



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF PATRONS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF CT, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty insurance company and the two affiliates, PATRONS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF RHODE ISLAND, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty mutual insurance company, and PROVISION STATE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty stock insurance company and LITCHFIELD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty insurance company**

Notice is hereby given that the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Connecticut will conduct a public hearing on November 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in room 701 at the Connecticut Insurance Department, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 153 Market Street, Hartford, CT. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to sections 38a-129 through 38a-140, 4-166 through 4-184, as applicable, of the Connecticut General Statutes; and sections 38a-8-1 through 38a-8-104, and 38a-138-1 through 38a-138-16, as applicable, of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies. The hearing will include a period devoted exclusively to public comment. Persons interested in being designated a party or intervenor should consult sections 38a-8-48 and 38a-8-49 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies.

The public hearing is being held on the question of granting approval pursuant to section 38a-132(b)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes of the application filed by **STATE AUTOMOBILE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, an Ohio domiciled mutual insurance company, (the "Applicant") dated September 21, 2007 as amended and restated (the "Application"). The Application requests the Insurance Commissioner's approval, as required by section 38a-130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, of the proposed acquisition of control of **PATRONS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF CT**, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty insurance company and the two affiliates, **PATRONS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF RHODE ISLAND**, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty mutual insurance company, and **PROVISION STATE INSURANCE COMPANY**, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty stock insurance company and **LITCHFIELD MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**, a Connecticut domiciled property casualty insurance company (collectively "Patrons Group").

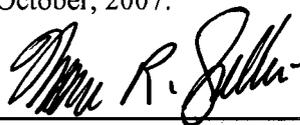
The proposed acquisition of control of **PATRONS GROUP**, if approved, will be effected pursuant to a Affiliation Agreement, dated as of September 13, 2007 among the Applicant, and Patrons Group, as amended and restated as of October 24, 2007, (the "Agreement"). The official record of this proceeding, which includes a copy of the Application and the Agreement, is on file with the Connecticut Insurance Department, 153 Market Street, 7th floor, Hartford, Connecticut, and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, representatives of the Applicant and Patrons Group as well as any other party or intervenor designated by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to sections 38a-8-48 and 38a-8-49 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, and his appointed hearing officer, will appear and be heard concerning the consideration by the Insurance Commissioner of the Application. The public will, at the hearing officer's discretion and in accordance with section 4-177c(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, be given an opportunity to comment on the

Application with respect to the issues to be considered by the Insurance Commissioner. Written statements may also be submitted during the public comment portion of the public hearing or filed with the Insurance Department prior to the close of business on November 19, 2007, by mailing or delivering such statements to the Connecticut Insurance Department, P.O. Box 816, Hartford, CT 06142-0816, Attention: N. Beth Cook, Esq.

The Insurance Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities, in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids for communication or other accommodation are invited to make their needs known to Patti Tiberio at (860) 297-3932.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 31th day of October, 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Sullivan", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas R. Sullivan  
Insurance Commissioner