

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**MERRIMACK, SS**

**SUPERIOR COURT**

**Docket No. 03-E-0106  
In the Matter of the Liquidation of  
The Home Insurance Company**

**LIQUIDATOR'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL  
OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COLONIAL PIPELINE**

Roger A. Sevigny, Insurance Commissioner for the State of New Hampshire, as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of The Home Insurance Company ("Home"), moves that the Court enter an order in the form submitted herewith approving a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release ("Settlement Agreement") between Colonial Pipeline Company ("Colonial Pipeline") and the Liquidator. As reasons therefor, the Liquidator states as follows:

1. Home issued two insurance policies to Colonial Pipeline for certain policy periods between April 17, 1970 and January 1, 1976. Upon Home's placement in liquidation, Colonial Pipeline filed a proof of claim in the Home liquidation. The proof of claim seeks coverage under the policies, including but not limited to claims for environmental clean up costs and damages. Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf in Support of Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Colonial Pipeline ("Bengelsdorf Aff.") ¶ 3.

2. The Liquidator and Colonial Pipeline have negotiated the Settlement Agreement reflecting a resolution of the proof of claim and all matters under the policies. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Court. Settlement Agreement ¶ 1. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 4.

3. The Settlement Agreement provides that the Liquidator will recommend allowance of Colonial Pipeline's proof of claim in the aggregate amount of \$2,000,000 as a

Class II priority claim under RSA 402-C:44. Settlement Agreement ¶ 2(A). Allowance of the recommended amount as a Class II claim will fully and finally resolve Colonial Pipeline's proof of claim and all claims it has under the policies. *Id.* ¶ 2(B). Distributions based on that allowance will be made at the same intervals and at the same percentages as distributions to other Class II creditors of Home. *Id.* ¶ 2(C). Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 5.

4. The Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve Colonial Pipeline's proof of claim, and all claims concerning it under the policies. See Settlement Agreement ¶¶ 2(B), 5. To that end, the Settlement Agreement provides for mutual releases of all claims between Home and Colonial Pipeline arising from or related to the policies (including the proof of claim). *Id.* ¶¶ 3, 4. The Liquidator also agrees not to pursue certain claims respecting Colonial Pipeline against other insurers that agree not to pursue such claims against Home. *Id.* ¶ 6. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 6.

5. The Liquidator is not aware of any third party claimants asserting claims under the policies with respect to Colonial Pipeline. However, in resolving all matters relating to the proof of claim and the policies, the Settlement Agreement contemplates denial of any third party claimants' claims regarding Colonial Pipeline in the Home liquidation without prejudice to their claims against Colonial Pipeline. Accordingly, Colonial Pipeline acknowledges in the Settlement Agreement that it is intended to resolve all matters between Colonial Pipeline and the Liquidator/Home relating to the policies and proof of claim, including asserted rights of third party claimants. Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Colonial Pipeline agrees to address, at its sole cost, the claims of claimants asserting claims against Colonial Pipeline as if the Colonial Pipeline had no insurance coverage from Home under the policies. *Id.* Colonial Pipeline agrees to indemnify the Liquidator and Home against claims arising from the policies up to the allowance actually received by Colonial Pipeline. *Id.* Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 7.

6. The denial of any third party claimants' proofs of claim without prejudice to their claims against Colonial Pipeline will not harm the third party claimants, who will continue to have their full claims against Colonial Pipeline. As noted above, Colonial Pipeline has agreed to address these claims as if it had no insurance coverage from Home under the policies. Third party claimants' proofs of claim against the insolvent Home, if not denied with this agreement, would release Colonial Pipeline from those claims up to the limits of the policies but only entitle the third party claimants (assuming their claims are allowed) to a presently undetermined percentage distribution at the future date when a distribution is made. See RSA 402-C:40, I; Gonya v. Commissioner, New Hampshire Insurance Dept., 153 N.H. 521, 535 (2006) (noting the "inherent uncertainty of any creditor's recovery in a liquidation"). It is not expected that the allowed claims of any third party claimants (or other Class II creditors) will be paid in full. Under the Settlement Agreement, Colonial Pipeline will continue to be fully responsible for any third party claimants' claims against it. See Settlement Agreement ¶ 5. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 8.

