
25	47	212
26	74	223
31	56	192
32	51	198
33	80	205
40	58	241
41	52	262
43	48	187
47	52	205
51	42	193
52	51	216

(A) MODEL YEAR 2006, SYMBOL 2

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14. MISCELLANEOUS COVERAGES

A. Uninsured Motorists Coverage ONLY

1. a. Basic Limits

Basic Limits of Uninsured Motorists Coverage are \$30,000/60,000 Bodily Injury and \$25,000 Property Damage. Property Damage Uninsured Motorists Coverage is subject to an exclusion of the first \$100 of damage.

Rate - Single Car Policy \$17 Multi-Car Policy \$40

These rates are not subject to modification under the provisions of any rating plan or other manual rule.

1. b. Increased Limits

Increased limits of Uninsured Motorists coverage may be afforded. Property Damage limits may not exceed the Property Damage limit afforded by the policy.

Uninsured Motorists Coverage is available at the following limits with rates per policy shown:

	B.I. Limits					P.D. Limits				
	Singl	e Car	Multi	-Car		Single Car Multi-(lti-Car	
	Pol	icy	Poli	су			Pol	icy	P	olicy
\$ 30/60	\$ 15		\$35		\$	25	\$	2	\$	5
50/100	16		38			50		3		7
100/200	[17]	18	[40]	42		100		4		9
100/300	[18]	19	[42]	45		250		6		14
300/300	[20]	22	[47]	52		500		8		19
250/500	[21]	24	[50]	57		750		10		24
500/500	[22]		[52]	59	1,	000		11		26
500/1,000	[23]	27	[54]	64						
1,000/1,000	[24]	28	[57]	66						

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14. MISCELLANEOUS COVERAGES (Cont'd)

B.1. Combined Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists Coverage

1. b. Rates

Combined Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists coverage is available at the following limits with rates per policy shown:

	B.I. Limits							P.D.	Limits	
	Sing	le Car	Multi	-Car		S	ingl	e Car	Mult	i-Car
	Po	licy	Poli	су			Pol	icy	Pol	icy
\$ 50/100	\$ [19] 20	\$ [45]	47	\$	25	\$	2	\$	5
100/200	[32] 34	[75]	80		50		3		7
100/300	[38] 41	[89]	97		100		4		9
300/300	[50] 55	[118]	130		250		6		14
250/500 ·	[59] 65	[140]	154		500		8		19
500/500	[81] 88	[191]	208		750		10		24
500/1,000	[92] 99	[217]	234	1,	000		11		26
1,000/1,000	[104] <u>111</u>	[246]	262						

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18. INCREASED LIMITS

A. The tables in Sections B. and C. below contain the factors to be applied to the appropriate basic limits rates for Bodily Injury or Property Damage Liability.

Refer to company for limits not displayed in these tables.

B. 30/60 Split Limit Bodily Injury Liability Increased Limits TableApplicable to 30/60 Split Limit Bodily Injury Liability Rates Only:

Total Limits	Factor
\$ 30/60	1.00
50/100	[1.14]1.15
100/100	$[1.25]\overline{1.27}$
100/200	$[1.30]\overline{1.33}$
100/300	$[1.32]\overline{1.35}$
300/300	[1.50] 1.54
250/500	[1.52] 1.57
500/1,000	$[1.67]\overline{1.73}$
1,000/1,000	[1.76] 1.83
1,000/2,000	$[1.81]\overline{1.88}$

C. \$25,000 Property Damage Liability Increased Limits Table Applicable to \$25,000 Property Damage Liability Rates Only:

Limit	Factor	Limit	Factor
25,000	1.000	250,000	1.059
35,000	1.005	500,000	1.113
50,000	1.010	750,000	1.153
100,000	1.030	1,000,000	1.202

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19. MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

B. Motorcycles, Motorscooters, Motorbikes, Mopeds and Other Similar Motor Vehicles Not Used for Commercial Purposes

Liability Coverages Only

With respect to voluntary risks and "clean risks" ceded to the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility the following provisions apply:

- 1. Such vehicles with engine size of 324 cubic centimeters or less shall be rated at [20]18% of the applicable voluntary private passenger rate. (Class Code - Motorcycles 951000; Others 960000)
- 2. Such vehicles with engine size of 325 cubic centimeters or more shall be rated at [36]32% of the applicable voluntary private passenger rate. (Class Code - Motorcycles 952000; Others 961000)

With respect to other than "clean risks" ceded to the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility the following provisions apply:

- 3. Such vehicles with engine size of 324 cubic centimeters or less shall be rated at 18% of the applicable ceded private passenger rate. (Class Code - Motorcycles 951000; Others 960000)
- 4. Such vehicles with engine size of 325 cubic centimeters or more shall be rated at 32% of the applicable ceded private passenger rate. (Class Code - Motorcycles 952000; Others 961000)

