# REPORT OF MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATION OF

## THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Cincinnati, Ohio

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#### **COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**



# INSURANCE DEPARTMENT MARKET CONDUCT DIVISION

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### BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### ORDER

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2007, in accordance with Section 905(c) of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department Act, Act of May 17, 1921.

P.L. 789, as amended, P.S. § 323.5, I hereby designate Randolph L. Rohrbaugh, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, to consider and review all documents relating to the market conduct examination of any company and person who is the subject of a market conduct examination and to have all powers set forth in said statute including the power to enter an Order based on the review of said documents. This designation of authority shall continue in effect until otherwise terminated by a later Order of the Insurance Commissioner.



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Insurance Commissioner

#### ORDER

A market conduct examination of The Union Central Life Insurance Company (referred to herein as "Respondent") was conducted in accordance with Article IX of the Insurance Department Act, 40 P.S. § 323.1, et seq., for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. The Market Conduct Examination Report disclosed exceptions to acceptable company operations and practices. Based on the documentation and information submitted by Respondent, the Department is satisfied that Respondent has taken corrective measures pursuant to the recommendations of the Examination Report.

It is hereby ordered as follows:

- 1. The attached Examination Report will be adopted and filed as an official record of this Department. All findings and conclusions resulting from the review of the Examination Report and related documents are contained in the attached Examination Report.
  - 2. Respondent shall comply with Pennsylvania statutes and regulations.

- 3. Respondent shall comply with the recommendation contained in the attached Report.
- 4. Respondent shall file an affidavit stating under oath that it will provide each of its directors, at the next scheduled directors meeting, a copy of the adopted Report and related Orders. Such affidavit shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

The Department, pursuant to Section 905(e)(1) of the Insurance Department Act (40 P.S. § 323.5), will continue to hold the content of the Examination Report as private and confidential information for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

BY: Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

(April **8**, 2008)

Randolph L. Rohrbaugh

Deputy Insurance Commissioner

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The Market Conduct Examination was conducted on The Union Central Life Insurance Company; hereafter referred to as "Company," at the Company's office located in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9, 2007, through May 18, 2007. Subsequent review and follow-up was conducted in the office of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

Pennsylvania Market Conduct Examination Reports generally note only those items, to which the Department, after review, takes exception. A violation is any instance of Company activity that does not comply with an insurance statute or regulation. Violations contained in the Report may result in imposition of penalties. Generally, practices, procedures, or files that were reviewed by Department examiners during the course of an examination may not be referred to in the Report if no improprieties were noted. However, the Examination Report may include management recommendations addressing areas of concern noted by the Department, but for which no statutory violation was identified. This enables Company management to review these areas of concern in order to determine the potential impact upon Company operations or future compliance.

Throughout the course of the examination, Company officials were provided status memoranda, which referenced specific policy numbers with citation to each section of law violated. Additional information was requested to clarify apparent violations. An exit conference was conducted with Company officials to discuss the various types of violations identified during the examination and review written summaries provided on the violations found.

The courtesy and cooperation extended by the Officers and Employees of the Company during the course of the examination is acknowledged.

The undersigned participated in the Examination and in the preparation of this Report.

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Market Conduct Examiner

#### Verification

Having been duly sworn, I hereby verify that the statements made in the within document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4903 (relating to false swearing).

Sworn to and Subscribed Before me

This 11 Day of February, 2008

CONVEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTABLAL SEAL
LIFESA M. SENECA, Notary Public
of Harrisburg, Dauphin County
of Commission Expires Aug. 15, 2010

#### **II. SCOPE OF EXAMINATION**

The Market Conduct Examination was conducted pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 903 and 904 (40 P.S. §§323.3 and 323.4) of the Insurance Department Act and covered the experience period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006, unless otherwise noted. The purpose of the examination was to determine compliance by the Company with Pennsylvania insurance laws and regulations.

The examination focused on the Company's operation in areas such as: Advertising, Consumer Complaints, Forms, Producer Licensing, Underwriting Practices and Procedures, Rating and Claim Handling Practices and Procedures.

