STATE OF ARIZONA STATE OF ARIZONA 1 2 1948 DEPT. OF INSURANCE 2 **DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE** 3 Docket no. 98A-073-INS In the Matter of the Merger of: 4 DAUPHIN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC No. 89982), 5 **ORDER** Insurer, 6 into 7 8 FIRST MARYLAND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC No. 91111), 9 Petitioner. 10 11 12 On August 31, 1998, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Lewis D. Kowal submitted Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge 13 ("Recommended Decision"), a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference. The 14 Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Decision and enters 15 16 the following order: 1. The recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted. 17

2. The statutory deposit of the Insurer in the amount of \$100,000.00 will be transferred into a statutory deposit account in the name of the Petitioner upon receipt by the Department of Insurance of the following: (1) copies of the Articles of Merger of the Insurer and the Petitioner certified as filed by the Arizona Corporation Commission; and (2) a fully executed Forms E125 (Notice of Trust Deposit Delivery) and E126 (Notice of Trust Deposit Release). The statutory deposit will not

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1	be transferred until the Department receives a fully executed copy of the official State Treasurer Release
2	Receipt.
3	3. The sum of \$100.00 previously credited to the Insurance Examiners' Revolving
4	Fund will be refunded to the Insurer pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-159.
5	4. The Insurer will file its 1998 Annual Statement with the Department together wit
6	all applicable fees unless Petitioner files its Articles of Merger with the Arizona Corporation
7	Commission on or before December 31, 1998.
8	NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS
9	The aggrieved party may request a rehearing with respect to this Order by filing a written
10	petition with the Office of Administrative Hearings within 30 days of the date of this Order, setting fort
11	the basis for such relief pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-114(B).
12	The final decision of the Director may be appealed to the Superior Court of Maricopa
13	County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an appeal must notify the Office
14	of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing the complaint commencing the
15	appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.10.
16	DATED this of September, 1998
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19	John A. Greene Director of Insurance
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1	A copy of the foregoing mailed this Q day of September, 1998
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In the Matter of the Merger of

DAUPHIN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC No. 89982),

Insurer.

into

FIRST MARYLAND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC No. 91111),

Petitioner.

No. 98A-073-INS

RECOMMENDED DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE **LAW JUDGE**

HEARING: August 25, 1998

APPEARANCES: Thomas E. Haney, Esq. for the Petitioner

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lewis D. Kowal

On August 25, 1998, a hearing was held to consider the Plan and Agreement of Merger whereby Dauphin Life Insurance Company (the "Insurer"), will merge into First Maryland Life Insurance Company (the "Petitioner").

Based upon the entire record in this matter, the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Insurer is duly qualified and authorized as an insurer in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Petitioner is duly qualified and authorized as an insurer in the State of Arizona.
- 3. Both the Insurer and the Petitioner have waived the notice requirement of A.R.S. §20-731(C).
- The shareholder(s) of the Insurer and the shareholder(s) of the Petitioner 4. have waived notice of the hearing.
- 5. No evidence has been produced at the hearing of this matter that would indicate or form the basis for a finding that the Plan and Agreement of Merger previously filed:

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- b. Is unfair in the terms and conditions of the issuance and exchange of securities.
- c. Would substantially reduce the security of and service to be rendered to policyholders of the Insurer in this State or elsewhere.
 - 6. The Insurer has surrendered its certificate of authority to the Department.
- 7. Special notice to creditors and policyholders of the Petitioner, setting forth the date, place, nature and purpose of the hearing was published and mailed at least ten (10) business days before said hearing, and known creditors received individual notice by mail, as evidenced by the affidavit of publication.
- 8. Based upon the Department's review of Petitioner's filing which indicated that the Petitioner has complied with the provisions of A.R.S. §20-731, the Department recommended that the Director approve the Plan and Agreement of Merger filed in this matter.
- 9. The Petitioner has requested that the \$100,000.00 statutory deposit held by the State Treasurer in the name of the Insurer be transferred into a statutory deposit account in the name of the Petitioner.
- 10. The Petitioner has requested that the \$100.00 deposit Insurer made to the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund ("IERF") be returned to Insurer.
- 11. The Department represented that the Insurer has on file with the Department a \$100,000.00 statutory deposit and a \$100.00 deposit with the IERF.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

The undersigned Administrative Law Judge recommends that:

- 1. The statutory deposit of the Insurer in the amount of \$100,000.00 shall be transferred into a statutory deposit account in the name of the Petitioner upon receipt by the Department of Insurance of the following: (1) copies of the Articles of Merger of the Insurer and the Petitioner certified as filed by the Arizona Corporation Commission; and (2) fully executed Forms E125 (Notice of Trust Deposit Delivery) and E126 (Notice of Trust Deposit Release). The statutory deposit shall not be transferred until the Department receives a fully executed copy of the official State Treasurer Release Receipt.
- 2. The sum of \$100.00 previously credited to the IERF shall be refunded to the Insurer pursuant to A.R.S. §20-159.

3. The Insurer shall file its 1998 Annual Statement with the Department together with all applicable fees unless Petitioner files its Articles of Merger with the Arizona Corporation Commission on or before December 31, 1998.

Done this day, August 31, 1998.

LEWIS D. KOWÁL

Administrative Law Judge

Original transmitted by mail this 3/ day of August, 1998, to:

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