

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
JANE L. CLINE, COMMISSIONER**

10-EO-06

IN THE MATTER OF: Isolated Severe Storm on March 22, 2010.

EMERGENCY ADJUSTER ORDER

NOW COMES JANE L. CLINE, Insurance Commissioner (hereinafter "Commissioner") for the State of West Virginia, by virtue of the authority vested in her pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 33-12B-11a, who does **FIND and DECLARE** as follows:

WHEREAS, on the twenty-second day of March, two thousand ten, an isolated severe storm containing heavy rain, strong winds and large hail caused considerable damage to private and public property located in the areas of Moundsville and Wheeling, West Virginia;

WHEREAS, immediately following the storm, there was an initial influx of both Automobile and Homeowners' property damage claims largely involving hail and wind damage;

WHEREAS, there continues to be a steady influx of new claims being reported daily for Homeowners' and Commercial property damage resulting from the storm as homeowners and property owners discover property damage;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will continue to be newly reported claims in the coming weeks and months from this storm;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the isolated storm which occurred on the twenty-second day of March, two thousand ten has produced and continues to produce a volume of claims that significantly exceeds the number of claims normally arising in the areas of Moundsville and Wheeling, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Commissioner that the number of licensed adjusters in the areas of Moundsville and Wheeling, West Virginia is inadequate to properly meet the demand of the public during the emergency situation.

IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED that an insurance emergency exists in the areas of Moundsville and Wheeling, West Virginia.

ACCORDINGLY IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commissioner authorizes the licensing of sufficient emergency adjusters to meet the demands of the public in the aforementioned areas in West Virginia;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that adjusters issued emergency licenses pursuant to this order shall be supervised by an adjuster licensed in this state or by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that registration shall be by letter to the Commissioner by the supervising adjuster or insurance company within twenty (20) days of the date on which the non-licensed person begins adjusting activity in connection with the emergency situation;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such registration is valid for ninety (90) days from the date of the registration letter; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an extension may be requested by the supervising adjuster or insurance company.

ORDERED this 14th day of June, 2010.



Jane L. Cline
Insurance Commissioner of the
State of West Virginia