7. The Settlement Agreement reflects a compromise of the claims asserted in Colonial Pipeline's proof of claim. It is the result of negotiations involving Home's Claims Department, under the supervision of the Special Deputy Liquidator, which has extensive experience in assessing the exposure presented by environmental pollution claims under Home's insurance policies. The agreed settlement amount is based on careful evaluation and negotiation of coverage obligations under Home's policies respecting the underlying liabilities of Colonial Pipeline. The Liquidator accordingly recommends approval of the Settlement Agreement and allowance of the \$2,000,000 settlement amount as a Class II claim in accordance with RSA 402-C:45 and RSA 402-C:44. Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 9.

8. The Court has previously approved similar settlement agreements. See, e.g., Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Georgia-Pacific (April 3, 2008); Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Tampa Electric (October 15, 2007); Order Approving Commutation Agreement with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation (March 10, 2006). The Liquidator's negotiation and the Court's approval of such agreements are authorized by the broad authority of the Liquidator to "compound, compromise or in any other manner negotiate the amount for which claims will be recommended to the court," RSA 402-C:45, I, and the authority of the Court to "approve, disapprove or modify any report on claims by the liquidator." RSA 402-C:45, II. It is also an appropriate exercise of the Liquidator's authority ("[s]ubject to the court's control") to "do such other acts . . . as are necessary or expedient for the accomplishment of or in aid of the purpose of liquidation." RSA 402-C:25, XXII.

9. In his Motion for Approval of Commutation with Northwestern National Insurance Company and Settlement Agreement and Assignment of Distribution with AK Steel Corporation ¶¶ 19-23 (February 16, 2006), the Liquidator provided his analysis of New Hampshire law, including RSA 402-C:40 III, as it applies to this type of comprehensive policy coverage compromise and settlement in an insurer liquidation context. That analysis also applies to the proposed Settlement Agreement with Colonial Pipeline.

10. The Liquidator submits that the Settlement Agreement is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the policyholders and creditors of Home. See Bengelsdorf Aff. ¶ 10.

WHEREFORE, the Liquidator respectfully requests that this Court:

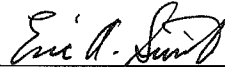
- A. Grant this Motion;
- B. Enter an Order in the form submitted herewith approving the Settlement Agreement, approving the Liquidator's claim recommendation, and allowing Colonial Pipeline's claim as a Class II claim in the amount of \$2,000,000; and
- C. Grant such other and further relief as justice may require.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER A. SEVIGNY, INSURANCE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE SOLELY AS  
LIQUIDATOR OF THE HOME  
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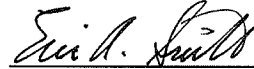
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**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Liquidator's Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement with Colonial Pipeline, the Affidavit of Peter A. Bengelsdorf, and the Proposed Order, were sent, this 23rd day of June, 2008, by first class mail, postage prepaid to all persons on the attached service list.



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Eric A. Smith

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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE**

This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (the "Settlement Agreement") is made this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008, by and between Colonial Pipeline Company (hereinafter referred to as "Claimant") on the one hand, and Roger A. Sevigny, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of New Hampshire, solely in his capacity as Liquidator ("Liquidator") of the Home Insurance Company ("Home"), on the other hand (the Claimant and the Liquidator are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties").

**WHEREAS**, Home issued the following insurance policies under which Colonial Pipeline Company is a named insured:

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Policy Period</u>
HEC9792298	4/17/70-1/1/73
HEC4428747	1/01/73-1/1/76

which together with all other insurance policies that Home may have issued to Colonial Pipeline Company are defined as the "Policies";

**WHEREAS**, Home is being liquidated pursuant to the June 13, 2003 Order of the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire, Merrimack County (the "Liquidation Court"), pursuant to which the Liquidator was appointed as the Liquidator of Home;

**WHEREAS**, Claimant seeks payment from Home respecting claims, including but not limited to claims for environmental clean up costs and damages, and Claimant has submitted a proof of claim in the Home liquidation estate that has been assigned the following proof of claim number:

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which together with any other proof of claim hereinbefore or hereinafter filed by Claimant in the Home liquidation estate are defined as the "Proofs of Claim";

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are desirous of resolving all claims that were asserted, or could have been or could be asserted, between them and resolving all matters concerning the Proofs of Claim and all rights and obligations with respect to the Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is subject to and conditioned upon its approval by the Liquidation Court and allowance of the Recommended Amount (as defined below) into the Home liquidation estate and in the event the Liquidation Court does not

approve the Settlement Agreement and allow the Recommended Amount, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and without any force or effect;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of all the respective transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement, and the mutual covenants and representations herein contained, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Effectiveness. This Settlement Agreement is conditioned and shall only become effective (the "Effective Date"), upon approval by the Liquidation Court. The Liquidator shall move for approval of this Settlement Agreement promptly following execution by both of the Parties.

