



TO: MEMBERS OF THE FACILITY ASSOCIATION

ATTENTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ALBERTA RISK SHARING POOLS PROJECT MANAGERS

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SUBJECT: ALBERTA RISK SHARING POOLS
– NOVEMBER 2008 OPERATIONAL REPORTS (NEW)

A copy of this bulletin should be provided to your Chief Financial Officer and Appointed Actuary.

Introducing Facility Association's New Operational Report

We are very pleased to introduce Facility Association's new monthly Risk Sharing Pool Operational Report to be used for all monthly reporting of Risk Sharing Pool Results. The report provides clearer information regarding the Pool results in aggregate and your share in these results. We have endeavored to ensure that the report contains the appropriate levels of detail and information for your operational, financial and management needs.

The new Operational Report is divided into major categories as follows:

- Pool Total (Pages 1 and 2)
- Member's Share of Pool Total (Pages 3 and 4)
- Account Reconciliation , Including Share on Cash Basis (Pages 5 to 7)
- Projections (Page 8)

For January 2009 Release:

- Government Line Report (will now be provided monthly - Expansion of Projections Page 8 by Government Line and Accident Year)
- Management Summary Report

The Projections section (page 8) in particular has been significantly expanded as a transition exhibit from the Monthly Operational Report to a new Monthly Government Line Report which will be introduced early in the new year. Please refer to Appendix A for an explanation of the information shown in the Projections section.

A “User’s Guide” to the Operational and Government Line reports will be available shortly.

Operating Result

Throughout the Operational Report, the “Operating Result” is computed as Premiums Earned, Less Claims Incurred and General Expenses, as follows:

Premiums Written (Transferred)
+ Change in Unearned Premium
= **Premiums Earned (A)**

Paid Losses
+ Paid Expenses
+ Change in Outstanding Losses
+ Change in IBNR Provision
= **Claims Incurred (B)**

Expense Allowance
+ Administration Expense
+ Change in Premium Deficiency (DPAC)
= **General Expenses (C)**

OPERATING RESULT = (A)-(B)-(C)

IBNR Included in the November 2008 Operational Report

For each of the Grid and Non Grid Risk Sharing Pools, the provision for IBNR and Development shown in the November 2008 Operational Report is identical to the estimate for the month of November 2008 included in last month’s report. The estimates for the month of December 2008 are also unchanged. Both are based on an actuarial analysis at September 30, 2008.

In order to extend the projections into calendar year 2009, the following assumptions have been made with respect to the estimates for January 2009:

- The Challenge or MIR Provisions have been increased to reflect the estimated liability attributable to the month of January 2009. The amounts selected for accident years 2008 and prior are unchanged.
- In aggregate for each of the Grid and Non Grid Risk Sharing Pools, the “regular” provision for IBNR and Development at January 30th 2009 has been set to the same level as at December 31st. The portion of the provision attributable to accident years 2008 and prior has been reduced to offset the amount added for accident year 2009.

The next quarterly valuation will be based on Pool experience at December 31st, 2008.

ALBERTA GRID RISK SHARING POOL PROVISION FOR IBNR AND DEVELOPMENT						
Accident Year	Selected Loss Ratios Prior to Discounting	Held at 31/Oct/08	NOV. 2008 OPERATIONAL REPORT			Target to 31/Dec/09
			As at 30/Nov/08	As at 31/Dec/08	As at 31/Jan/09	
Regular IBNR						
2004	50.7%	602	560	519	499	Not Available
2005	55.1%	7,261	6,722	6,284	6,045	
2006	62.7%	17,935	17,461	16,987	16,342	
2007	68.2%	27,193	26,522	25,852	24,870	
2008	69.0%	39,769	40,662	41,555	39,977	
2009	69.0%	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,463</u>	
Total	-	92,760	91,977	91,197	91,196	
MIR Provision						
2004	-	1,997	1,997	1,997	1,997	Not Available
2005	-	14,088	14,088	14,088	14,088	
2006	-	21,146	21,146	21,146	21,146	
2007	-	24,919	24,919	24,919	24,919	
2008	-	22,671	24,937	27,204	27,204	
2009	-	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,267</u>	
Total	-	84,821	87,087	89,354	91,621	
Total IBNR	-	177,581	179,064	180,551	182,817	