The Company was requested to identify the universe of files for each segment of the review. Based on the universe sizes identified, random sampling was utilized to select the files reviewed for this examination.

During the course of the examination, for control purposes, some of the review segments identified in this Report may have been broken down into various subcategories by line of insurance or Company administration. These specific subcategories, if not reflected individually in the Report, would be included and grouped within the respective general categories of the Examination Report.

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#### III. COMPANY HISTORY AND LICENSING

The Union Central Life Insurance Company commenced business in 1867, and was incorporated in the State of Ohio on January 30, 1867. The Company received its certificate of authority to operate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 1, 1881. The Company is authorized to do business in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Effective on January 1, 2006, The Union Central Life Insurance Company merged with Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. and Acacia Life Insurance Company. The Company is now a subsidiary of the UNIFI Mutual Holding Company.

The Company offers a variety of insurance coverage including life and disability insurance.

As of their 2006, annual statement for Pennsylvania, the Company reported direct premiums for ordinary life insurance, individual and group annuity considerations in the amount of \$61,453,708 and direct premium for accident and health insurance in the amount of \$2,803,728.

#### IV. ADVERTISING

Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 51.2(c) provides that "Any advertisements, whether or not actually filed or required to be filed with the Department under the provisions of this Regulation may be reviewed at any time at the discretion of the Department." The Department, in exercising its discretionary authority for reviewing advertising, requested the Company to provide copies of all advertising materials used for solicitation and sales during the experience period.

The Company was requested to provide advertising and marketing materials used during the experience period and an advertising certificate of compliance. The Company provided the information as requested, but did not provide a certificate of authority. The reviewing criteria used was to ascertain compliance with Act 205, Section 5 (40 P.S. § 1171.5), Unfair Methods of Competition and Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices. Also the material was reviewed for compliance with Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 51 and Title 18, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 4117(k). No violations were noted.

#### V. FORMS

The Company was requested to provide a list and copies of all policy and/or member forms, conversion contracts, applications, riders, amendments and endorsements used during the experience period. The forms provided and forms reviewed in various underwriting sections of the exam were reviewed to ensure compliance with Insurance Company Law, Section 354 and Title 18, Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 4117(k), Fraud notice. No violations were noted.

#### VI. PRODUCER LICENSING

The Company was requested to provide a list of all producers active and terminated during the experience period. Section 671-A (40 P.S. §310.71) of the Insurance Department Act prohibits producers from doing business on behalf of or as a representative of any entity without a written appointment from that entity. Section 641.1-A (40 P.S. §310.41a) of the Insurance Department Act prohibits a company from accepting insurance applications or securing any insurance business through anyone acting without a license. Section 671.1-A (40 P.S. §310.71a) of the Insurance Department Act requires the Company to report all producer terminations to the Department.

The Company provided a list of 1,171 producers. A random sample of 200 producers was requested, received and reviewed. The list was compared to departmental records of producers to verify appointments, terminations and licensing. In addition, a comparison was made on the 81 producers identified on applications reviewed in the policy issued sections of the exam. The following violations were noted.

### 3 Violations – Insurance Department Act, No. 147, Section 671-A (40 P.S. §310.71)

- (a) Representative of the insurer. An insurance producer shall not act on behalf of or as a representative of the insurer unless the insurance producer is appointed by the insurer. An insurance producer not acting as a representative of an insurer is not required to be appointed.
- (b) Representative of the consumer. An insurance producer acting on behalf of or representing an insurance consumer shall execute a written agreement with the insurance consumer prior to representing or acting on their behalf that:

- (1) Delineates the services to be provided; and
- (2) Provides full and complete disclosure of the fee to be paid to the insurance producer by the insurance consumer.
- (c) Notification to department. An insurer that appoints an insurance producer shall file with the department a notice of appointment. The notice shall state for which companies within the insurer's holding company system or group the appointment is made.
- (d) Termination of appointment. Once appointed, an insurance producer shall remain appointed by an insurer until such time as the insurer terminates the appointment in writing to the insurance producer or until the insurance producer's license is suspended, revoked or otherwise terminated.
- (e) Appointment fee. An appointment fee of \$12.50 will be billed annually to the insurer for each producer appointed by the insurer during the preceding calendar year regardless of the length of time the producer held the appointment with the insurer. The appointment fee may be modified by regulation.
- (f) Reporting. An insurer shall, upon request, certify to the department the names of all licensees appointed by the insurer.

