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## CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-18-001285

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
INSURANCE,	<b>§</b>	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
V.	§	TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
ACCESS INSURANCE COMPANY,	§	
Defendant.	§	261 <sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF FEES AND EXPENSES

#### TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., Special Deputy Receiver of Access Insurance Company (the "SDR" and "AIC" respectively), files its *Second Supplement to Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* (the "Application").

#### I. BACKGROUND

1.1. On March 13, 2018, the Court entered an *Agreed Order Appointing Liquidator*, *Permanent Injunction, and Notice of Automatic Stay* appointing the Texas Commissioner of Insurance as Liquidator of AIC. Effective March 13, 2018, the Texas Commissioner of Insurance, as Liquidator, appointed CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P. as Special Deputy Receiver of AIC.

## II. JURISDICTION

2.1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Application and of the parties herein pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 443.005.

## III. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

3.1 The SDR is authorized to file this Application pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 443.015, which provides for the approval of the SDR's expenses and compensation by the Court. The subject matter of this Application has been referred to the Special Master.

## IV. BASIS FOR APPLICATION

- 4.1 Tex. Ins. Code § 443.015(c)(1) requires the Receiver, to submit an application for the approval of the terms of compensation of a contractor when the Receiver reasonably expects that the total amount of compensation to be paid over the course of the proceeding will exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000), or such another amount established by the Court. In addition, Tex. Ins. Code § 443.015(d) permits the Receiver, at his discretion, to submit an application to approve any compensation, anticipated expenses, or incurred expenses not described by Subsection (c)(1).
- 4.2 This Court approved the SDR's original fee application on April 17, 2018, and approved the first supplement to the fee application on January 8, 2019. The SDR files this Application to request changes to the terms of compensation of some previously approved individuals and contractors and the approval of additional contractors. The rate changes and new contractors are identified on the attached Exhibit A. The compensation paid to some of the new contractors may exceed \$250,000 for the duration of this proceeding, but others may be paid less than \$250,000 for the duration of this proceeding. The SDR requests the Court to approve such contractors and their rates pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 443.015 (c)(1) and (d). These rates have been approved by the Receiver in accordance with Tex. Ins. Code § 443.154(a).
- 4.3 The SDR requests that the Court approve the SDR's Application for changes to certain rates and addition of the individuals and entities identified on the attached Exhibit A.

#### V. NOTICE

5.1 The SDR has served this Application to all known parties in interest, including all affected guaranty associations, and all individuals and entities identified by the SDR in the Certificate of Service by e-mail and, as noted, by mail or overnight delivery to certain government agencies.

## VI. OFFER OF PROOF AND VERIFICATION

6.1 This Application is verified by the affidavit and certification pursuant to Tex. INS. CODE § 443.017(b) by Susan E. Salch, Partner in CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., Special Deputy Receiver of Access Insurance Company.

## VII. NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUIREMENT

7.1 All pleadings filed in response to this Application or in regard to this estate shall be served by e-mail on the undersigned counsel and all parties shown in the attached Certificate of Service.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., solely in its capacity as Special Deputy Receiver of Access Insurance Company, prays that this Court grant this Application and grant the SDR such other and further relief to which it may justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on May 8, 2020 the foregoing *Second Supplement to Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* was served pursuant to the Court's order requiring electronic service, the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and Tex. Ins. Code Chapter 443.007(d) on the following by electronic mail, except as specifically noted:

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## APPLICANT'S NOTICE OF SUBMISSION

Pursuant to the terms of the Order of Reference to Master entered by the District Court in this cause, the SDR's *Second Supplement to Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses* is hereby set for written submission before the Special Master, Tom Collins, on May 25, 2020.

The Special Master has asked that the following rules be provided you:

- 1. Any objection must be filed with the Travis County District Clerk at least three (3) calendar days before the submission date.
- 2. A copy of any objection shall be served by email by such date on:
  - (a) The Special Master's Docket Clerk, at <a href="masterclerk@tdi.texas.gov">specialmasterclerk@tdi.texas.gov</a>;
  - (b) The undersigned counsel, Christopher Fuller at cfuller@fullerlaw.org; and
  - (c) All interested parties, including those listed on the SDR's Certificate of Service.
- 3. The objecting party shall coordinate with the SDR's counsel and the Docket Clerk [(512)463-6450)] to obtain an oral hearing setting for argument on the Application and Objection, and complete and attach an "Objecting Party's Notice of Oral Hearing" to the objection.
- 4. The written objection must specifically list all reasons for objection with supporting references to and discussion of statutory and case authorities. Reasons not stated in writing will not be considered orally.
- 5. Please note that if an objection is not filed as described in the Notice of Submission, the Master may consider the Application without a hearing.
- 6. Failure to file timely a written objection before the Special Master constitutes a waiver of the right to object to the Special Master's recommendation to the District Court.
- 7. Any Acknowledgment of Notice and Waiver to be filed by the Guaranty Association or other interested party should be filed at least three (3) calendar days before the submission or hearing date.

