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MIKE CHANEY Commissioner of Insurance State Fire Marshal

February 3, 2009
CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. James L. Martin, Jr., President American Federated Life Insurance Company Post Office Box 321422 Flowood, MS 39232-1422

RE: Report of Examination as of December 31, 2007

Dear Mr. Martin:

In accordance with <u>Miss. Code Ann.</u> § 83-5-201 et seq. (Rev. 1999), an examination of your Company has been completed. Enclosed herewith is the Order adopting the report and a copy of the final report as adopted.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(6)(a) (Rev. 1999), the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall continue to hold the content of said report as private and confidential for a period of ten (10) days from the date of the Order. After the expiration of the aforementioned 10-day period, the Department will open the report for public inspection.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

MIKE CHANEY COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

BY

Christina J. Kelsey

Senior Attorney

MC/CJK/bs

Encls. Order w/exhibit

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: REPORT OF EXAMINATION OF

AMERICAN FEDERATED LIFE

**INSURANCE COMPANY** 

CAUSE NO. 09-5862

<u>ORDER</u>

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration before the Commissioner of Insurance of the

State of Mississippi ("Commissioner"), or his designated appointee, in the Offices of the

Commissioner, 1001 Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, 10th Floor, Jackson, Hinds

County, Mississippi, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-201 et seq. (Rev. 1999). The

Commissioner, having fully considered and reviewed the Report of Examination, together with

any submissions or rebuttals and any relevant portions of the examiner's work papers, makes the

following findings of fact and conclusions of law, to-wit:

**JURISDICTION** 

I.

That the Commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the provisions of

Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-201 et seq. (Rev. 1999).

II.

That American Federated Life Insurance Company is a Mississippi-domiciled company

licensed to write Accident and Health; Credit Life, Credit Accident and Health; and Life

coverages.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

III.

That the Commissioner, or his appointee, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-201 et seq. (Rev. 1999), called for an examination of American Federated Life Insurance Company and appointed Mitch Rayborn, Examiner-In-Charge, to conduct said examination.

#### IV.

That on or about December 30, 2008, the draft Report of Examination concerning American Federated Life Insurance Company for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007, was submitted to the Department by the Examiner-In-Charge, Mitch Rayborn.

V.

That on or about January 9, 2009, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(2) (Rev. 1999), the Department forwarded to the Company a copy of the draft report and allowed the Company a 15-day period to submit any rebuttal to the draft report. The Company had no issues with the draft report.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

# VI.

The Commissioner, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(3) (Rev. 1999), must consider and review the report along with any submissions or rebuttals and all relevant portions of examiner work papers and enter an Order: (1) adopting the Report of Examination as final or with modifications or corrections; (2) rejecting the Report of Examination with directions to reopen; or (3) calling for an investigatory hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, after reviewing the Report of Examination, and all relevant examiner work papers, that the Report of Examination of American Federated Life Insurance Company, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", should be and same is hereby adopted as final.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of the adopted Report of Examination, accompanied with this Order, shall be served upon the Company by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall continue to hold the content of this report as private and confidential information for a period of ten (10) days from the date of this Order, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(6)(a) (Rev. 1999).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 83-5-209(4) (Rev. 1999), that within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the adopted report, American Federated Life Insurance Company shall file affidavits executed by each of its directors stating under oath that they have received a copy of the adopted report and related orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that American Federated Life Insurance Company shall take the necessary actions and implement the necessary procedures to properly and promptly comply with all recommendations contained in the Report of Examination.

SO ORDERED, this the 3rd day of February, 2009.

MIKE CHANEY

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

# **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order and a copy of the final Report of Examination, as adopted by the Mississippi Department of Insurance, was sent by certified mail, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested, on this the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2009, to:

Mr. James L. Martin, Jr., President American Federated Life Insurance Company Post Office Box 321422 Flowood, MS 39232-1422

Christina J. Kelsey
Senior Attorney

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# Mississippi Insurance Department

Report of Examination

of

# AMERICAN FEDERATED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

406 Liberty Park Court Flowood, Mississippi 39232

As of December 31, 2007

NAIC Company Code 98736 NAIC ETS No. MS029-C47

# STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF JEFFERSON

Mitch Rayborn, CFE, CIE, FLMI, being duly sworn, states as follows:

- 1. I have authority to represent the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Mississippi in the examination of American Federated Life Insurance Company.
- 2. The Mississippi Insurance Department is accredited under the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Financial Regulation Accreditation Standards.
- 3. I have prepared the examination work papers and examination report, and the examination of American Federated Life Insurance Company as of December 31, 2007, was performed in a manner consistent with the standards and procedures required by the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Mississippi.

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Mitch Rayborn, CFE, CIE, FLMI
Mitch Rayborn, CFE, CIE, FLMI
Examiner
Subscribed and sworn before me this 26th day of January, 2009.
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(SEAL)
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Notary Public
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Deboran L. Schröder, Notary # 1589 My Commission is for Life
My commission expires

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Commissioner of Insurance
State Fire Marshal

October 10, 2008

Honorable Mike Chaney Commissioner of Insurance State Fire Marshal Mississippi Insurance Department 501 N. West Street 1001 Woolfolk Building (39201) Post Office Box 79 Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0079

Honorable Alfred W. Gross Chair, Financial Condition (E) Subcommittee Bureau of Insurance Commonwealth of Virginia Post Office Box 1157 Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to Commissioner Chaney's instructions and authorization and in compliance with statutory provisions, an examination has been conducted, as of December 31, 2007, of the affairs and financial condition of:

# AMERICAN FEDERATED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC COMPANY CODE 98736)

406 Liberty Park Court Flowood, Mississippi 39232

This examination was commenced in accordance with <u>Miss. Code Ann.</u> § 83-5-201 et seq. and was performed in Jackson, Mississippi at the statutory home office of the Company. The report of examination is herewith submitted.

