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VIA SERFF

The Honorable Karen Weldin-Stewart, CIR-ML
Insurance Commissioner
Insurance Department
State of Delaware
841 Silver Lake Boulevard
Dover, DE 19904-2465

Attention: W. Harding (Hardy) Drane

RE: DCRB Filing No. 1603, Workers Compensation Residual Market Rate and Voluntary Market Loss Cost Filing, **Proposed Effective December 1, 2016 (Selected Portions Effective June 1, 2017)**

Dear Commissioner Weldin-Stewart:

On behalf of the members of the Delaware Compensation Rating Bureau, Inc. (DCRB), I am filing the following proposed changes to Residual Market Rates and Voluntary Market Loss Costs in Delaware, along with changes to associated rating values and supplementary rate information.

Residual Market Rates	+3.18%
Voluntary Market Loss Costs	+1.68%

This filing is made in compliance with provisions of House Bill 241 (HB241), workers compensation insurance legislation enacted in 1993. Most of these revisions are proposed to be effective on a new and renewal basis for workers compensation insurance policies with normal anniversary rating dates on or after 12:01 a.m., December 1, 2016. The portions of this filing updating the table of qualifying wages and credits for the Delaware Construction Classification Premium Adjustment Program are proposed to be effective on a new and renewal basis for workers compensation policies with normal anniversary rating dates on or after 12:01 a.m., June 1, 2017.

In preparing this filing, the DCRB has carefully considered current Delaware experience and has applied a variety of actuarial and economic analytical techniques that collectively support the proposal. A detailed discussion of the considerations, methods and exhibits can be found in the Actuarial Memorandum.

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The impacts of recent legislation are included in the calculations underlying the proposed change. Specifically, the estimated impacts of Senate Bill 1, Senate Bill 238 and House Bill 175, and the anticipated impact of House Bill 373 are fully incorporated.

Please direct any questions to me, John Pedrick, Vice President – Actuarial Services, or Kenneth Creighton, Chief Actuary. DCRB staff will be pleased to cooperate with and assist the Insurance Department in its prompt consideration of these proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William V. Taylor".

William V. Taylor
President

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Enclosures