

Texas Department of Insurance
Notice of Annual Rate Filing
Texas Windstorm Insurance Association

Description:

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) made its annual rate filing on August 14, 2018. The filing represents a 10 percent increase in residential and commercial rates, effective January 1, 2019, for new and renewal policies.

By statute, the rate filing is subject to review by the Commissioner of Insurance. The Commissioner is required to consider certain specific factors set out in Texas Insurance Code Section 2210.355(b), including: the past and prospective loss experience within and outside this state of hazards for which insurance is made available through the plan of operation, if any; expenses of operation, including acquisition costs; a reasonable margin for profit and contingencies (profit is contributed to the State's Catastrophe Reserve Trust Fund to pay future TWIA losses from major storms); and payment of public security obligations, including the additional amount of any debt service coverage determined by TWIA to be required for the issuance of marketable public securities. Texas Insurance Code Section 2210.355(c) requires that TWIA's rates must be reasonable, adequate, not unfairly discriminatory, and nonconfiscatory as to any class of insurer.

The filing must be approved or disapproved by October 15, 2018.

How to review, request copies, request additional supporting information, and comment:

- To review or get copies of TWIA's rate filing:
 - **Online:** Go to www.tdi.texas.gov/submissions/indextwia.html#rate.
 - **In person:** You can review the filing at the Office of the Chief Clerk, Texas Department of Insurance, 333 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701 during regular business hours. The filing will be in two parts, one for residential rates, one for commercial rates.

- **By mail:** Write to the Office of the Chief Clerk, Mail Code 113-2A, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104.

- To ask that TWIA provide **additional supporting information** relating to this filing, send a request to ChiefClerk@tdi.texas.gov or by mail to the Office of the Chief Clerk, Mail Code 113-2A, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104. You must submit the request for additional supporting information by 5 p.m. Central time on August 31, 2018. The request must be reasonable and directly related to the filing.

- To **comment or provide information** related to the filing, send written comments or information to ChiefClerk@tdi.texas.gov or by mail to the Office of the Chief Clerk, Mail Code 113-2A, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104. You must submit your comment or information by 5 p.m. Central time on October 1, 2018.

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/s/ Norma Garcia

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