The Company failed to file a notice of appointment and submit appointment fees to the Insurance Department for the following 3 producers. The Company listed these producers as active; however, Department records did not indicate their appointment.

Producer
John Kelley
Cynthia Hoffman
David Frederick

#### VII. CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

The Company was requested to identify all consumer complaints received during the experience period and provide copies of consumer complaint logs for 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. The Company reported 4 consumer complaints were received during the experience period. Of the 4 complaints identified, all 4 were forwarded from the Insurance Department. All 4 complaint files were requested, received and reviewed. The Company provided complaint logs as requested. The Department's list of written consumer complaints that were forwarded to the Company during the experience period was compared to the Company's complaint log.

The complaint files and the 4 years of complaint logs were reviewed for compliance with the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, No. 205 (40 P.S. §1171). Section 5(a)(11) of the Act requires maintenance of a complete record of all complaints received during the preceding four (4) years. The record shall indicate the total number of complaints, their classification by line of insurance, the nature of each complaint, the disposition of the complaint and the time it took to process each complaint. Written complaint files involving claims were also reviewed for compliance with Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 146.5(b) and 146.5(c), Unfair Claims Settlement Practices. No violations were noted.

#### VIII. UNDERWRITING

The Underwriting review was sorted and conducted in 13 general segments.

- A. Underwriting Guidelines
- B. Annuity Contracts Issued
- C. Disability Income Policies Issued
- D. Permanent Life Policies Issued
- E. Term Life Policies Issued
- F. Universal Life Policies Issued
- G. Variable Life Policies Issued
- H. Annuity Contracts Issued as Replacements
- I. Permanent Life Policies Issued as Replacements
- J. Term Life Policies Issued as Replacements
- K. Universal Life Policies Issued as Replacements
- L. Variable Life Policies Issued as Replacements
- M. Term Conversions

Each segment was reviewed for compliance with underwriting practices and included forms identification and producer identification. Issues relating to forms or licensing appear in those respective sections of the Report and are not duplicated in the Underwriting portion of the Report.

#### A. Underwriting Guidelines

The Company was requested to provide all underwriting guidelines and manuals utilized during the experience period. The guidelines and manuals received were reviewed to ensure that underwriting guidelines were in place and being followed in a uniform and consistent manner and that no underwriting practices or procedures were in place that could be considered discriminatory in nature, or specifically prohibited by statute or regulation. No violations were noted.

The following guidelines were reviewed:

- 1. Declinations
- 2. Notice of Insurance Information Practices
- 3. Circumstance of Disclosures by Union Central Life
- 4. Life Underwriting Guidelines
- 5. Height and Weight Chart
- 6. Standard Underwriting Program
- 7. Simplified Underwriting Program

#### **B.** Annuity Contracts Issued

The Company identified a universe of 95 annuity contracts issued during the experience period. A random sample of 25 annuity contracts was requested, received and reviewed. Annuity contracts were reviewed to determine compliance with issuance, and replacement statutes and regulations. Of the 25 annuity contracts reviewed, 11 were Accumulator Contracts (Combination Fixed & Variable Annuity) and 14 were Guaranteed Growth Contracts (Fixed Annuity). The following violation was noted:

#### 1 Violation - Insurance Company Law, Section 404-A (40 P.S. §625-4)

When the individual policy or annuity is delivered to the policyholder by the producer by hand, a delivery receipt shall be used. This receipt must be in at least a duplicate set and state the date the policy or annuity was received by the policyholder. The receipt date shall be the date on which the policyholder and producer sign the delivery receipt, and such date shall commence any applicable policy or annuity examination period. Copies of the delivery receipt must be provided to the policyholder on the date of

policy or annuity delivery and to the issuing insurer. When the individual policy or annuity is delivered by a means other than by hand delivery by the producer, the insurer shall establish appropriate means of verifying delivery by the producer of the policy or annuity and of establishing the date from which any applicable policy or examination period shall commence. Verification of the date of annuity contract delivery could not be established in the file noted.