(The MIR provision assumes a 50% probability that the Feb/08 court decision will be upheld).
(Amounts in \$000's)

ALBERTA NON GRID RISK SHARING POOL PROVISION FOR IBNR AND DEVELOPMENT						
Accident Year	Selected Loss Ratios Prior to Discounting	Held at 31/Oct/08	NOV. 2008 OPERATIONAL REPORT			Target to 31/Dec/09
			As at 30/Nov/08	As at 31/Dec/08	As at 31/Jan/09	
Regular IBNR						
2004	223.5%	52	50	48	46	Not Available
2005	86.1%	786	730	674	645	
2006	81.9%	4,692	4,660	4,627	4,427	
2007	93.3%	5,510	5,247	4,983	4,767	
2008	101.9%	11,846	11,507	11,167	10,684	
2009	101.9%	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>931</u>	
Total	-	22,886	22,194	21,499	21,500	
MIR Provision						
2004	-	115	115	115	115	Not Available
2005	-	1,778	1,778	1,778	1,778	
2006	-	5,642	5,642	5,642	5,642	
2007	-	6,350	6,350	6,350	6,350	
2008	-	6,473	7,120	7,767	7,767	

2009 Total	-	<u>0</u> 20,358	<u>0</u> 21,005	<u>0</u> 21,652	<u>647</u> 22,299	
Total IBNR	-	43,244	43,199	43,151	43,799	

(The MIR provision assumes a 50% probability that the Feb/08 court decision will be upheld).
(Amounts in \$000's)

For both the Grid RSP and the Non Grid RSP, the selected loss ratios and the related provisions for IBNR and Development exclude all loss adjustment expenses. They were derived on a discounted basis and therefore reflect the time value of money, and include an explicit provision for adverse deviations in accordance with accepted actuarial practice.

Valuation Context

No explicit provision has been made for causes of loss which are not already reflected in the historical data, nor for otherwise unforeseen changes to the legal or economic environment in which claims are settled, including changes in the interpretation of existing legislation or regulation on matters currently before the courts, except as specifically identified above.

Measurement Uncertainty

The establishment of provisions for the unpaid and unreported claims is based on both known facts and the interpretation of current and anticipated circumstances. It is a complex and dynamic process influenced by a large variety of factors. These factors include the experience of the Alberta Risk Sharing Pools and the experience of the voluntary market in Alberta involving claim payment patterns, loss payments, pending levels of unpaid claims, claims severity and claim frequency patterns. The process of determining the provisions necessarily involves risks that the actual results will deviate, perhaps substantially, from the best estimates made.

The estimate of the Alberta Risk Sharing Pools' provision for unpaid and unreported claims and other policy liabilities involves a particularly high degree of measurement uncertainty because the Pool is relatively new. Further, underwriting results are impacted by legislation promulgated in recent years.

Should you require any further information, please call Norm Seeney, Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer, Facility Association at (416) 644-4914.

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Attach.

Note: A copy of this bulletin has been attached to the November 2008 Alberta Risk Sharing Pool Operational Reports.

APPENDIX A

FACILITY ASSOCIATION RISK SHARING POOLS

INTRODUCING FACILITY ASSOCIATION'S NEW OPERATIONAL REPORT PROJECTIONS SECTION (PAGE 8)

As always, member companies may choose to book their share of the Pool results as at the current accounting date, as detailed in pages 3 and 4 of the (New) Operational Report, or based on the Pool results projected to two months beyond the accounting date, as detailed in page 8. To facilitate member's selection of the second option, the Projections section of the Operational Report has been significantly expanded, providing members with all of the components of their share of the Operating Result for the projection period. The following table provides three examples of the relevant accounting and projection dates:

