

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**MERRIMACK, SS**

**SUPERIOR COURT**

**Docket No. 03-E-0106**

**In the Matter of the Liquidation of  
The Home Insurance Company**

**AFFIDAVIT OF PETER A. BENGELSDORF, SPECIAL DEPUTY LIQUIDATOR,  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH COMMONWEALTH EDISON**

I, Peter A. Bengelsdorf, hereby depose and say:

1. I was appointed Special Deputy Liquidator of the Home Insurance Company (“Home”), by the Insurance Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire, as Liquidator (“Liquidator”) of Home. I submit this affidavit in support of the Liquidator’s Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Commonwealth Edison. The facts and information set forth are either within my own knowledge gained through my involvement with this matter, in which case I confirm that they are true, or are based on information provided to me by others, in which case they are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

2. The motion seeks approval for the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (“Settlement Agreement”) between Commonwealth Edison Company, for itself, its predecessors and successors (“Commonwealth Edison”) and the Liquidator. For the sake of clarity, the definitions of “ComEd” and “Claimant” in the Settlement Agreement exclude PECO Energy Company, which only shares a common parent with Commonwealth Edison Company, and Nicor, Inc., a former affiliate of Commonwealth Edison Company that currently has no corporate relation with it. Settlement Agreement, first Whereas clause. The Settlement Agreement was negotiated under my supervision. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached as Exhibit A to the Liquidator’s motion.

3. Home issued six insurance policies to Commonwealth Edison for various policy periods between May 1, 1968 and August 21, 1986, and one insurance policy to Commonwealth Edison Company and Mid-Illinois Gas Company for the policy period between January 1, 1970 and January 9, 1971. Settlement Agreement, second Whereas clause. Upon Home's placement in liquidation, Commonwealth Edison filed a proof of claim in the Home liquidation regarding claims under the policies, including but not limited to claims for coverage for environmental clean-up costs and damages and for asbestos bodily injury. Settlement Agreement, fourth Whereas clause.

4. The Liquidator and Commonwealth Edison have negotiated a Settlement Agreement reflecting a resolution of the proof of claim and all matters under the policies. The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Court. Settlement Agreement ¶ 1.

5. The Settlement Agreement provides that the Liquidator will recommend allowance of the proof of claim in the aggregate amount of \$785,000 as a Class II priority claim of Commonwealth Edison under RSA 402-C:44. Settlement Agreement ¶ 2(A). Allowance of the recommended amount as a Class II claim will fully and finally resolve the proof of claim and all claims Commonwealth Edison has under the policies. *Id.* ¶ 2(B). Distributions based on that allowance will be made at the same intervals and at the same percentages as distributions to other Class II creditors of Home. *Id.* ¶ 2(C).

6. The Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve the proof of claim and all claims under the policies. See Settlement Agreement ¶¶ 2(B), 5. To that end, the Settlement Agreement provides for mutual releases of all claims among the Liquidator, Home and Commonwealth Edison arising from or related to the proof of claim or the policies. *Id.* ¶¶ 3, 4. The Liquidator also agrees not to pursue claims respecting the underlying matters covered by the

proof of claim against other insurers of Commonwealth Edison that agree not to pursue such claims against Home. Id. ¶ 6.

7. The Liquidator is not aware of any third party claimants who have asserted claims under the policies. However, in resolving all matters relating to the proof of claim and the policies, the Settlement Agreement contemplates denial of any third party claimants' claims under the policies in the Home liquidation without prejudice to their claims against Commonwealth Edison. Accordingly, Commonwealth Edison acknowledges in the Settlement Agreement that it is intended to resolve all matters between Commonwealth Edison and the Liquidator/Home relating to the proof of claim and the policies, including asserted rights of third party claimants. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Commonwealth Edison agrees to address, at its sole cost, the claims of claimants asserting claims against Commonwealth Edison as if Commonwealth Edison had no insurance coverage from Home under the policies. Id. Commonwealth Edison agrees to indemnify the Liquidator and Home against claims arising from the policies up to the amounts actually distributed to Commonwealth Edison. Id.

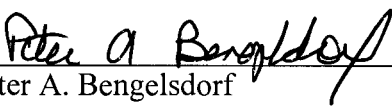
8. The denial of any third party claimants' proofs of claim without prejudice to their claims against Commonwealth Edison will not harm the third party claimants, who will continue to have their full claims against Commonwealth Edison. As noted above, Commonwealth Edison has agreed to address these claims as if it had no insurance coverage from Home under the policies. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Third party claimants' proofs of claim against the insolvent Home, if not denied with this agreement, would release Commonwealth Edison from those claims up to the limits of the policies but only entitle the third party claimants (assuming their claims were allowed) to a presently undetermined percentage distribution at the future date when a distribution is made. It is not expected that the allowed claims of any third party claimants (or other Class II creditors) will be paid in full. Under the Settlement Agreement,

Commonwealth Edison will continue to be fully responsible for any third party claimants' claims against it. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 5.

9. The Settlement Agreement reflects a compromise of the claims asserted in the proof of claim. It is the result of negotiations involving the Claims Department, under my supervision, which has extensive experience in assessing the exposure presented by environmental clean-up costs and damages and asbestos bodily injury claims under Home's insurance policies. The agreed settlement amount is based on careful evaluation and negotiation of coverage obligations under Home's policies respecting the underlying liabilities of Commonwealth Edison. The Liquidator accordingly recommends approval of the Settlement Agreement and allowance of the \$785,000 settlement amount as a Class II claim of Commonwealth Edison in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44.

10. The Liquidator submits that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the policyholders and creditors of Home.

Signed under the penalties of perjury this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2012.

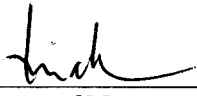
  
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Peter A. Bengelsdorf  
Special Deputy Liquidator of The Home Insurance  
Company

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF VENTURA

On April 9, 2012 before me, Tina Le, Notary Public,  
personally appeared Peter A. Bengelsdorf, Special Deputy Liquidator of The Home Insurance  
Company, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name  
is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his  
authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon  
behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that  
the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature   
Signature of Notary Public

