

**For Immediate Release****October 1, 2014****MID Announces Public Search Tool
for Rate Filings**

Jackson – In an effort to make the activities of the Mississippi Insurance Department more transparent, Certain Property and Casualty Rate and Form Filings are now available for public review through a new search tool implemented by the department

Mississippi joins other states that have or will soon be implementing the service. The SERFF Filing Access project has been under development by MID and NAIC since early 2014, with additional functionality to be released later in the year

“An important benefit of this tool is that it offers more efficient access to rate and form filing information as more states make it available,” Commissioner of Insurance Mike Chaney said.

“With this information now accessible through the internet, it greatly increases the transparency of our office and will cut down on Freedom of Information requests we receive and have to devote man-hours processing. Thus, our staff will have additional time to focus their experience and abilities on other regulatory issues. And, there will be no charge to consumers to use this tool.”

Those that will find the new tool of the greatest benefit will be companies and agents looking to make rate comparisons when possibly preparing their own rate filings.

A link to the new SERFF Filing Access is now active on the MID website at www.mid.ms.gov.