## State of New Hampshire Insurance Department

## Docket No.: INS 22-048-EP Appeal of Kim Diane Hayes Butler

## Assented to Motion to Postpone Hearing Date/Stay Appeal

## September 27, 2023

The above-referenced matter has been docketed for hearing before Steven M. Notinger, Esq. (in his role as the New Hampshire Insurance Department's (the "Department") appointed Hearing Officer) and scheduled for October 4, 2023 at 1 p.m.

WHEREAS, Kim Diane Hayes Butler is a resident of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, Ms. Butler holds a resident insurance producer license issued by the Texas Department of Insurance (the "Texas Department");

WHEREAS, the Texas Department has indicated to Ms. Butler's Texas legal counsel that it is conducting a regulatory review regarding whether the Texas Department should either revoke or deny the renewal of Ms. Butler's Texas resident insurance producer license (the "Texas License");

WHEREAS, Ms. Butler's Texas legal counsel remain in discussions with the Texas Department regarding the status of Ms. Butler's Texas License;

WHEREAS, the Department issued a non-renewal of Ms. Butler's New Hampshire non-resident insurance producer license (the "NH License") as of June 30, 2022, by letter to Ms. Butler dated August 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, while Ms. Butler has timely appealed the Department's decision, she understands that the Texas Department's action may well be controlling and essentially moot her need for the NH License:

WHEREAS, Ms. Butler further understands that staying her appeal will mean that she will continue to be deprived of her NH License in the interim, and as such her New Hampshire insurance activities will remain limited to the passive collection of renewal commissions regarding policies issued to New Hampshire residents on or before June 30, 2022;

WHEREAS, the parties previously filed with the Hearing Officer a request to continue the hearing in this matter from the originally scheduled hearing date of October 4, 2022 (the "Prior Continuance Request");

WHEREAS, in response to the Prior Continuance Request, the Hearing Officer granted a continuance in the matter until October 4, 2023;

WHEREAS, the parties wish to request a further continuance in the matter for a period of ninety (90) days in light of the ongoing discussions regarding the status of the Texas License;

WHEREAS, the parties agree that staying Ms. Butler's New Hampshire appeal until the Texas Department has acted remains prudent and reasonable under the circumstances;

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, acting as counsel for Kim Butler, is filling this Assented to Motion to Postpone Hearing Date/Stay Appeal to a date that is ninety (90) days from October 4, 2023. Assent to this Motion is confirmed by the signature of counsel for the Department, below.

Counsel for Ms. Butler will affirmatively advise the Department when the Texas Department has taken final action.

Consistent with this assented to motion, the undersigned counsel hereby respectfully requests that the Hearing Officer postpone the Department's hearing with respect to the above-referenced matter and stay Ms. Butler's appeal, without prejudice, to Tuesday, January 2, 2023, being the date that is ninety (90) days from October 4, 2023.

Adam C. Varley Esq.

Legal Counsel for kim Butler

**ASSENTED TO:** 

Joshus Hilliard, Esq.

**New Hampshire Department of Insurance** 

The above Assented to Motion to Postpone Hearing Date/Stay Appeal is hereby GRANTED, and the hearing shall be re-set to Tuesday, January 2, 2023, being the date that is ninety (90) days from October 4, 2023. The precise date and time of the postponed hearing to be set by the Hearing Officer.

SO ORDERED.

Steven M. Notinger, Esq.