#### C. Disability Income Policies Issued

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the examination period. The Company identified a universe of 238 disability policies issued. A random sample of 25 disability policy files were requested, received and reviewed. The policy files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. The following violation was noted:

#### 1 Violation – Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 88.102

Upon determining that a sale will involve replacement, an insurer, other than a direct response insurer or its agent, shall furnish the applicant at the time of completing the application, the notice described in § 88.103 of this title (relating to notice form). One copy of such notice shall be furnished to the applicant and an additional copy signed by the applicant shall be retained by the insurer. The notice of replacement form was included with the file but was not acknowledged by the applicant or the agent.

#### D. Permanent Life Policies Issued

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the experience period. The Company identified 64 permanent life insurance policies issued. A random sample of 25 permanent life policy issued files was requested, received and reviewed. The 25 policy files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. The following violations were noted:

#### 1 Violation - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 83.4a and Section 83.4b

- (a) The agent shall submit to the insurer with or as a part of the application for life insurance a statement, signed by him, certifying that the written disclosure statement was given no later than the time that the application was signed by the applicant.
- (b) The insurer shall maintain the agent's certification of disclosure statement delivery in its appropriate files for at least three years. The absence of the agent's certification from the appropriate files of the insurer shall constitute prima facie evidence that no disclosure statement was provided to the prospective purchaser of life insurance. The file noted did not contain a copy of the required agent's certification of disclosure.

#### 1 Violation - Insurance Company Law, Section 408-A(c)(4)(i) (40 P.S. §625-8)

A statement to be signed and dated by the applicant or the policy owner in the case of an illustration provided at time of delivery, reading as follows: "I have received a copy of this illustration and understand that any nonguaranteed elements illustrated are subject to change and could be either higher or lower. The producer has told me they are nonguaranteed." The applicant's acknowledgement of illustration receipt was not signed or dated in the file noted.

#### 1 Violation - Insurance Company Law, Section 408-A(c)(4)(ii) (40 P.S. §625-8)

A statement to be signed and dated by the producer reading as follows: "I certify that this illustration has been presented to the applicant or the policy owner and that I have explained that any nonguaranteed elements illustrated are subject to change. I have made no statements that are inconsistent with the illustration." The writing agent did not sign the certification in the file noted.

#### 1 Violation - Insurance Company Law, Section 408-A(e)(1)(i) (40 P.S. §625-8)

The following applies if a basic illustration is used by a producer in the sale of a life insurance policy. If the policy is applied for as illustrated, a copy of that illustration, signed in accordance with this section, shall be submitted to the insurer no later than the time the policy application is sent to the insurer. A copy shall also be provided to the applicant no later than the time the application is signed by the applicant. The agent certification and applicants acknowledgement of the illustration used was signed and dated after the application date in the file noted.

#### E. Term Life Policies Issued

The Company was requested to provide a list of all life policies issued during the exam period. The Company identified a universe of 325 term life policies issued during the experience period. A random sample of 25 term life policies were requested, received and reviewed. The policies were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. No violations were noted.

#### F. Universal Life Policies Issued

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 117 universal life policies issued. A random sample of 25 universal life polices issued was requested, received and reviewed. The policy files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. The following violations were noted:

#### 1 Violation - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.5(b)

The insurer shall require as part of a completed application for life insurance or annuity a statement signed by the applicant as to whether the proposed insurance or annuity will replace existing life insurance or annuity. The applicant's replacement question was not answered on the application for the file noted.

#### 1 Violation - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.6(a)(1)

An insurer that uses an agent or broker in a life insurance or annuity sale shall:

Require with or as part of a completed application for life insurance or annuity a statement signed by the agent or broker as to whether the broker knows replacement is or may be involved in the transaction. The agent' question on replacement was not answered on the application for the file noted.

