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**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE  
MONTANA STATE AUDITOR**

<p>IN THE MATTER OF:</p> <p>Canton Insurance Company and Canton Insurance Company, Inc.,</p> <p>Applicants.</p>	<p>CASE NO. INS-2015-117A</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PROPOSED MERGER AND ORDER APPOINTING HEARING EXAMINER</b></p>
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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI), received a complete proposed merger agreement from Canton Insurance Company, a Kentucky corporation, and Canton Insurance Company, Inc., a Montana corporation (collectively, Applicants), on April 6, 2015. Both Applicants are captive stock insurance companies, and they propose to merge into Canton Insurance Company, Inc., a Montana corporation.

Pursuant to the authority set forth in Mont. Code Ann. §§ 33-3-217(2) and 33-28-306(5) of the Montana Insurance Code, the CSI will hold a hearing on this matter to gather evidence and either approve or deny the merger agreement. The Commissioner shall approve the merger within a reasonable time unless the hearing examiner finds that

the plan or agreement: a) is contrary to law; b) is inequitable to the stockholders of any domestic insurer involved in the merger; or c) would substantially reduce the security of and service to be rendered to policyholders of the domestic insurer in Montana or elsewhere. § 33-3-217(2).

Pursuant to the authority set forth in § 2-4-611, the CSI hereby appoints Jesse Laslovich, Chief Counsel for the CSI, as the hearing examiner in this matter. Mr. Laslovich's appointment as hearing examiner shall continue until the final administrative disposition of this matter.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

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

cc: Canton Insurance Company  
Canton Insurance Company, Inc.