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BUREAU OF INSURANCE
34 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0034

Eric A. Cioppa
SUPERINTENDENT

IN RE:
LISSET MELENDEZ
Docket No. INS 12-600

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday May 31, 2012, in the Central Conference Room of the Maine Department of Professional & Financial Regulation Building, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine.

The purpose of the hearing will be to consider the request of Lisset Melendez for a waiver to participate in the business of insurance pursuant to 18 United States Code §1033. 18 U.S. Code §1033, in relevant part, prohibits a person from being authorized to participate in the business of insurance if he or she has been convicted of a felony that involves dishonesty or false statement. That statute further allows a person who has been convicted of a criminal felony involving dishonesty or a breach of trust to participate in the business of insurance if that person has the written consent of an insurance regulatory official.

Pursuant to 24-A M.R.S.A. §230 (2) the Superintendent of Insurance is normally required to give 14 days advance written notice of proceedings of this nature, but notice of hearing may be waived and the hearing held at a time mutually fixed by the superintendent and the parties. It is the understanding of this office that Ms. Melendez wishes to waive her right to 14 days advance written notice of this proceeding in favor of expeditious scheduling.

The hearing will be held pursuant to 24-A M.R.S.A. §229. Pursuant to 24-A M.R.S.A. § 210, the Superintendent has appointed Bureau of Insurance Attorney Pamela Stutch to serve as hearing officer, with full decisionmaking authority. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S.A. §§ 9051-9064, the Maine Insurance Code, 24-A M.R.S.A. §§ 229-236 and Maine Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 350.

Lisset Melendez is designated as a party to this proceeding. Any government agency, and any other person who may be substantially and directly affected by this proceeding, individually or as a member of a class, shall be permitted to intervene upon filing a timely application. Any other interested person may be permitted to intervene as a

full or limited party. Applications for intervention shall state the reasons the applicant should be permitted to intervene and the issues the applicant intends to raise at hearing, and must be filed at or before the commencement of the hearing with the Superintendent of Insurance, 34 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333-0034.

Parties are entitled to be represented by counsel, to have the opportunity to present evidence and to examine all witnesses. A party's failure to attend the hearing may result in a disposition by default with respect to that party.

The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Persons who need any sort of assistance or accommodation for effective participation in this hearing should make their needs known to Sarah Hewett at the Maine Bureau of Insurance sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

May 25, 2012



Pamela Stutch, Esq.
Designated Hearing Officer