#### 1 Violation - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.6(a)(2)(ii)

An insurer that uses an agent or broker in a life insurance or annuity sale shall, if replacement is involved: Send to each existing insurer a written communication advising of the replacement or proposed replacement and the identification information obtained under subparagraph (I) and in the case of life insurance, the disclosure

statement as required by § 83.3 (relating to disclosure statement) or ledger statement containing comparable policy data on the proposed life insurance. This written communication shall be made within 5 working days of the date the application is received in the replacing insurer's home or regional office, or the date the proposed policy or contract is issued, whichever is sooner. The replacement letter to the replaced company was not documented in the file noted.

#### G. Variable Life Policies Issued

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 26 variable life policies issued. All 26 variable life policy files were requested, received and reviewed. The policy files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. The following violations were noted:

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statement as required by §83.3 (relating to disclosure statement) or ledger statement containing comparable policy data on the proposed life insurance. This written communication shall be made within 5 working days of the date the application is received in the replacing insurer's home or regional office, or the date the proposed policy or contract is issued, whichever is sooner. The replacement letter to the replaced company was not documented in the file noted.

#### H. Annuity Contracts Issued as Replacements

The Company identified a universe of 221 annuities issued as replacements during the experience period. A random sample of 25 replacement files was requested, received and reviewed. The annuity files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. No violations were noted.

#### I. Permanent Life Policies Issued as Replacements

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 5 permanent life policies issued as replacements during the experience period. All 5 permanent life policies issued as replacements was requested, received and reviewed. The replacement policy files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. No violations were noted.

#### J. Term Life Policies Issued as Replacements

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 72 term life policies issued as replacements. A random sample of 25 term life policies issued as replacements files was requested, received and reviewed. The policy files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. The following violations were noted:

#### 2 Violations - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.6(a)(1)

An insurer that uses an agent or broker in a life insurance or annuity sale shall:

Require with or as part of a completed application for life insurance or annuity a statement signed by the agent or broker as to whether the broker knows replacement is or may be involved in the transaction. The agents question on replacement was not completed on the application for the 2 files noted.

#### K. Universal Life Policies Issued as Replacements

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 103 universal life policies issued as replacements during the experience period. A random sample of 25 universal life replacement files was requested, received and reviewed. The replacement policy files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. The following violations were noted:

#### 1 Violation- Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.4(b)(1)

If replacement is involved, the agent or broker shall: present to the applicant, not later than at the time of taking the application, a Notice Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance and Annuities. The replacement form was dated after the application date in the file noted.

#### 1 Violation - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.6(a)(2)(ii)

An insurer that uses an agent or broker in a life insurance or annuity sale shall, if replacement is involved: Send to each existing insurer a written communication advising of the replacement or proposed replacement and the identification information obtained under subparagraph (I) and in the case of life insurance, the disclosure statement as required by § 83.3 (relating to disclosure statement) or ledger statement containing comparable policy data on the proposed life insurance. This written communication shall be made within 5 working days of the date the application is received in the replacing insurer's home or regional office, or the date the proposed policy or contract is issued, whichever is sooner. The replacement letter to the replaced Company was delivered 2 days late in the file noted.

#### L. Variable Life Policies Issued as Replacements

The Company was requested to provide a list of all policies issued during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 5 life policies issued during the experience period. All 5 variable life policies issued as replacements were requested, received and reviewed. The files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance, underwriting, and replacement statutes and regulations. No violations were noted.

#### M. Term Conversions

The Company was requested to provide a list of all term policies converted during the experience period. The Company identified 30 term policies converted to permanent insurance. A random sample of 10 term conversion policy issued files was requested, received and reviewed. The files were reviewed to determine compliance to issuance and underwriting statutes and regulations. No violations were noted.

