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8 **BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**  
9 **OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
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12 In the Matter of the Rate Applications of  
13 STATE FARM GENERAL INSURANCE  
14 COMPANY,  
15 Applicant.  
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File Nos. PA-2024-00011, PA-2024-00012, PA-2024-00013

**ORDER REGARDING STATE FARM  
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S  
REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY  
INTERIM RATE PENDING RATE  
HEARING**

19 The above entitled-matter consists of three separate rate application (Applications) filed by  
20 State Farm General Insurance Company (State Farm), on or about June 27, 2024, with the  
21 Department of Insurance (Insurance). Intervenor Consumer Watchdog (Watchdog) submitted a  
22 petition to intervene in all of the Applications. Despite months of discussions, the parties could  
23 not agree upon a rate and resolve State Farm's Applications. On February 3, 2025, State Farm  
24 sent a request to the Insurance Commissioner (Commissioner) for approval of an emergency  
25 interim rate based on concern over its "swift capital depletion."

26 After reviewing materials submitted by State Farm, Watchdog and the Department, the  
27 Commissioner held an informal conference with the parties on February 26, 2025, where the  
28 Commissioner sought answers from State Farm to a series of questions regarding its emergency

request, and financial condition. The Insurance Commissioner then held a video conference with the parties on March 11, 2025, regarding a proposed resolution.

Having reviewed State Farm's request for an emergency interim rate, the materials submitted by State Farm, Watchdog and the Department regarding the request for an emergency interim rate, and the information received and discussed during, and associated with, both the February 26, 2025 hearing and March 11, 2025 video conference, and GOOD CAUSE appearing therefor,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Commissioner orders the Department to issue a Notice of Hearing on State Farm's Applications pursuant to Insurance Code section 1861.05, subdivision (c)(2), and the California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 2648.3, and that the date of the hearing shall be set for no later than June 1, 2025.

2. State Farm's requests for an emergency interim rate - 21.8% for homeowners non-tenant HO-3 (File No. 24-1271); 15% for overall renter/condo tenant (File No. 24-1273) and 38% for rental dwelling (File No. 24-1330) - are provisionally granted, with an effective date of June 1, 2025, subject to the following:

- a. Pursuant to 10 CCR 2656.1, subdivision (g), an Administrative Law Judge shall hear from State Farm regarding its emergency interim rate requests based on updated rate-setting data through the end of the first quarter of 2025 in the Applications, the two-way stipulation between the Department and State Farm, Watchdog's objections to the interim rate, argument from the Commissioner's February 26, 2025, and March 11, 2025 conferences, the Commissioner's subsequent proposal to the parties along with such additional correspondence, evidence and argument provided at the hearing.
- b. This hearing shall commence on **April 8, 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.** at the Department's office in Oakland before an Administrative Law Judge.
- c. Upon conclusion of the hearing on State Farm's requests for an emergency interim rate, the Administrative Law Judge shall provide the Commissioner

1 with a proposed decision for acceptance, adoption, or amendment, in  
2 accordance with Insurance Code section 1861.08.

3 d. The Administrative Law Judge shall provide the Commissioner with a proposed  
4 decision within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing.

5 3. The Commissioner will then issue an interim rate order if State Farm is able to  
6 meet its burden to support these interim rate requests.

7 4. Any interim rate order shall be implemented subject to potential refunds with  
8 interest.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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11 Dated: March 14, 2025

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14 RICARDO LARA  
Insurance Commissioner

**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
**In the Matter of the Rate Applications of:**  
**STATE FARM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**Case No. PA-2024-00011, PA-2024-00012, PA-2024-00013**

I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to the within action. I am an employee of the Department of Insurance, State of California, employed at 1901 Harrison St. Oakland, CA 94612. On March 14, 2025, I served the following document(s):

**INSURANCE COMMISSIONER'S RULING ON REQUEST FOR A  
FINDING OF ELIGIBILITY TO SEEK COMPENSATION**

on all persons named on the attached Service List, by the method of service indicated, as follows:

If **U.S. MAIL** is indicated, by placing on this date, true copies in sealed envelopes, addressed to each person indicated, in this office's facility for collection of outgoing items to be sent by mail, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1013. I am familiar with this office's practice of collecting and processing documents placed for mailing by U.S. Mail. Under that practice, outgoing items are deposited, in the ordinary course of business, with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day, with postage fully prepaid, in the city of Oakland and the county of Alameda, California.

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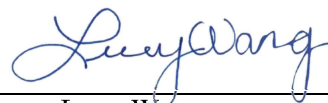
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Executed this date at Oakland, California. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.



Lucy Wang

**PROOF OF SERVICE  
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STATE FARM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
Case No. PA-2024-00011, PA-2024-00012, PA-2024-00013**

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