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

- 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 Ninth Early Access Distribution to Insurance Guaranty Associations. 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. On October 8, 2003, the Liquidator applied for approval of an Early Access Distribution Plan ("Plan") in accordance with RSA 402-C:29, III. The Plan included a form of Early Access Distribution Agreement ("Agreement") to be entered into by guaranty associations receiving an early access distribution. The Court approved the Plan and Agreement by order entered October 22, 2003.
- 3. In the Home liquidation, provision is made for the payment of Class I claims by issuing Class I claim notices and paying a Class I distribution on an annual basis. The assets of the Home estate will not be sufficient to pay all Class I and Class II claims in full so guaranty associations' Class II claims are the only claims on which early access distributions can be made.

- 4. Guaranty association Class II claims are claims against Home's estate arising from the associations' obligations to make payment on "covered claims." Pursuant to statute, "covered claims" are claims against the guaranty associations (including claims for unearned premiums) which arise out of and are within the coverage and not in excess of applicable limits of insurance policies issued by the insolvent insurer. Subject to statutory and policy limits and conditions, the guaranty associations' obligations under policies issued by Home thus encompass both indemnity and claim defense expense payments. These are the claims on which the Court has approved previous early access distributions and on which the Liquidator now proposes to make a ninth early access distribution.
- 5. Since the commencement of this liquidation proceeding, fifty-seven guaranty associations have reported making indemnity or defense payments under insurance policies issued by Home. Beginning in 2004, the Liquidator has regularly moved for (and the Court has approved) early access distributions based on reported guaranty association payments less reported recoveries. Most recently, the Liquidator moved for approval of an eighth early access distribution of approximately \$15 million on December 12, 2011, and the Court approved the eighth early access distribution on January 25, 2012. The Liquidator applied deductions and a 40% distribution cap and made an eighth early access distribution totaling \$10,867,471.37.
- 6. The guaranty associations have reported paying \$420,301,073.38 through September 30, 2012, regarding policies of insurance issued by Home (\$377,006,967.79 in indemnity and \$43,294,105.59 in "claim expense payments").² The guaranty associations also

¹ Certain guaranty associations have taken the position that claim defense expenses are Class I administration costs rather than Class II policy related claims. The Liquidator has agreed that the receipt of an early access distribution by a guaranty association shall not be deemed to constitute an admission by the guaranty association that claim defense expenses are a Class II claim.

² "Claim expense payments" reported by certain guaranty associations may include amounts to which the Liquidator will assign Class I, Class II, or Class V priority.

reported recoveries (e.g. subrogation, net worth, and second injury fund recoveries) totaling \$43,776,851.58, so the guaranty associations' reported payments after recoveries total \$376,524,221.80. The approved first through eighth early access distribution amounts totaled \$346,086,500.94.³ Accordingly, the potential total for a ninth early access distribution (which would then be subject to deductions and the distribution cap) is \$30,437,720.86. A chart showing reported payments and recoveries through September 30, 2012 (as reported by each guaranty association by October 30, 2012) together with the previously approved early access payments and potential ninth early access distribution amounts is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 7. As of December 31, 2012, the unrestricted liquid assets of the Home estate in the Liquidator's control totaled \$1,142,120,222 as set forth in the Statement of Net Assets (unaudited) attached hereto as Exhibit B. The liquid assets available to the Liquidator are thus approximately thirty-seven times the amount of the guaranty associations' payments eligible for a ninth early access distribution, and they exceed those payments by over \$1.1 billion. The liquid assets that would remain after the proposed ninth early access distribution are approximately three times the amount of the guaranty associations' net payments through September 30, 2012.
- 8. Prior to liquidation, Home had made deposits in a number of states as required by the laws of those states. As contemplated by the Plan and the orders approving the prior early access distributions, the Liquidator deducted the amount of deposits in certain states from the early access distributions where the deposit had not been returned to the Liquidator. This served to provide equivalent reimbursement from Home to the various guaranty associations. Where

³ The amounts paid by guaranty associations and the prior early access distribution amounts in this paragraph include the \$3,148,212.13 paid to workers compensation claimants on behalf of guaranty associations during 2003 by the Liquidator as advances on early access distributions in order to avoid disruptions in payments to the claimants during the transition of claim paying responsibility to the guaranty associations.

deposits remain unreturned and were not deducted in connection with the prior early access distributions, the Liquidator will deduct the amount of a deposit in a particular state from the ninth early access distribution to the guaranty association in that state. The Liquidator may also deduct amounts due to Home from guaranty associations for other reasons where the guaranty association has not paid the amount to the Liquidator.