OPERATIONAL REPORT – PROJECTIONS SECTION (PAGE 8)				
Column Reference	Description	November 2008 Operational Report	April 2009 Operational Report	October 2009 Operational Report
[1]	Fiscal Year 2009 Year to Date [A]	Period from 1/Nov/08 to 30/Nov/08 (1 month)	Period from 1/Nov/08 to 30/Apr/09 (6 months)	Period from 1/Nov/08 To 31/Oct/09 (12 months)
[2] and [3]	Current Estimates for Projected Months [B]	Dec/08 and Jan/09 as estimated at Nov/08	May/09 and Jun/09 as estimated at Apr/09	Nov/09 and Dec/09 as estimated at Oct/09
[4] and [5]	Beginning Estimates for the Projected Months [C]	Nov/08 and Dec/08 as estimated at Oct/08	Nov/08 and Dec/08 as estimated at Oct/08	Nov/08 and Dec/08 as estimated at Oct/08
[6]	Calendar Year 2009 Year to Date Estimate [D]=[A]+[B]-[C]	Period from 1/Jan/09 to 31/Jan/09 (1 month)	Period from 1/Jan/09 to 30/Jun/09 (6 months)	Period from 1/Jan/09 to 31/Dec/09 (12 months)
[7]	Calendar Year 2009 Year to Date from the Prior Operational Report [E]	n/a	Period from 1/Jan/09 to 31/May/09 (5 months)	Period from 1/Jan/09 to 30/Nov/09 (11 months)
[8]	Calendar Month Estimate [F]=[D]-[E]	Month of January 2009	Month of June 2009	Month of December 2009

Important Note regarding the November 2008 Operational Report

Due to the complexities associated with converting data from the old Operational Report system to the new Operational Report system, it was not feasible to extract the individual monthly components of the beginning estimates shown in columns [4] and [5]. The amounts shown in these columns should be combined for comparison to the projections shown in the October 2008 Operational Report. The same will apply throughout fiscal year 2009, up to and including the October 2009 Operational Report.

Balance Sheet and Memo Items

Each of the balance sheet and memo items are shown as at the accounting date (in this case 30/Nov/08) and as at each of the two projected months (in this case 31/Dec/08 and 31/Jan/09). Following is a brief description of each of these items. Note that items (2), (3) and (5) were also part of the old Operational Report projections page.

- (1) Unearned Premium**
Computed as the premiums earned years to date, less premiums transferred (written) years to date.
- (2) Outstanding Losses**
Outstanding case reserves.
- (3) IBNR Provision**
Provision for IBNR and Development estimated on a discounted basis. It reflects the time value of money, and includes explicit provisions for adverse deviations (PFAD). The PFAD amounts included in the IBNR provision are detailed in item (10), below.
- (4) Outstanding Losses including IBNR Provision = (2) + (3)**
- (5) Premium Deficiency (DPAC)**
The premium deficiency reserve (DPAC) is an amount which, when added to the unearned premium, is expected to make proper provision for the future costs expected to arise on the unexpired portion of in-force policies. The future costs are estimated on a discounted basis, reflecting the time value of money, and including explicit PFAD amounts. The future costs underlying the premium deficiency reserve (DPAC) are detailed in item (6), below.
- (6) Future Costs on Unearned Premium**
The future costs expected to arise on the unexpired portion of in-force policies. The future costs are estimated on a discounted basis, reflecting the time value of money, and including explicit PFAD amounts.
- (7) Undiscounted IBNR Provision**
The IBNR Provision comparable to item (3) above, prior to the effect of discounting.
- (8) Undiscounted Premium Deficiency (DPAC)**
The Premium Deficiency Reserve (DPAC) derived from an estimate of future costs prior to the effect of discounting.
- (9) Undiscounted Future Costs on Unearned Premium**
Estimated future costs comparable to item (6) above, prior to the effect of discounting.
- (10) PFAD Included in IBNR Provision**
The amount of explicit provisions for adverse deviations included in item (3) above.