RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 1 STATE OF ALASKA 2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC 3 4 **DEVELOPMENT** 5 DIVISION OF INSURANCE 6 550 W. $7^{\rm th}$ AVENUE, SUITE 15607 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-3567 8 9 In the Matter of: 10 STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC 11 HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE **AGENCY INC** 12 NPN# 20762385 13 14 15 Division of Insurance Case No. D24-34 16 17 STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER 18 The State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic 19 Development, Division of Insurance (Division), HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE 20 21 AGENCY INC (HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE) the producer in this case, stipulate 22 and agree to the following: 23I. **BACKGROUND** 24 A. On April 24, 2024, HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE received their 2526 Surplus Lines Broker (SLB) license with Casualty, and Property lines of 27 authority, license number 40051, authorizing HIGGINBOTHAM 28 29 HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY INC Stipulated Agreement and Order

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provides that "in addition to any other penalties provided by law, a person that the director determines under AS 21.06.170-21.06.240 has violated the provisions of this chapter is subject to (1) a civil penalty equal to the compensation promised, paid, provided, or to be paid, directly or indirectly, to a person in regard to each violation; (2) either a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each violation or a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each violation if the director determines that the person willfully violated the provisions of this chapter; and (3) denial, nonrenewal, suspension, or revocation of a license." The director has the latitude to impose civil penalties against a person who has violated Alaska's insurance laws.

- B. **HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE** agrees to pay the civil penalty in the amount of \$37,262 for activity that occurred prior to the reinstatement of firm license with \$18,631 suspended. The unsuspended portion of \$18,631 must be received by the Division within 30 days of the signature finalizing this agreement.
- C. In the event **HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE** is found to have violations of the Alaska insurance laws during the next two years, the suspended portion of the penalty of \$18,631 referenced in section II. B. will be reinstated. **HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE** also will be subject to any and all sanctions authorized by the insurance laws including imposition of additional penalties regarding any such violation.

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1	D. By signing this agreement, HI	GGINBOTHAM INSURANCE
2	understands and agrees that any failure to comply with the terms of this	
3	agreement will be grounds to revoke, suspend, or non-renew license	
4	number 40051.	
5	number 40031.	
6	E. HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE understands that this agreement is not	
7	binding on the parties unless and until the director signs the order	
8	approving the agreement.	
9	DATED: 1/31/2025	By: Charlie Florsheim
10		Charlie Florsheim
11		General Counsel
12		HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY INC
13		Licensee
14	Approved as to form and content:	Signed by:
15	DATED: 1/31/2025	By: Dan Wilkerson
16		Daniel Wilkerson
17		Assistant Attorney General
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19	<u>ORDER</u>	
20	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Stipulated Agreement and Order is	
21	adopted in full resolution of the civil liability issues between the parties to this agreement in	
22	these cases and shall constitute the final order in these matters.	
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25	DATED this $\frac{31st}{}$ day of $\frac{1}{}$ January, 2	2025.
26		Docusigned by: Lori Wing-Heier
27		LORI WING-HEIER, DIRECTOR
28		DIVISION OF INSURANCE
29	HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY INC Stipulated Agreement and Order D24-34	
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2	☐ Delivered Electronically	
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5	I hereby certify that, on the day of, 2025, I mailed copies of the accusation to:	
6	HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY INC 500 W 13 th STREET FT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-4657	
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