- 9. The guaranty associations receive so-called "deductible reimbursements" from certain policyholders who had entered agreements with Home under which they were to reimburse Home for amounts it paid to claimants within agreed deductible amounts. The guaranty associations that have paid claims within those amounts may recover from such policyholders as more fully set forth in the Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Agreement Regarding Home Deductible Policies filed March 23, 2011, but those amounts are not included within the recoveries identified on Exhibit A. The Liquidator will deduct the amount of such deductible reimbursements by a particular guaranty association from the ninth early access distribution to that association.
- 10. Certain amounts reported as "claim expenses" may not be defense payments made pursuant to a Home policy and, instead, may be classified as expenses of administration with Class I priority. The Liquidator will deduct the amount of any such Class I claims from the ninth early access distribution. Similarly, portions of the "claim expenses" reported by the guaranty associations may not be entitled to Class I or Class II priority and therefore have Class V priority. Class V claims are not eligible for distribution so the Liquidator will deduct the amount of any such claims from the ninth early access distribution.⁴

⁴ As with guaranty association assertions regarding claims defense expenses, the Liquidator agrees that the receipt by a guaranty association of any early access distribution from which Class V claims have been deducted does not constitute an admission by the guaranty association as to the proper priority classification of the deducted claims.

- 11. The Liquidator asks guaranty associations for clarification regarding payments, expenses, or recoveries. There is now one questioned item (from the New York Security Fund) which is the subject of a request for review and would be deducted from the early access distribution.
- 12. To receive an early access distribution under the Plan, a guaranty association must execute the Agreement. The Agreement provides that the signatory guaranty association will return early access distributions that the Liquidator subsequently determines are necessary to pay claims of secured creditors or creditors whose claims fall into the same or a higher priority class than those of the guaranty association. This is sometimes referred to as a "claw back". All but two guaranty associations have executed the Agreement.
- 13. It is expected that the guaranty associations will submit significant additional requests for reimbursement from the Home estate in the future due to their ongoing obligations on covered claims under policies of insurance issued by Home. The first two early access distributions accordingly equaled one-hundred percent (100%) of the amounts the guaranty funds had paid as of September 30, 2005. The third through eighth early access distributions were based on 100% of guaranty fund payments as of September 30 for each year from 2006 through 2011, but they were subject to a distribution cap equal to forty percent (40%) of the total incurred costs projected by each guaranty association. The Liquidator plans to apply this 40% cap to the proposed ninth early access distribution as well. The 40% cap is not an estimate of the ultimate distribution that will be made on Class II claims but, instead, is designed to avoid situations in which a "claw back" pursuant to RSA 402-C:29, III(b)(4) and the Agreement may be necessary

⁵ For purposes of early distribution calculations, "total incurred" costs includes paid amounts, case reserves, and any amounts subject to requests for redetermination but does not include reserves for incurred but not reported loss or for claims subject to "net worth" provisions. Consistent with the use of reported claim expenses (rather than determined claims), reserves against which the distribution cap is applied reflect guaranty association estimates rather than Liquidator calculations.

by keeping each guaranty association's total early access distributions at a level of no more than 40% of its total projected incurred costs. As shown in Exhibit A, the cap is expected to affect thirty-four guaranty associations.

- 14. Deductions for deposits and unpaid/unreturned funds, deductible reimbursements, Class I and Class V claim expenses, and questioned items, together with the distribution cap, will reduce the amount of the proposed ninth early access distribution by approximately \$15.1 million. The Liquidator therefore expects that the total amount distributed will be approximately \$15.3 million.
- 15. The Liquidator obtained limited waivers of alleged federal priority claims as a precondition to making the first through sixth early access distributions. It appears unlikely that the United States will grant a further waiver at this time. (The Liquidator and the United States have recently concluded litigation in the federal courts with respect to a provision of the Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act, see Solis v. The Home Ins. Co., 848

 F.Supp.2d 91 (D. N.H. 2012), and the United States is now pursuing state law claims before this Court.) However, in light of the statutory claw back provision, the Agreement with guaranty associations receiving early access distributions, and the factors described in ¶ 7, the Liquidator believes that making the proposed ninth early access distribution is reasonable and prudent even without such a waiver. The Liquidator will consider this issue anew in connection with any future proposed early access distributions.

Signed under the penalties of perjury this <u>I</u> day of February, 2013.