NORTH CAROLINA SYMBOL RELATIVITIES - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGES COMPREHENSIVE

Model Year

ymbol	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997-1990
1	0.76	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.61	0.58	0.54	0.50	0.46	0.42	0.39
2 3	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80	0.75	0.69	0.64	0.59	0.54
3	1.19	1.13	1.07	1.02	0.96	0.90	0.85	0.78	0.72	0.67	0.61
4	1.31	1.25	1.19	1.13	1.06	1.00	0.94	0.86	0.80	0.74	0.68
5	1.48	1.41	1.34	1.27	1.20	1.13	1.06	0.97	0.90	0.83	0.76
6 7	1.67	1.59	1.51	1.43	1.35	1.27	1.19	1.10	1.02	0.94	0.86
	1.83	1.74	1.65	1.57	1.48	1.39	1.31	1.20	1.11	1.03	0.94
8	1.98	1.89	1.80	1.70	1.61	1.51	1.42	1.30	1.21	1.12	1.02
10	2.14	2.04	1.94	1.84	1.73	1.63	1.53	1.41	1.31	1.20	1.10
11	2.32	2.21	2.10	1.99	1.88	1.77	1.66	1.52	1.41	1.30	1.19
12	2.53	2.41	2.29	2.17	2.05	1.93	1.81	1.66	1.54	1.42	1.30
13	2.72	2.59	2.46	2.33	2.20	2.07	1.94	1.79	1.66	1.53	1.40
14	2.94	2.80	2.66	2.52	2.38	2.24	2.10	1.93	1.79	1.65	1.51
15	3.23	3.08	2.93	2.77	2.62	2.46	2.31	2.13	1.97	1.82	1.66
16	3.56	3.39	3.22	3.05	2.88	2.71	2.54	2.34	2.17	2.00	1.83
17	3.93	3.74	3.55	3.37	3.18	2.99	2.81	2.58	2.39	2.21	2.02
18	4.29	4.09	3.89	3.68	3.48	3.27	3.07	2.82	2.62	2.41	2.21
19	4.68	4.46	4.24	4.01	3.79	3.57	3.35	3.08	2.85	2.63	2.41
20	5.19	4.94	4.69	4.45	4.20	3.95	3.71	3.41	3.16	2.91	2.67
21	5.76	5.49	5.22	4.94	4.67	4.39	4.12	3.79	3.51	3.24	2.96
22	6.50	6.19	5.88	5.57	5.26	4.95	4.64	4.27	3.96	3.65	3.34
23	7.28	6.93	6.58	6.24	5.89	5.54	5.20	4.78	4.44	4.09	3.74
24	8.43	8.03	7.63	7.23	6.83	6.42	6.02	5.54	5.14	4.74	4.34
25	10.37	9.88	9.39	8.89	8.40	7.90	7.41	6.82	6.32	5.83	5.34
26	12.74	12.13	11.52	10.92	10.31	9.70	9.10	8.37	7.76	7.16	6.55

Symbol 1989 & Prior

1	0.15
2	0.17
3	0.24
4	0.29
5	0.34
6	0.44
7	0.54
8	0.64
10	0.81
11	0.98
12	1.15
13	1.35
14	1.59
15	1.92
16	2.33
17	2.80
18	3.34
19	3.99
20	4.73
20	
21	6.55

NORTH CAROLINA SYMBOL RELATIVITIES - PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGES COLLISION

Model Year

.jymbol	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997-1990
1	0.92	0.88	0.84	0.79	0.75	0.70	0.63	0.58	0.53	0.48	0.43
2	1.05	1.00	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.79	0.72	0.66	0.60	0.54	0.49
3	1.22	1.16	1.10	1.04	0.99	0.92	0.84	0.77	0.70	0.63	0.57
4	1.32	1.26	1.20	1.13	1.07	1.00	0.91	0.83	0.76	0.68	0.62
5	1.41	1.34	1.27	1.21	1.14	1.06	0.96	0.88	0.80	0.72	0.66
6	1.48	1.41	1.34	1.27	1.20	1.11	1.02	0.93	0.85	0.76	0.69
7	1.54	1.47	1.40	1.32	1.25	1.16	1.06	0.97	0.88	0.79	0.72
8	1.61	1.53	1.45	1.38	1.30	1.21	1.10	1.01	0.92	0.83	0.75
10	1.71	1.63	1.55	1.47	1.39	1.29	1.17	1.08	0.98	0.88	0.80
11	1.80	1.71	1.62	1.54	1.45	1.35	1.23	1.13	1.03	0.92	0.84
12	1.85	1.76	1.67	1.58	1.50	1.39	1.27	1.16	1.06	0.95	0.86
13	1.92	1.83	1.74	1.65	1.56	1.45	1.32	1.21	1.10	0.99	0.90
14	2.05	1.95	1.85	1.76	1.66	1.54	1.40	1.29	1.17	1.05	0.96
15	2.15	2.05	1.95	1.85	1.74	1.62	1.48	1.35	1.23	1.11	1.00
16	2.24	2.13	2.02	1.92	1.81	1.68	1.53	1.41	1.28	1.15	1.04
17	2.32	2.21	2.10	1.99	1.88	1.75	1.59	1.46	1.33	1.19	1.08
18	2.45	2.33	2.21	2.10	1.98	1.84	1.68	1.54	1.40	1.26	1.14
19	2.55	2.43	2.31	2.19	2.07	1.92	1.75	1.60	1.46	1.31	1.19
20	2.64	2.51	2.38	2.26	2.13	1.98	1.81	1.66	1.51	1.36	1.23
21	2.74	2.61	2.48	2.35	2.22	2.06	1.88	1.72	1.57	1.41	1.28
22	2.89	2.75	2.61	2.48	2.34	2.17	1.98	1.82	1.65	1.49	1.35
23	3.00	2.86	2.72	2.57	2.43	2.26	2.06	1.89	1.72	1.54	1.40
24	3.14	2.99	2.84	2.69	2.54	2.36	2.15	1.97	1.79	1.61	1.47
25	3.39	3.23	3.07	2.91	2.75	2.55	2.33	2.13	1.94	1.74	1.58
26	3.68	3.50	3.33	3.15	2.98	2.77	2.52	2.31	2.10	1.89	1.72

Symbol 1989 & Prior

1	0.21
2	0.25
3	
	0.31
4	0.35
5	0.41
6	0.45
7	0.49
8	0.59
10	0.68
11	0.74
12	0.82
13	0.88
14	0.98
15	1.06
16	1.17
17	1.24
18	1.35
19	1.43
20	1.51
21	1.72
61	1.72