2. Recommendation, Allowance and Classification of Claims.

A. Subject to all the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and with the agreement of Claimant, which by Claimant's execution hereof is hereby granted, the Liquidator shall recommend pursuant to RSA 402-C:45 that the Proofs of Claim be allowed in the aggregate amount of \$ 2,000,000 ("the Recommended Amount"), as a Class II priority claim under RSA 402-C:44. The Liquidator shall seek allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim by the Liquidation Court in the Liquidator's motion for approval of this Settlement Agreement.

B. Allowance of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim by the Liquidation Court shall fully and finally resolve the Proofs of Claim and any and all claims of whatever nature that Claimant has under the Policies. In the event that the Liquidation Court does not allow the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and shall have no force and effect and the Parties will be returned to *status quo ante*, as if no such agreement was ever reached, with this Settlement Agreement then being inadmissible for any purpose in any dispute between the Parties.

C. If and when the Liquidation Court allows the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant will become a Class II creditor in the Home liquidation estate pursuant to N.H. RSA 402-C:44, and Claimant shall, subject to this Settlement Agreement, receive distributions on the allowed amount at the same intervals and at the same percentages as other Class II creditors of Home.

3. Release by Claimant. Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, Claimant for itself and (in their capacity as such) on behalf of its officers, directors, employees, agents,

attorneys, subsidiaries, predecessors, and their successors and assigns (including any trustee or other statutory successor), irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges the Liquidator and Home and (in their capacity as such) each of their officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and / or demands arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty or equity, which Claimant, its subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, ever had, now have or hereafter may have against the Liquidator or Home or their officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies.

4. Release by Liquidator. Subject to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and the Liquidation Court's approval of the Recommended Amount as a Class II claim, the Liquidator, in his capacity as such, and on behalf of Home and (in their capacity as such) each of their officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, predecessors, and their successors and their assigns (including any liquidator or statutory successor), irrevocably and unconditionally releases and discharges Claimant and (in their capacity as such) its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, from any and all actions, causes of action, liabilities, adjustments, obligations, offsets, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, premiums, losses, salvage, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, executions, claims and / or demands arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies, in law, admiralty or equity, which the Liquidator, Home, or their subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, ever had, now have or hereafter may have against Claimant and its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, all whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, fixed or contingent, in law, admiralty or equity, arising from or related to the Proofs of Claim or the Policies.

5. Resolution of Matters and Indemnification. Claimant acknowledges that this Settlement Agreement is intended to resolve all matters arising out of or relating to any rights it ever had, now has or hereafter may have in the Policies and the Proofs of Claim, including any asserted rights of claimants against Claimant under the Policies, and Claimant agrees to address, at its sole cost and expense, any such claims of claimants against Claimant as if there had been no liquidation proceeding for Home and as if Claimant had no insurance coverage from Home by virtue of the Policies. In consideration of the Recommended Amount being allowed by the Liquidation Court as a Class II claim, Claimant agrees to indemnify and hold the Liquidator and Home harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, debts, damages, costs or expenses arising from or related to the Policies. The future obligations of Claimant under this paragraph shall extend to and include (by way of example and not limitation) any claims made under the Policies against the Liquidator or Home by vendors of or respecting Claimant (including claims for defense and indemnity), by other insurers of Claimant, and by any individuals or entities asserting "direct action" claims arising out of or related to the Policies. The Liquidator shall promptly notify Claimant of any such claim, and shall afford Claimant the opportunity to reasonably participate in the defense of such claims. The indemnity provided hereby, however, shall in no event exceed the amount actually distributed to Claimant. Claimant shall cooperate with the Liquidator (including but not limited to the provision of affidavits or testimony) to eliminate claims against the Liquidator or Home by any individual or entity arising out of or relating to the Policies.

6. Mutual Release of Settling Carriers. Claimant agrees to use reasonable commercial efforts to cause any settlement agreement relating to the underlying matters covered by the Proofs of Claim with any other insurance company to include a waiver by that other insurance company of any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation or recoupment, against Home regarding these matters. The Liquidator agrees to waive, relinquish and release any claim, including contribution, apportionment, indemnification, subrogation, equitable subrogation, allocation or recoupment, as to the matters covered by the Proofs of Claim against any other insurance company which executes a settlement with Claimant that includes a provision that is materially the same as this

paragraph.

7. No Assignments. Claimant warrants and agrees that it has not assigned, conveyed, or otherwise transferred any claims, demands, causes of action, rights, or obligations related in any way to the Policies, or any proceeds thereof, or to the claims, losses and expenses released herein, to any person or entity. Claimant shall not assign or otherwise transfer this Settlement Agreement or any rights or obligations thereunder without the written consent of the Liquidator, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8. Further Assurances. The Parties shall take all further actions as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Settlement Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein.

9. Governing Law and Venue. This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire without regard to the conflicts of law provisions thereof. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any dispute between the Parties arising out of the Proofs of Claim, the Policies or this Settlement Agreement shall be the Liquidation Court.

10. Due Diligence. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in negotiating and executing this Settlement Agreement they have relied upon their own judgment and upon the recommendations of their own legal counsel, that they have read this Settlement Agreement and have had the opportunity to consider its terms and effects and that they have executed this Settlement Agreement voluntarily and with full understanding of its terms and effects. This Settlement Agreement is the product of negotiations between the Parties. No Party shall be charged with having promulgated this Settlement Agreement, and the general rule that ambiguities are to be construed against the drafter shall not apply to this Agreement.

11. No Third Party Rights. This Settlement Agreement is entered into solely for the benefit of the Liquidator, Home and Claimant and is not intended to, and does not give or create any rights to or in any person or entity other than the Parties.

12. Counterparts. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which, when so delivered, shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together

constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree that a signature sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the other Party shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.

13. Power and Authority to Execute. Subject to the approval of the Liquidation Court required by paragraph 1, each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has the full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform this Settlement Agreement; that all requisite and necessary approvals have been obtained to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Settlement Agreement, that there are no other agreements or transactions to which it is a party that would render this Settlement Agreement or any part thereof, void, voidable or unenforceable; that each individual signing on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized by that Party to execute this Settlement Agreement on its behalf; and that no claims being released under the terms of this Settlement Agreement have been assigned, sold, or otherwise transferred to any other entity.

14. Successor-in-Interest Bound. This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective officers, directors, employees, affiliates, attorneys, liquidators, receivers, administrators, agents, representatives, successors and assigns.

15. Entire Agreement. This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter thereof. This Settlement Agreement supersedes all prior agreement and understandings, whether written or oral, concerning such matters.

16. Survival of Warranties and Representations. The warranties and representations made herein shall survive the execution of this Settlement Agreement.

17. Validity of Settlement Agreement. Subject to approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Liquidation Court as required by paragraph 1, each Party represents and warrants that this Settlement Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

18. No Waiver. No waiver of any right under this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed effective unless contained in a writing signed by the Party or an authorized representative of the party charged with such waiver, and no waiver of any breach or failure to perform shall be deemed to be a waiver of any future breach or failure to perform or of any other provision of this Settlement

Agreement. This Settlement Agreement may not be amended except in a document signed by the Party or an officer or other authorized official of the Party to be charged.

19. Notice. All notices to be given under this Settlement Agreement shall be given by facsimile and first class U.S. mail directed to:

*If to Claimant, to:*

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and

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Eisenstein Malanchuk LLP  
1048 Potomac Street NW  
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*If to the Liquidator, to:*

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and

J. Christopher Marshall  
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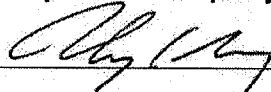
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20. Severability. If any provision of this Settlement Agreement is invalid, unenforceable or illegal under the law of any applicable jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction shall not be affected thereby and, upon the agreement of the Parties, the remaining provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable. However, in the event of such invalidity, unenforceability or illegality, the Parties shall

negotiate in good faith to amend this Settlement Agreement through the insertion of additional provisions which are valid, enforceable and legal and which reflect, to the extent possible, the purposes contained in the invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision.

**Wherefore**, the Parties have caused this Settlement Agreement to be executed on their respective behalves as of the date below the signatures of their duly authorized representatives.

**Colonial Pipeline Company**

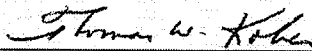
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Date: June 5, 2008

**ROGER A. SEVIGNY, COMMISSIONER  
OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE, SOLELY IN HIS  
CAPACITY AS LIQUIDATOR OF  
THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY**

By: 

Name: THOMAS W. KOBER

Title: Chief Claims Officer

Date: June 18, 2008