Peter A. Bengelsdorf

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF VENTURA

On FEB 1, 2013 before me, CLAUDIA A. KING: normally 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: Ususia A. King Notary Public

CLAUDIA A. KING
Commission # 1850605
Notary Public - California
Ventura County
My Comm. Expires May 23, 2013

Exhibit A

Guaranty Association Indemnity/Expense and Recoveries through 09/30/12 (as Reported by 10/30/12)

	_	Guaranty Association Claim Expense	Total Guaranty		Net Guaranty	Amounts (subject to	Access (subject to	Distribution
Guaranty Association	Indemnity Payments	Payments.	}	Kecovenes	SSOCIATION Pay	g 2	deductions and cap)	Cap
Alabama Insurance Guaranty Assoc.		863,559.02	12,358,578.76	(2,477,977,65)	\$ 9,880,601.11		\$ 1,121,908.25	-
Alaska Insurance Guaranty Assoc.		668,233.39	1,693,978.68	(156,758.34)		1,490,954.05	A G	Tes
Arizona Industrial Commission	\$ 4,047,560.77 \$	880	441./3	•	4	3,589,528.98	\$ 503,912.75	
Anzona Property & Casualty Ins. Guaranty Assoc.		41,478.99	241,278.99	1000000	241,276.39	9 241,132.30	4	
Arkansas Property & Casualty Ins. Guaranty Assoc.	969,209.07	135,967.07	1, 100, 190, 14	(1 061 100 73)	AK	\$ 41.380.780.05	2871	Yes
California Insurance Guarante Assoc.		548 309 52	204 801 38	(601,103.73)	3 6	3 382 610 80	•	Yes
Connecticut Insurance Guaranty Associ	\$ 7.430.868.71	747	8.173.117	(1.921.461.43)	\$ 6,251,655,68	\$ 5,762,113.95	S	Yes
Delaware Insurance Guaranty Associated	1 396 483 00		1 548 430.21	(681,900,71)			\$ 70,361.33	
District of Columbia Insurance Guaranty Assoc.		155,164.71	-	(7,551.39)	-		\$ 59,535.49	Yes
Florida Insurance Guaranty Assoc.			1,930,118.65			\$ 1,929,745.02	\$ 373.63	Yes
Florida Workers Compensation Ins Guaranty Assoc.	Н	1,	37	(2,434,414.35)	``	\$	\$	Yes
Georgia Insurers Insolvency Pool		817,242.02	\$ 9,447,317.91	(4,049,794.94)	\$ 5,397,522.97	€9	\$ 2	-
Hawaii Insurance Guaranty Assoc.		266,248.89	\$ 1,596,479.72 \$	(38,995.27)		4	es .	Yes
Idaho Ins. Guaranty Assoc.		3,097.56	197,862.91		197	\$ 196,669.45	€ €	Yes
Illinois Ins. Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 2,834,087.13 \$	370,564.22	3,204,651.35	(13,038.34)	ró]	\$ 2,818,648.81	372,964.20	, ,
Indiana Insurance Guaranty Assoc.		4,466.41		(21,619.82)		279,796.73	A	Yes
lowa Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 761,940.98 \$	50,217.52	812,158.50	(9.00)	\$ 812,149.50	\$ 755,999.34	A 6	Yes
Kansas Insurance Guaranty Assoc.		14,308.05	\$ 2,764,870.97 \$	(96,887.71)	7	\$ 2,373,400.10	480 164 39	.
Aministration Insurance Guarante Assoc.		114,783.37 716,883.58	2, 263,017,30	(199 449 34)	, ,	\$ 234 780 34	·	
Maine Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 1.754.283.41 \$	142.337.05	\$ 1,896,620,46	(11,316.90)	-	\$ 1,710,776.10	69	
Maryland Property & Casualty Ins. Guaranty Assoc.		297,739,16	4,403,405,29	(22,549.52)	4	\$ 3,937,270.97	69	Yes
Massachusetts Insurers Insolvency Fund		3,876,731.67	13,333,236,34	(11,034.91)		s	\$	Yes
Michigan Property & Casualty Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 11,093,829.66 \$	687,175.52	\$ 11,781,005.18 \$	(4,219,741.44)		\$ 6,776,505.16	\$ 784,758.58	
Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	3	1,518,226.73	681,567.09	(504,911.05)		€9	89	Yes
Mississippi Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 2,770,170.19 \$	1,028,091.10	\$ 3,798,261.29	(34,976.75)	3,763,284.54	\$ 3,143,128.35	\$ 620,156,19	- 20
Missouri Property & Casuaity ins. Guaranty Assoc.		106 900 96	+	(300 498 47)	1 249,330,04	1 011 248 74	9 6	\ \ \ \
Nebraska Propedy 8. Hability has Charanty Assoc		30 720 83	+	(troct ooc)		\$ 1.174.109.44	8	Yes
Nevada Insurance Guaranty Assoc.		5,896.00	+-			\$ 150,896.00	s	,
New Hampshire Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	m	211	\$ 3,198,814.25 \$	(35,172.07)	\$ 3,163,642.18	\$ 2,803,762.23	\$ 359,879.95	Yes
New Hampshire Life & Health Guaranty Association		-	33	•	\$ 1,304.33	s	s	
