

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

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED MERGER OF:</p> <p>Adams Insurance Company, Inc., Coolidge Insurance Company, Inc., and Harding Insurance Company, Inc. with and into Van Buren Insurance Company, Inc.</p> <p>Applicants.</p>	<p>CASE NO. INS-2017-303</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF PROPOSED MERGER</b></p>
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**PLEASETAKE NOTICE:**

The Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI), received a complete proposed merger application, including a plan and agreement for the merger, from Adams Insurance Company, Inc., Coolidge Insurance Company, Inc., Harding Insurance Company, Inc., and Van Buren Insurance Company, Inc. (“Applicants”), on November 15, 2017. All four Applicants are Montana corporations and captive insurance companies, and they propose to merge into Van Buren Insurance Company, Inc. All four corporations share common management and directors.

Pursuant to the authority set forth in Mont. Code Ann. § 33-28-111 of the Montana

Insurance Code, the CSI is providing notice to the public prior to approval or disapproval of the merger in place of holding a hearing.

The Commissioner will approve the proposed merger on **December 15, 2017**, unless the CSI determines evidence received, if any, indicates that the plan or agreement:

- a) is inequitable to the policyholders of any domestic insurer involved in the merger; or
- b) 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).

Members of the public may submit information related to this merger prior to December 15, 2017, by mailing it to:

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DATED this 5 day of December, 2017.



Commissioner of Securities and Insurance  
Montana State Auditor

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