NAIC CLIMATE RISK DISCLOSURE SURVEY TCFD-ALIGNED QUESTIONS UPDATED 2022

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GOVERNANCE

- 1. Disclose the insurer's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities. In disclosing the insurer's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities insurers should consider including the following:
 - Identify and include any publicly stated goals on climate-related risks and opportunities.
 - Describe where climate-related disclosure is handled within the insurer's structure, e.g., at a group level, entity level, or a combination. If handled at the group level, describe what activities are undertaken at the company level.
 - A. Describe the board and/or committee responsible for the oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities.

In describing the position on the board and/or committee responsible for the oversight of managing the climaterelated financial risks, insurers should consider including the following:

- Describe the position on the board and/or committee responsible for the oversight of managing the climate-related financial risks.
- B. Describe management's role in assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities.

<u>Company Response</u>: United Security Insurance Company is a privately held stock insurance company which has an internal board that is responsible for the Company's corporate governance, including risks and opportunities. The Company acknowledges the importance of climate-related risks to the industry and its regulatory agencies and is committed to following initiatives wherever possible, while helping the Company achieve their goals. To that end the Company has created an Enterprise Risk Management Committee which is responsible for identifying, assessing, mitigating and managing risks.

The Company writes primarily private passenger auto liability policies, which accounts for approximately 87% of total premium written. Due to the nature of the Company's business concentration and the fact that we operate in 8 states, the Company does not believe that climate-related risks will have a significant impact on the Company's corporate governance, strategies, or risk management.

STRATEGY

2. Disclose the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the insurer's businesses, strategy, and financial planning where such information is material.

In disclosing the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the insurer's businesses, strategy and financial planning, insurers should consider including the following:

- Describe the steps the insurer has taken to engage key constituencies on the topic of climate risk and resiliency. *
- Describe the insurer's plan to assess, reduce, or mitigate its greenhouse gas emissions in its operations or organizations. *

A. Describe the climate-related risks and opportunities the insurer has identified over the short, medium, and long term.

In describing the climate-related risks and opportunities the insurer has identified over the short, medium, and longer term, insurers should consider including the following:

- Define short, medium, and long-term, if different than 1-5 years as short term, 5-10 years as medium term, and 10-30 years as long term.
- B. Describe the impact of climate-related risks and opportunities on the insurer's business, strategy, and financial planning.

In describing the impact of climate-related risks and opportunities on the insurer's business, strategy, and financial planning, insurers should consider including the following:

- Discuss if and how the insurer provides products or services to support the transition to a low carbon economy or helps customers adapt to climate-related risk.
- Discuss if and how the insurer makes investments to support the transition to a low carbon economy.
- C. Describe the resilience of the insurer's strategy, taking into consideration different climate-related scenarios, including a 2 degree Celsius or lower scenario.

<u>Company Response</u>: The Company has instituted informal measures to reduce emissions and be more environmentally conscious. Some of these initiatives include recycling of paper and printer cartridges, electronic delivery of policy documents and invoices, imaging of documents and automating workflows, which reduces paper usage. In addition, the Company has adopted a hybrid, work from home model to reduce miles driven and fuel consumption. When possible, the Company utilizes conference calls, online meetings and webinars in place of travel.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- 3. Disclose how the insurer identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks. In disclosing how the insurer identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks, insurers should consider including the following:
 - Describe how the insurer considers the impact of climate related risks on its underwriting portfolio, and how the company is managing its underwriting exposure with respect to physical, transition and liability risk. *
 - Describe any steps the insurer has taken to encourage policyholders to manage their potential physical and transition climate related risks, if applicable. *
 - Describe how the insurer has considered the impact of climate-related risks on its investment portfolio, including what investment classes have been considered. *
 - A. Describe the insurers' processes for identifying and assessing climate-related risks.

In describing the insurers' processes for identifying and assessing climate-related risks, insurers should consider including the following:

- Discuss whether the process includes an assessment of financial implications and how frequently the process is completed. *
- B. Describe the insurer's processes for managing climate-related risks.
- C. Describe how processes for identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related risks are integrated into the insurer's overall risk management.

In describing how processes for identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related risks are integrated into the insurer's overall risk management, insurers should consider including the following:

• Discuss whether climate-related risks are addressed through the insurer's general enterprise-risk management process or a separate process and how frequently the process is completed.

- Discuss the climate scenarios utilized by the insurer to analyze its underwriting risks, including which risk factors the scenarios consider, what types of scenarios are used, and what timeframes are considered.
- Discuss the climate scenarios utilized by the insurer to analyze risks on its investments, including which risk factors are utilized, what types of scenarios are used, and what timeframes are considered.

Company Response: Historically the Company has not incurred any losses related to a catastrophic event which have had an adverse impact on its operations or cash flow. The main CAT exposure to the Company is from severe convection storms, and to a lesser degree flooding, tornados, and hurricanes. On an annual basis the Company partners with their reinsurer to model its potential exposure to catastrophic losses. The Reinsurance Committee works together with the ERM Committee to assess the Company's exposure to catastrophic type losses. As mentioned previously, the majority of the Company's premiums are associated with liability auto coverage and our policy holders are not geographically concentrated. Due to the nature of the Company's business model, the Company believes that the risk to climate-related risks is very low. However, to mitigate the Company's exposure to catastrophic losses the Company purchases CAT reinsurance coverage from a highly rated reinsurer.

METRICS AND TARGETS

4. Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant collateralized risks and opportunities where such information is material.

In disclosing the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant collateralized risks and opportunities where such information is material, insurers should consider including the following:

- Discuss how the insurer uses catastrophe modeling to manage the climate-related risks to your business. Please specify for which climate-related risks the insurer uses catastrophe models to assess, if any.
- A. Disclose the metrics used by the insurer to assess climate-related risks and opportunities in line with its strategy and risk management process.

In disclosing the metrics used by the insurer to assess climate-related risks and opportunities in line with its strategy and risk management process, insurers should consider including the following:

- In describing the metrics used by the insurer to assess and monitor climate risks, consider the amount of exposure to business lines, sectors, and geographies vulnerable to climate-related physical risks [answer in absolute amounts and percentages if possible], alignment with climate scenarios, [1 in 100 years probable maximum loss, Climate VaR, carbon intensity], and the amount of financed or underwritten carbon emissions.
- B. Disclose Scope 1, Scope 2, and if appropriate, Scope 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and the related risks
- C. Describe the targets used by the insurer to manage climate-related risks and opportunities and performance against targets.

<u>Company Response</u>: The Company's Reinsurance Committee works closely with their reinsurer annually to conduct catastrophe modeling for severe convection storms and hurricanes using AIR Touchstone v10.0 loss analysis methodology.

* Asterisks represent questions derived from the original Climate Risk Disclosure Survey.