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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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BLUE RIDGE RISK PARTNERS, LLC	:	40 P.S. §§ 310.11(1), (2), (20) and
ATTN: Agent/Broker Licensing Unit,	:	310.78(a)
1120 C Professional Court	:	
Hagerstown, MD 21741-0609	:	
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and	:	
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JOHN LATIMER	:	
13523 The Heights	:	
Hagerstown, MD 21742	:	
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Respondents.	:	Docket No. CO22-09-021

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 13th day of October, 2022, this Order is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Respondents hereby admit and acknowledge that they have received proper notice of their rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. §§ 101, et seq., or other applicable law.

2. Respondents hereby waive all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agree that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in

accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other applicable law.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

3. The Pennsylvania Insurance Department (“Department”) finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:

- (a) Respondent is Blue Ridge Risk Partners, LLC, and maintains a record of its address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as ATTN: Agent/Broker Licensing Unit, 1120 C Professional Court, Hagerstown, MD 21741-0609.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Non-Resident Producer Agency.
- (c) Co-Respondent is John Latimer and maintains a record of his address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 13523 The Heights, Hagerstown, MD 21742.
- (d) Co-Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Non-Resident Producer and Designated Licensee for Respondent.
- (e) Respondent, on December 16, 2021, executed a Consent Order with the Department and was fined \$1,000.00 for failing to file the statutory

required surplus lines monthly (1620s) reports and annual (RCT-123) reports.

- (f) Respondent, on March 11, 2022, was issued an administrative action by the Louisiana Insurance Department and fined \$250.00 for failing to report the administrative action identified in finding 3(e) within 30 days.
- (g) Respondent and Co-Respondent (“Respondents”), failed to report to the Department the administrative action identified in finding 3(f) within 30 days.
- (h) Respondent, on July 28, 2022, submitted a license application and incorrectly answered "No" to the question that asks, “[h]as the business entity or any owner, partner, officer or director of the business entity, or manager or member of a limited liability company, been named or involved as a party in an administrative proceeding, including a FINRA sanction or arbitration proceeding regarding any professional or occupational license, or registration, which has not been previously reported to this insurance department?”

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Insurance Department concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

- (a) Respondents are subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.
- (b) 40 P.S. § 310.11(1) prohibits a licensee or an applicant for a license from providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete or false information to the Department in a license application.
- (c) Respondents' activities described in paragraph 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(1).
- (d) 40 P.S. § 310.11(2) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from violating the insurance laws or regulations of this Commonwealth or a subpoena or order of the commissioner or of another state's insurance commissioner.
- (e) Respondents' activities described above in paragraphs 3(f) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(2).
- (f) 40 P.S. § 310.11(20) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the Department that the licensee is worthy of licensure.
- (g) Respondents' activities described in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).

- (h) 40 P.S. § 310.78(a) requires a licensee to report any administrative action taken in another jurisdiction or by another governmental agency within 30 days of the final disposition, to include a copy of the order, consent order or other relevant legal documents.
- (i) Respondents' activities described in paragraph 3(g) violate 40 P.S. § 310.78(a).
- (j) Respondents' violations of 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(1), (2), (20) and 310.78(a) are punishable by the following, under 40 P.S. § 310.91:
  - (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the license;
  - (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for every violation of the Act;
  - (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
  - (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

ORDER

5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Insurance Department orders and Respondents consent to the following:

- (a) Respondents shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

- (b) Respondents shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment of this penalty shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment should be directed to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Bureau of Licensing and Enforcement, 1227 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. Payment may be enclosed with the Consent Order, but must be paid in any event no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the Consent Order.
- (c) Respondents' licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any confirmed complaint against Respondents is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under this section is limited to a period of seven (7) years from the date of this Order.
- (d) Respondents specifically waives their right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondents by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondents' written request.

- (e) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(d) of this Order, Respondents shall have the burden of demonstrating that they are worthy of a license.
- (f) In the event Respondents' licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, and Respondents either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that they are worthy of a license, Respondents' suspended licenses shall be revoked.

6. In the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provisions of law; or, if applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

7. Alternatively, in the event the Insurance Department finds there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Department may declare this Order to be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.

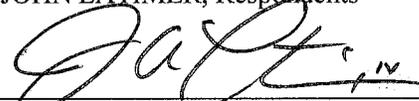
8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondents may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

9. Respondents hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Insurance Department. Only the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violations of law contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or duly authorized delegee.

BY: BLUE RIDGE RISK PARTNERS, LLC, AND  
JOHN LATIMER, Respondents



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President/Vice President

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Secretary/Treasurer



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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: DAVID J. BUONO JR.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:           The Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 177, No. 175, known as The  
Administrative Code of 1929

AND NOW, this \_\_31<sup>st</sup>\_\_ day of \_\_March\_\_\_\_, 2022, David J. Buono, Jr.,  
Deputy Insurance Commissioner, is hereby designated as the Commissioner's duly  
authorized representative for purposes of entering in and executing Consent Orders. This  
delegation of authority shall continue in effect until otherwise terminated by a later Order  
of the Insurance Commissioner.

  
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Michael Humphreys  
Acting Insurance Commissioner

