

BEFORE THE DEPUTY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re:	:	Pursuant to Sections 1401, 1402,
	:	and 1403 of the Insurance
Application of Tuscarora Wayne	:	Holding Companies Act, Article
Insurance Company in Support of a	:	XIV of the Insurance Company
Request for Approval to Merge	:	Law of 1921, Act of May 17, 1921,
Washington Fire and Storm Insurance	:	P.L. 682, <u>as amended</u> , 40 P.S.
Company with and into Tuscarora	:	§§991.1401, 991.1402, and
Wayne Insurance Company with	:	991.1403; Sections 1921 through
Tuscarora Wayne Insurance Company	:	1929 of the 1988 Business
being the Survivor in a Transaction	:	Corporation Law, Act of
Exempt from the Requirements of 40	:	December 21, 1988, P.L. 1444, No.
P.S. §991.1402	:	177, as amended, 15 Pa. C.S.
	:	§§1921-1929; Sections 205 and 207
	:	of the GAA Amendments Act of
	:	1990, Act of December 19, 1990,
	:	P.L. 834, No. 198, as amended, 15
	:	P.S. §§21205 and 21207.
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	:	Order No. ID-RC-09-30

DECISION AND ORDER

AND NOW, on this 5th day of October, 2009, 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 the Parties

1. Tuscarora Wayne Insurance Company (“Tuscarora Wayne”) is a domestic stock fire insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania.
2. Washington Fire and Storm Insurance Company (“Washington F&S”) is a domestic stock fire insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania.
3. Tuscarora Wayne Group, Inc. (“SHC”) is a stock insurance holding company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania. Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S are both wholly-owned subsidiaries of SHC.
4. Tuscarora Wayne Mutual Group, Inc. (“MHC”) is a mutual insurance holding company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with its principal place of business in Wyalusing, Pennsylvania. SHC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MHC.
5. MHC is the sole ultimate controlling person of Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S.

Filing of the Application

6. 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 transactions affecting the control of a domestic insurer must be filed with the Department for approval or disapproval.
7. Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act provides for the exemption from the requirements of Section 1402(b) if the transaction:
 - a. does not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of a domestic insurer, or
 - b. is otherwise not comprehended within the purposes of the section.
8. 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 and 21207 (“GAA Amendments Act”), provide that all plans of

merger of domestic insurers must be filed with the Department for approval or disapproval.

9. On September 9, 2009, the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Department”) received an initial request (which together with all material received subsequently is collectively referenced as “Application”) from Tuscarora Wayne for approval to merge Washington F&S with and into Tuscarora Wayne, with Tuscarora Wayne being the survivor.
10. The Application was filed pursuant to Section 1402(g) of the Insurance Holding Companies Act and Section 205 of the GAA Amendments Act.

Notice and Filing of Comments

11. On September 26, 2009, the Department published notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* of receipt of the Application and invited interested persons to submit written comments to the Department regarding the Merger for a 7-day period, ending October 3, 2009.
12. The Department received no comments regarding the Merger during the 7-day comment period.

The Transaction

13. Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S executed an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of September 8, 2009 (“Merger Agreement”), which provides for Washington F&S to merge with and into Tuscarora Wayne, with Tuscarora Wayne being the surviving corporation.
14. As described in the Application, the Merger Agreement was adopted by written consent of the sole shareholder of Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S on August 27, 2009.
15. As described in the Application, the Merger Agreement was adopted by written consent of the boards of directors of Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S on August 27, 2009.
16. As described in the Application, Tuscarora Wayne shall acquire all of the assets of Washington F&S and assume all of the debts and other liabilities of Washington F&S.
17. As described in the Application, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Tuscarora Wayne in effect immediately prior to the merger shall be the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of Tuscarora Wayne upon the effective date of the merger.

18. As described in the Application, each of the issued and outstanding shares of Washington F&S stock shall be cancelled.
19. As described in the Application, MHC will remain the sole ultimate controlling person of Tuscarora Wayne following the transaction.
20. 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 Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S.
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 Merger Agreement, pertaining to the terms and conditions, satisfies the requirements of Section 1922 of the 1988 BCL.
5. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Merger Agreement has been adopted and consented to by the sole shareholder of Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S, and by the board of directors of Tuscarora Wayne and Washington F&S, satisfying the requirements of Section 1924 of the 1988 BCL.
6. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that the Merger Agreement will be effective on or after proper filing of Articles of Merger with the Department of State, pursuant to Sections 1927 and 1928 of the 1988 BCL.
7. The Deputy Commissioner concludes that, if the proposed merger is consummated, all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and purposes of Washington F&S will be conveyed to the surviving entity, as a matter of law, pursuant to Section 1929 of the 1988 BCL.
8. Pursuant to Section 205(b) of the GAA Amendments Act, the Deputy Commissioner concludes that the proposed merger is in accordance with law and not injurious to the interests of policyholders and creditors of Tuscarora Wayne

and Washington F&S.

9. The Application satisfies the requirements of the Insurance Holding Companies Act, the 1988 BCL and the GAA Amendments Act.
10. 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 Tuscarora Wayne Insurance Company in support of a request for approval to merge Washington Fire and Storm Insurance Company with and into Tuscarora Wayne Insurance Company with Tuscarora Wayne Insurance Company being the survivor subject to the following conditions:

1. 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.
2. 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 and valid for one year, provided there are no material changes to the representations provided in the application.

STEPHEN J. JOHNSON
Deputy Insurance Commissioner