#### IX. INTERNAL AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE

The Company was requested to provide copies of their internal audit and compliance procedures. The audits and procedures were reviewed to ensure compliance with Insurance Company Law, Section 405-A (40 P.S. §625-5). Section 405-A provides for the establishment and maintenance of internal audit and compliance procedures, which provides for the evaluation of compliance with all statutes and regulations dealing with sales methods, advertising, and filing and approval requirements for life insurance and annuities. The procedures shall also provide for the following:

- (1) Periodic reviews of consumer complaints in order to determine patterns of improper practices.
- (2) Regular reporting to senior officers and the board of directors or an appropriate committee thereof with respect to any significant findings.
- (3) The establishment of lines of communication, control and responsibility over the dissemination of advertising and promotional materials, including illustrations and illustration explanations, with the requirement that such materials shall not be used without the approval by company employees whose compensation, other than generally applicable company bonus or incentive plans, is not directly linked to marketing or sales.

The Company is a member of Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) and has provided their IMSA Audit and Report. No violations were noted.

#### X. CLAIMS

The claims review consisted of a review of the Company's claim manuals and a review of the claim files. The Company was requested to provide copies of all procedural guidelines including all manuals, memorandums, directives and any correspondence or instructions used for processing claims during the experience period. The Company provided the following claim manuals:

- 1. Claims Reference Guide
- 2. DI Guidelines

The claim manuals and procedures (guidelines) were reviewed for any inconsistencies, which could be considered discriminatory, specifically prohibited by statute or regulation, or unusual in nature. No violations were noted.

The claim file review consisted of 5 areas:

- A. Annuity Claims
- B. Disability Claims
- C. Life Claims
- D. Premium Waiver Claims
- E. Repetitive Annuity Claims

All claim files sampled were reviewed for compliance with requirements of the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, No. 205 (40 P.S. §1171) and Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146, Unfair Claims Settlement Practices. The life claims were additionally reviewed for compliance with Insurance Company Law, Section 411B, Payment of Interest (40 P.S. §511b).

#### A. Annuity Claims

The Company was requested to provide a list of claims received during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 71 annuity claims. A random sample of 25 claims was requested, received and reviewed. The claim files were reviewed for compliance with Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146. The following violations were noted:

#### 2 Violations - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 146.5

Every insurer, upon receiving notification of a claim, shall within ten working days, acknowledge the receipt of such notice unless payment is made within such period of time. If an acknowledgement is made by means other than writing, an appropriate notation of such acknowledgment shall be made in the claim file of the insurer and dated. The Company failed to acknowledge a claim within 10 working days for the 2 claims noted.

#### 8 Violations - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 146.6

Every insurer shall complete investigation of a claim within 30 days after notification of a claim, unless the investigation cannot reasonably be completed within the time. If the investigation cannot be completed within 30 days, and every 45 days thereafter, the insurer shall provide the claimant with a reasonable written explanation for the delay and state when a decision on the claim may be expected. The Company failed to provide timely status letters for the 8 claims noted.

#### **B.** Disability Claims

The Company was requested to provide a list of claims received during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 26 disability claims. All 26 disability claims were requested, received and reviewed. The claim files were reviewed for compliance with Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146. The following violations were noted:

#### 1 Violation - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 146.5

Every insurer, upon receiving notification of a claim, shall within ten working days, acknowledge the receipt of such notice unless payment is made within such period of time. If an acknowledgement is made by means other than writing, an appropriate notation of such acknowledgment shall be made in the claim file of the insurer and dated. The Company failed to acknowledge the claim within 10 working days.

#### 4 Violations - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 146.6

Every insurer shall complete investigation of a claim within 30 days after notification of a claim, unless the investigation cannot reasonably be completed within the time. If the investigation cannot be completed within 30 days, and every 45 days thereafter, the insurer shall provide the claimant with a reasonable written explanation for the delay and state when a decision on the claim may be expected. The Company failed to provide a timely status letter for the 4 claims noted.

#### C. Life Claims

The Company was requested to provide a list of claims received during the experience period. The Company identified 95 life claims received. A random sample of 25 claim files was requested, received and reviewed. The claim files were reviewed for compliance with Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146 and Insurance Company Law, Section 411B, Payment of Interest (40 P.S. §511b). The following violations were noted:

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Every insurer shall complete investigation of a claim within 30 days after notification of a claim, unless the investigation cannot reasonably be completed within the time. If the investigation cannot be completed within 30 days, and every 45 days thereafter, the insurer shall provide the claimant with a reasonable written explanation for the delay and state when a decision on the claim may be expected. The Company failed to provide a timely status letter for the 8 claims noted.

