BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

Complainant,

vs.

JOHN J. KUNZ,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR HEARING AND AFFIRMING DENIAL OF LICENSE APPLICATION

Docket No. 2024-4591

Donald H. Hansen Administrative Law Judge/Presiding Officer

On January 4, 2024, Respondent John J. Kunz ("Respondent") applied for a Utah resident individual producer license with the Utah Insurance Department ("Department"). On January 26, 2024, a Notice of Agency Action and Order was issued by the Department. His application was denied on various grounds, including Respondent's failure to first secure a waiver from the Insurance Commissioner, as provided by 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1033(e)(2), before applying for licensure. Respondent then filed a timely request for hearing on January 26, 2024, and a Pre-Hearing Conference was scheduled for February 14, 2024.

On February 14, 2024, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. MST, pursuant to notice, a telephonic prehearing conference was conducted. Appearing for the Department was Shelley A. Coudreaut, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, Utah Attorney General's Office. Also appearing for the Department was Randy Overstreet, the Department's Manager of Producer Licensing. Respondent appeared without legal counsel and does not intend to be represented by counsel in this matter. Each of the above appeared via telephonic conference. The undersigned Donald Hansen is the Administrative Law Judge for the Department and serves as Presiding Officer in this formal adjudicative proceeding.

Based on the discussions held during the pre-hearing conference, Respondent established that he has filed a request for a Sec. 1033 waiver with the Commissioner, and his request is currently pending and awaiting a ruling before the Department's Sec. 1033 Committee. Respondent stated that if his Sec. 1033 waiver request is granted, he will reapply for licensure with the Department. In the meantime, Respondent opted to withdraw his request for hearing, with the result that the denial of his January 4, 2024, application for licensure will be affirmed.

Therefore, the Presiding Officer now enters the following Order:

- 1. Respondent's request to withdraw his request for hearing is GRANTED.
- The Department's January 26, 2024, Order denying Respondent's January 4, 2024, application for licensure is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 14th day of February 2024.

JONATHAN T. PIKE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

<u>/s/ Donald H. Hansen</u> Donald H. Hansen Administrative Law Judge/Presiding Officer Utah Insurance Department 4315 South 2700 West, Suite 2300 Taylorsville, UT 84129 801-957-9321 Email: <u>uidadmincases@utah.gov</u>

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this date a true and correct copy of the foregoing

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR

HEARING AND AFFIRMING DENIAL OF LICENSE APPLICATION to:

John J. Kunz

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DATED this 14th day of February 2024.

<u>/s/ Jeanine Couser</u> Jeanine Couser Utah Insurance Department 4315 South 2700 West, Suite 2300 Taylorsville, UT 84129 801-957-9321