

# COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES & INSURANCE

MONICA J. LINDEEN  
COMMISSIONER



OFFICE OF THE MONTANA  
STATE AUDITOR

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## ADVISORY MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** All Surplus Lines Agents/Agencies

**FROM:** MONICA J. LINDEEN  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
Montana State Auditor

**DATE:** December 6, 2011

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### SURPLUS LINES STAMPING FEE RATE CHANGES FOR POLICIES EFFECTIVE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2012

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Effective January 1, 2012, the surplus lines stamping fee for electronically filed submissions and submissions mailed to the Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI), with a policy effective date on or after January 1, 2012, will be reduced as follows:

Filing Method	Stamping fee for policy submission with an effective date prior to 1-1-2012	Stamping fee for policy submission with an effective date on or after to 1-1-2012
Policy is filed electronically by agent/agency	Stamping fee is 0.5%	Stamping fee is reduced to zero percent (0%)
Policy is mailed by agent to the CSI to be entered in the agent's surplus lines tax statement	Stamping fee is 1.0%	Stamping fee is reduced to 0.25%

The CSI surplus lines filing system will automatically calculate the correct stamping fee based on the effective date of the policy. The data entry of surplus lines submissions will not change.

The CSI will have two set of forms on its website for 2012. One set of forms will be for submissions that have an effective date prior to January 1, 2012, and the other for submissions with an effective date on or after January 1, 2012.

Please contact Kim Benjamin at 406-444-3897 or [kbenjamin@mt.gov](mailto:kbenjamin@mt.gov) or Tim Morris at 406-444-4489 or [tmorris@mt.gov](mailto:tmorris@mt.gov) if you have any questions.