

BEFORE THE DEPUTY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re:	:	Pursuant to Sections 1401, 1402,
	:	and 1403 of the Insurance
Application of The Baltimore Life	:	Holding Companies Act, Article
Insurance Company in Support of the	:	XIV of the Insurance Company
Request for Approval to Merge	:	Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921,
Philadelphia-United Life Insurance	:	P.L. 682, <u>as amended</u> , 40 P.S.
Company with and into The Baltimore	:	§§991.1401, 991.1402, and
Life Insurance Company in a Transaction	:	991.1403; Sections 1921 through
Exempt from the Requirements of 40 P.S.	:	1929 of the 1988 Business
§991.1402	:	Corporation Law, Act of
	:	December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, No.
	:	177, <u>as amended</u> , 15 Pa. C.S.
	:	§§1921-1928; Sections 205 and 207
	:	of the GAA Amendments Act of
	:	1990, Act of December 19, 1990,
	:	P.L. 834, No. 198, <u>as amended</u> , 15
	:	P.S. §§21205 and 21207.
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	:	Order No. ID-RC-10-35

DECISION AND ORDER

AND NOW, on this 27th day of December, 2010, Stephen J. Johnson, Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Deputy Commissioner”), hereby makes the following Decision and Order:

Pursuant to the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the 1988 Business Corporation Law and the GAA Amendments Act of 1990, and in consideration of the documents, presentations and reports received, as well as other inquiries and studies as permitted by law, the Deputy Commissioner hereby makes the following findings of fact:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Identity of Entities

1. Philadelphia-United Fire Insurance Company (“Fire Insurer”) is a stock casualty insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business located in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

2. Philadelphia-United Life Insurance Company (“Life Insurer” and together with Fire Insurer the “Domestic Insurers”) is a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business located in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. Life Insurer directly holds 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Fire Insurer.
3. The Baltimore Life Insurance Company (“Baltimore Life”) is an admitted stock life insurance company organized under the laws of the state of Maryland with its principal place of business located in Owings Mills, Maryland. Baltimore Life directly holds 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Life Insurer.
4. Baltimore Financial Group, Inc. (“Financial”) is a stock insurance holding company organized under the laws of the state of Maryland with its principal place of business located in Owings Mills, Maryland. Financial directly holds 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Baltimore Life.
5. Baltimore Life Holdings, Inc. (“Holdings”) is a mutual insurance holding company organized under the laws of the state of Maryland with its principal place of business located in Owings Mills, Maryland. Holdings directly holds 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Financial.
6. No entity controls Holdings.
7. Holdings is the sole ultimate controlling person of Domestic Insurers and Baltimore Life.

Filing of the Application

1. The Insurance Holding Companies Act, Article XIV of the Insurance Company Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921, P.L. 682, as amended, 40 P.S. §§991.1401 et seq. (“Insurance Holding Companies Act”), provides that all mergers or other acquisitions of control of domestic insurers must be filed with the Department for approval or disapproval.
2. Section 1402 (g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act provides for exemption from the requirements of Section 1402:
 - a) if the merger does not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of a domestic insurer, or
 - b) if the transaction is otherwise not comprehended within the purposes of Section 1402.
3. The 1988 Business Corporation Law, Act of December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, as amended, Sections 1921 through 1929, 15 Pa. C.S. §§1921 through 1929 (“1988 BCL”), and the GAA Amendments Act of 1990, P.L. 834, No. 198, as amended, 15

P.S. §§21205, 21207 (“GAA Amendments Act”), provide that all plans of merger of domestic insurers must be filed with the Department for approval or disapproval.

4. On December 2, 2010, the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Department”) received an initial application (which together with all material received subsequently is collectively referenced as “Application”) from Baltimore Life requesting approval to cause the merger of Life Insurer with and into Baltimore Life, with Baltimore Life the survivor of the merger.
5. The Application was filed with the Department pursuant to Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act and Section 205 of the GAA Amendments Act.