/s/Christopher Fuller		
Christopher Fuller		

# SPECIAL DEPUTY RECEIVER'S VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO TEX. INS.CODE ANN. §443.017(b)

#### AFFIDAVIT OF SUSAN E. SALCH

State of Texas

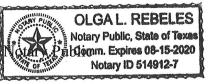
County of Travis

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Susan E. Salch, who after being by me duly sworn, stated the following under oath:

- 1. "My name is Susan E. Salch. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and am competent to testify to the matters contained in this affidavit.
- 2. I am a partner in CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., the Special Deputy Receiver of Access Insurance Company (the "SDR" and "AIC" respectively), I am duly authorized to make this Affidavit on behalf of the SDR.
- 3. I have reviewed the Second Supplement to Application for Approval of Fees and Expenses and the facts stated therein are true and correct based on my personal knowledge, my review of estate records and my consultation with the staff and subcontractors.
- 4. I certify that the exhibits, books, accounts, records, papers, correspondence, and/or other records and documents attached hereto were produced pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 443.017, are either true and correct copies of records of AIC and were received from the custody of AIC or found among its effects, or were created by and filed with the Receiver's office in connection with the receivership of this delinquent agency, and are held by the Special Deputy Receiver in its official capacity."

Susan E. Salch

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on April 27, 2020, by Susan E. Salch, partner in CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P., Special Deputy Receiver of Access Insurance Company



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# CANTILO & BENNETT, L.L.P.

# Special Deputy Receiver

Position	Hourly Rate
Primary Responsible Person/SDR Administration	\$215.00
SDR Administration	\$215.00
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SDR Administration	\$215.00
SDR Administration	\$215.00
SDR Administration	\$215.00
SDR Administration	\$185.00
SDR Administration	\$160.00
Senior Receivership Specialist	\$135.00
Receivership Specialist	\$130.00
Receivership Specialist	\$130.00
Law Clerk	\$115.00
Administrative/Clerical	\$ 30.00
FULLER LAW GROUP	
Legal/Litigation Services Subcontractor	
Attorney/SDR Counsel	\$260.00
GREG PIERCE, ESQ.	
Attorney/SDR Counsel	\$220.00

# **INQUEST RESOURCES**

Legal Support Services Subcontractor Information Technology/Data Processing Subcontractor

Paralegal \$80.00

Receivership Specialist I Receivership Specialist II Administrative/Clerical	\$ 80.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 30.00			
Petrosewicz & Co., Inc.				
Accounting Services Subcontractor				
CPA CPA/Attorney Staff Accountant Staff Accountant Clerical Staff	\$190.00 \$190.00 \$110.00 \$110.00 \$ 30.00			
EMKAY ASSOCIATES, INC.				
Claims Services				
Claims Manager and Consultant Claims Management and Consulting Claims Management and Consulting, Site Management Claims Management and Consulting Claims Management and Consulting Records Inventory and Management Clerical	\$100.00 \$ 90.00 \$ 90.00 \$ 70.00 \$ 45.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 30.00			
ABACI, INC.				
Information Technology/Data Processing Subcontractor				
Project Manager/Business Analyst/Application Designer Technical Analyst/Application Designer/Conversion Specialist	\$ 100.00 \$ 95.00			
THARP & ASSOCIATES				
Reinsurance				
Reinsurance Consultant Reinsurance Consultant Corporate Controller/Accountant IT/Database Administrator	\$225.00 \$225.00 \$185.00 \$185.00			

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# **Automated Certificate of eService**

This automated certificate of service was created by the efiling system. The filer served this document via email generated by the efiling system on the date and to the persons listed below. The rules governing certificates of service have not changed. Filers must still provide a certificate of service that complies with all applicable rules.

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