New Jersey Property-Liability Ins Guaranty Assoc.	2	4,165,581.49	\vdash	(1,140,994.88)	\$ 23,138,669.71	\$ 2	\$	Yes
New Jersey Workers' Compensation Security Fund		1,106,680.54	_			es e	89	Yes
New Mexico Ins. Guaranty Assoc.		194,493.48	544.14	(734 779 95)		\$ 1,014,301.31	9 4	- >
North Carolina Ins Guaranty Assoc.	3,629,616.89		\$ 4,165,082.42	(221,//8.85)	\$ 5,943,303.57	\$ 5,760,433.03	4 616 774 85	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
Objo Insurance Guaranty Assoc	\$ 00,000 c	107 988 98	\$ 112,988.98	7,621,46,116,411		\$ 112,988,98	6	3
Ohio Life & Health Ins Guaranty Assoc.	8		\$ 31,250,00			69	\$	Yes
Oklahoma P & C Ins. Guaranty Assoc.	3,386,350.36	137,889.25	61	(449.82)		↔	69	Yes
Oregon Insurance Guaranty Assoc.			433,687.63	\$ (1,949,762.92)	\$ 1,483,924.71	\$ 1,380,144.30	\$	Yes
Pennsylvania Property & Casualty Ins. Guaranty Assoc.	3,102,716.96		+	(300,288.06)	\$ 4,257,747.85	3,514,1/1.21	\$ 743,576,64	, ,
Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Security Fund	\$ 38,438,745.84 \$	2,195,125,97	\$ 40,034,012.01	(1,004.40)		857.39	9 69	2
Rhode Island Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 1.658.333.55	93	20	(436,073.60)	1,316	1,040,505,18	S	1
South Carolina Property & Casualty Ins. Guaranty Assoc.	1,439,191.28	282,547	+	(9,458.05)	\$ 1,712,281.20	\$ 1,509,034.40	\$ 203.246.80	
South Dakota Property & Casualty Ins. Guaranty Assoc.	894,106.30	99	7	-		\$ 925,130.93	s	Yes
ennessee Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	3,052,962.18		-	(429,858.05)		\$ 2,798,802.37	\$ 249,105.73	Yes
Texas Property & Casualty Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 11,708,492.92 \$	2,114,615.97	\$ 13,823,108.89		12,166,496.36	\$ 11,291,646.62	A	Yes
Usin Froperty & Casualty IIIs, Gualarity Assoc.		25,667	615.88	(391.07)		\$ 259.913.93	\$ 62,310.88	Yes
Virginia Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	10.397.938.63	1 239 331	270.33	(1,178,036,01)	101	905	\$ 1.181	Yes
Washington Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 1,121,452.85 \$	243	498.42	(915.64)		\$ 1,361,045.78	\$	Yes
West Virginia Insurance Guaranty Assoc.	500,000,000	ţ	847.04		680	\$ 680,847.04		
West Virginia Life & Health Ins. Guaranty Assoc.	\$ 101,120.00 \$	15,420.00	\$ 116,540.00	- 000 000			\$	-
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This chart includes the \$3,148,212.13 paid on behalf of guaranty associations by the Liquidator for worker's compensation claimants during 2003 as advances on early access distributions in order to avoid disruptions in payment to the claims from Home to the guaranty associations.
"Guaranty Association Claim Expense Payments" are reported by the various guaranty associations and may include amounts with Class I, or Class I/ or Class V priority.

Exhibit B

The Home Insurance Company In Liquidation

Statement of Net Assets (Modified Cash Basis) (Unaudited)

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Assets		
Unrestricted bonds, short-term investments and cash at cost:		
Bonds	\$1,038,741,623	\$1,038,781,989
Short-term investments	18,234,956	9,491,807
Cash and cash equivalents	78,121,068	58,816,953
Total unrestricted bonds, short-term investments and	war	
cash at cost	1,135,097,647	1,107,090,749
Common stocks, marketable, at market value	233,460	173,378
Interest income due and accrued	6,789,115	8,071,024
Receivable from US International Reinsurance Company	-	128
Total unrestricted liquid assets	1,142,120,222	1,115,335,279
Unrestricted illiquid assets:		
Limited partnership interests	961,085	878,668
Total unrestricted illiquid assets	961,085	878,668
Restricted liquid assets - cash	404,373	404,373
Total assets, excluding certain amounts	1,143,485,680	1,116,618,320
Liabilities		
Incurred but unpaid administrative expenses and		
investment expenses	2,150,058	3,864,689
Claims checks payable	3,799	6,743
Total liabilities	2,153,857	3,871,432
Net assets, excluding certain amounts	\$1,141,331,823	\$1,112,746,888