



**THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
RATING AND INSPECTION BUREAU**

March 2, 2011

**CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2172**

To All Members and Subscribers of the WCRIBMA:

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
RATE FILING FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

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As announced earlier in Circular Letter 2171, the Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts ("WCRIBMA") reached agreement with the State Rating Bureau in the Division of Insurance and the Office of Attorney General Martha Coakley to maintain Massachusetts workers' compensation rates at current levels through August 31, 2012. The agreement is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Insurance after a public hearing.

Attached is a Notice of Hearing from the Commissioner of Insurance, The Honorable Joseph G. Murphy, advising that a Hearing on the Rate Filing will be held at 10:00 A.M., on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the Division of Insurance, 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA. **Note this is a new address for the Division of Insurance.**

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# Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts Rate Filings for Workers' Compensation Insurance; Docket No. R2011-01; Hearing on March 30, 2011

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## Notice of Hearing

Docket No. R2011-01

### Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts Rate Filings for Workers' Compensation Insurance

In accordance with the authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") under M. G. L. c. 152, §53A, a hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 30, 2011, at the Division of Insurance ("Division"), 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA, to consider the request of the Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau of Massachusetts ("WCRIB"), an unincorporated association licensed as a rating organization pursuant to M. G. L. c. 152, §52C, for a general revision of workers' compensation insurance risks and premiums. On March 1, 2011, the WCRIB submitted a filing requesting a statewide average rate increase of 6.6 percent; on that same date, the parties to this proceeding, the WCRIB, the State Rating Bureau in the Division of Insurance and the Attorney General, also submitted a proposed stipulation.

The purpose of the hearing is to afford all interested persons an opportunity to provide evidence and testimony relating to the proposed workers' compensation classifications, risks and rates so that the Commissioner can determine whether the proposed classifications and rates are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory for the risks to which they apply and whether they fall within a range of reasonableness. The evidentiary portion of the hearing will commence immediately after public comment is concluded.

The proposed rates and supporting documentation that the WCRIB filed on March 1, 2011 and any related submissions may be inspected in the Division's offices during normal business hours. Any person who wishes to participate as an interested party in this hearing must comply with the procedures set forth in 211 CMR 110.05 (3). All parties, including those who have been given permission to intervene or to participate must attend. Persons who wish to present unsworn oral or written statements on March 30, 2011 are asked to submit a notice of intent to make such statements no later than March 28, 2011. All other interested persons will be heard after those who notify the Division in advance. Participants who intend to introduce data at the hearing are urged to file such data with the Division no later than March 23, 2011.

All notices and submissions must be sent to the Docket Clerk, Hearings and Appeals, Division of Insurance, and must refer to Docket No. R2011-01.

Dated: March 1, 2011

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Joseph G. Murphy

Commissioner of Insurance