Notice of Filing and Comments

6. On December 18, 2010, the Department published notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* that the Application was submitted by Baltimore Life and such notice invited interested persons to submit comments to the Department regarding the Application for a seven day period, ending December 25, 2010.
7. During the seven day comment period, the Department received no comments regarding the proposed merger.

The Transaction

8. Baltimore Life has provided a Plan and Agreement of Merger (“Plan of Merger”) pursuant to Section 1924(b) of the 1988 BCL.
9. Plan of Merger provides for Life Insurer to merge with and into Baltimore Life, with Baltimore Life being the surviving corporation (“the Merger”).
10. As described in the Application, upon the effective date of the Merger each share of common stock of Life Insurer issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of the Merger would be surrendered and extinguished.
11. As described in the Application, at the effective date of the Merger, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Baltimore Life in effect at the effective date of the Merger, would be the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Baltimore Life after the Merger.
12. As described in the Application, the members of the board of directors and the officers of Baltimore Life at the effective date of the Merger would be the members of the board of directors and the officers of Baltimore Life after the Merger.
13. As described in the Application, Baltimore Life would thenceforth be responsible and liable for all the liabilities and obligations of Life Insurer.

14. If any of the above Findings of Fact are determined to be Conclusions of Law, they shall be incorporated in the Conclusions of Law as if fully set forth therein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Under Section 1402 of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the Department has jurisdiction to review and approve the merger of Life Insurer with and into Baltimore Life.
2. Under Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the Department shall exempt a merger from the requirements of Section 1402 if the merger does not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of a domestic insurer.
3. Pursuant to Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the Deputy Commissioner concludes that the proposed merger does not change the ultimate controlling person of the parties to the merger and, therefore, is exempt from the requirements of the Insurance Holding Companies Act.
4. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the preparation of the Plan of Merger, pertaining to the terms and conditions, satisfies the requirements of Section 1922 of the 1988 BCL.
5. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Plan of Merger satisfies the requirements of Section 1924.
6. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Articles of Merger will satisfy the requirements of Section 1926 of the 1988 BCL.
7. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Plan of Merger will be effective upon proper filing of Articles of Merger with the Pennsylvania Department of State pursuant to Sections 1927 and 1928 of the 1988 BCL.
8. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that, if the proposed merger is consummated, all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and purposes of Life Insurer will be conveyed to the surviving entity, as a matter of law, pursuant to Section 1929 of the 1988 BCL.
9. Pursuant to Section 205(b) of the GAA Amendments Act, the Deputy Commissioner, concludes that the terms and conditions of the proposed merger are fair and that the proposed merger is in accordance with law and not injurious to the interests of the policyholders and creditors.
10. The Application satisfies the requirements of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the 1988 BCL and the GAA Amendments Act.
11. If any of the above Conclusions of Law are determined to be Findings of Fact, they shall be incorporated in the Findings of Fact as if fully set forth therein.

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ORDER

Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Deputy Commissioner”) hereby approves the application of The Baltimore Life Insurance Company (“Baltimore Life”) requesting approval of the merger of Philadelphia-United Life Insurance Company with and into Baltimore Life subject to the following conditions:

1. Baltimore Life shall submit any changes made to the Articles of Merger, Plan of Merger or any of the draft documents provided with the Application to the Deputy Commissioner prior to execution of the changed document.
2. An approving determination must be granted by the Maryland Insurance Administration, before Articles of Merger are filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State. A certified copy of the Maryland approval shall be provided to the Deputy Commissioner within three (3) business days of receipt by Baltimore Life.
3. A copy of the Articles of Merger shall be filed with the Deputy Commissioner not later than ten (10) days after their filing with the Pennsylvania Department of

State.

4. This transaction may be recorded as effective for accounting purpose as of the first day of the calendar quarter in which the merger is consummated.

This Order is effective immediately.

STEPHEN J. JOHNSON
Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania