

STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Docket No. 25A-040-INS
Stonewood Insurance Company	)	
	)	ORDER RELEASING
(NAIC No. 11828)	)	EXCESS DEPOSIT
	)	
<u>Petitioner.</u>	)	

Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 20-588(A)(2) provides that deposited funds shall be released and returned to the Petitioner to the extent such deposit is in excess of the amount required, upon application to and written order of the Director of Insurance and Financial Institutions.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stonewood Insurance Company ("Petitioner"), an Ohio domiciled insurance company, received its certificate of authority to transact property and casualty insurance in Arizona as a North Carolina domiciled insurance company on December 6, 2022.

2. Retaliatory Deposit Order, Docket No. 22A-050-INS, filed on October 6, 2022 ordered the Petitioner to deposit and maintain a retaliatory deposit in the amount of no less than \$300,000 with the State of Arizona.

3. Effective May 30, 2024, Petitioner domesticated from North Carolina to Ohio.

4. On March 17, 2025, Petitioner filed an application for release of the retaliatory deposit.

5. The retaliatory deposit that was required of Petitioner pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-230 is not required of Petitioner, and thus the deposit is an excess deposit pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-588(A)(2).

6. The Ohio Department of Insurance has certified that it holds securities of the
Petitioner in the amount of \$550,000 in trust for the protection of all of Petitioner's
policyholders, which satisfies the Petitioner's statutory deposit requirement prescribed in
A.R.S. §20-213.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Director has no personal liability for the release of such deposit so made by
her in good faith as provided in A.R.S. § 20-588(B).

2. Petitioner is entitled to the release of the Deposit pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-
588(A)(2).

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the \$375,000 retaliatory deposit shall be released
to Petitioner.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2025

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Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions

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