#### D. Premium Waiver Claims

The Company was requested to provide a list of claims received during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 5 premium waiver claims. The 5 premium waiver claims included 2 ongoing disability claims on the same individual. All 5 claims were requested, received and reviewed. The claim files were reviewed for compliance with Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146. No violations were noted.

#### E. Repetitive Annuity Claims

The Company was requested to provide a list of claims received during the experience period. The Company identified a universe of 20 repetitive payment death claims. All 20 claims were requested, received and reviewed. The claim files were reviewed for compliance with Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146 and Insurance Company Law, Section 411B, Payment of Interest (40 P.S. §511b). The following violations were noted:

#### 3 Violations - Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 146.5

Every insurer, upon receiving notification of a claim, shall within ten working days, acknowledge the receipt of such notice unless payment is made within such period of time. If an acknowledgement is made by means other than writing, an appropriate notation of such acknowledgment shall be made in the claim file of the insurer and dated. The Company failed to acknowledge the 3 claims noted within 10 working days.

#### XI. RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations made below identify corrective measures the Department finds necessary as a result of the number of some violations, or the nature and severity of other violations, noted in the Report.

- 1. The Company must review and revise Licensing procedures to ensure compliance with Section 671-A of the Insurance Department Act of 1921 (40 P.S. §310.71).
- 2. The Company must review internal control procedures to ensure compliance with illustration certification and delivery requirements of Section 408-A of the Insurance Company Law of 1921 (40 P.S. §625-8).
- 3. The Company must implement procedures to ensure compliance with the policy delivery receipt requirements of Section 404-A of the Insurance Company Law of 1921 (40 P.S. §625-4).
- 4. The Company must review and revise internal control procedures to ensure compliance with the replacement requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.
- 5. The Company must review internal control procedures to ensure compliance with disclosure requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 83.
- 6. The Company must review internal control procedures to ensure compliance with replacement requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 88.
- 7. The Company must review and revise internal control procedures to ensure compliance with requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146, Unfair Claims Settlement Practices.

#### XII. COMPANY RESPONSE

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Re:

Examination Warrant Number: 06-M28-042 The Union Central Life Insurance Company

Dear Mr. Stemcosky:

Thank you for your letter of March 3, 2008, which we received on March 4, 2008, enclosing your Report of Examination and Recommendations. We very much appreciate the Department's consideration throughout this review process. Our company has thoroughly reviewed the Report of Examination. Our responses to the Department's seven points of recommendation are enclosed for your review.

Upon review, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Elizabeth F. Martini

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Enclosure

cc: Raymond M. Gilbertson, Vice President, Corporate Compliance

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#### XII. THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

# RESPONSES TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT OF EXAMINATION DATED MARCH 3, 2008

The responses below identify The Union Central Life Insurance Company's (the "Company") corrective measures.

- 1. The Company will review its licensing and appointment procedures to ensure compliance with Section 671-A of the Insurance Department Act of 1921 (40 P.S. §310.71).
- 2. The Company will review its internal control procedures to ensure compliance with illustration certification and delivery requirements of Section 408-A of the Insurance Company Law of 1921 (40 P.S. §625-8).
- 3. The Company will ensure that existing control procedures with regard to policy delivery receipts are followed and refined if necessary to comply with policy delivery receipt requirements of Section 404-A of the Insurance Company Law of 1921 (40 P.S. §625-4).
- 4. The Company will ensure that existing internal control procedures with regard to replacements are followed and refined if necessary to ensure compliance with the replacement requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Section 81.
- 5. The Company will review its internal control procedures to ensure compliance with the disclosure requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 83.
- 6. The Company will review its internal control procedures to ensure compliance with the replacement requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 88.
- 7. On the sampling that was reviewed, claim payments were made promptly; however, the Company recognizes the additional requirements of Title 31, Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 146, Unfair Claims Settlement Practices. The Company will review its internal control procedures to ensure compliance with Pennsylvania requirements.