# INTRODUCTION

This examination was performed by examiners representing the Mississippi Insurance Department ("MID") and covered American Federated Life Insurance Company ("AFLIC" or "the Company") operations and financial condition from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007, including material transactions and/or events occurring subsequent to the examination date and noted during the course of this examination.

For purposes of this examination report, the examination period is defined as January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007, and the examination date is defined as December 31, 2007.

# **SCOPE OF EXAMINATION**

This examination was a full scope financial examination that included assessing the Company's financial condition, its ability to fulfill and manner of fulfillment of its obligations, the nature of its operations, and compliance with the law. A full scope market conduct examination was not performed; however, limited procedures were performed on specific areas of the Company's market conduct.

This examination was conducted in accordance with procedures recommended by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") Financial Condition Examiners Handbook.

Reporting in the comments and recommendations section of this report was by exception; therefore, items that were tested and deemed acceptable by the examiners without material change receive little or no comment.

# **HISTORY OF THE COMPANY**

The Company was licensed by the MID in March, 1983 for life, accident and health lines. The Company's initial capitalization consisted of \$500,000 and included the issuance of 200,000 shares of \$1 par common stock. In June, 1994, the Board of Directors increased the Company's outstanding capital stock to 400,000 shares of \$1 par common stock. In April, 2006, the Company increased it outstanding capital stock to its current position of 600,000 shares of \$1 par common stock.

# **CORPORATE RECORDS**

The minutes of the meetings of the Stockholder and Board of Directors, taken during the period covered by the examination, were reviewed and appeared to be complete and in order with regard to recording action on matters brought up at these meetings for deliberation, which included the approval and support of the Company's transactions and events.

# DIRECTORS', OFFICERS', EMPLOYEES', AND AGENTS' WELFARE

The Company provided a generally complete health and welfare program for all eligible employees through its parent company, First Tower Corporation. All of the Company's directors, officers, and agents are employees of First Tower Corporation and are also provided a generally complete health and welfare program by First Tower Corporation.

# REINSURANCE

At December 31, 2007, the Company was a party to a quota share reinsurance agreement with Munich American Reassurance Company (MARC). Under the terms of this agreement, the Company ceded 40% of its credit accident and health inforce business to MARC. This agreement also contained an experience refund addendum that resulted in a favorable adjustment to the reinsurance premiums if certain underwriting results were achieved on the reinsured business during the experience period. During the examination period, the Company received experience premium adjustments of approximately \$641,000, \$479,000, and \$531,000 for 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

# HOLDING COMPANY STRUCTURE

The Company was a member of an insurance holding company system as defined within Miss. Code Ann. § 83-6-1. Holding Company Registration Statements were filed during the examination period with the Mississippi Insurance Department in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 83-6-5 and § 83-6-9. The statements and applicable amendments that were filed with the Mississippi Insurance Department during the examination period were reviewed and it appeared that any changes and material transactions by and between the Company and its affiliates were disclosed appropriately.

# **Organizational Chart**

The following organizational chart displays the direct line of ownership, along with a brief description of each member:

# H - H Corporation

50% Owned by Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation 45% Owned by Norma W. Hess December 2006 Annuity Trust 5% owned by Jamarco Limited Partnership

# **Bay Street Corporation**

100% Owned by H – H Corporation (Owns 33.4% of Galaxie Corporation)

# **Galaxie Corporation**

33.4% Owned by Bay Street Corporation 15.8% Owned by Harman & Co., c/o Trustmark National Bank nominee for Else Partners, L.P.

11.6% Owned by Norma W. Hess December 2006 Annuity Trust 10.7% Owned by Harman & Co., c/o Trustmark National Bank nominee for Millsaps College Trust

6.3% Owned by Robert M. Hearin, Jr.
6.3% Owned by Laurie Hearin McRee
3.3% Owned by Capitol Street Corporation
2.1 % Owned by Robert M. Hearin Suppport Foundation
10.5% Aggregate other immaterial owners

# **Capital Street Corporation**

100% Owned by Galaxie Corporation

# **First Tower Corporation**

62.78% Owned by Capitol Street Corporation 37.22% Owned by Management or Former Management & Others

# **American Federated Life Insurance Company**

100% Owned by First Tower Corporation

 $\mathbf{H} - \mathbf{H}$  Corporation: This company was a holding company which owned KR Holdings, Inc., a Mississippi corporation, and Bay Street Corporation, a Mississippi corporation. KR Holdings, Inc. was engaged in the business of real estate leasing and investments. KR Holdings, Inc. was not in the direct line of ownership for American Federated Life Insurance Company.

**Bay Street Corporation:** This company was engaged in the business of investments and owns Auto Electric & Carburetor, Inc., a distributor of automobile parts and accessories. Auto Electric & Carburetor, Inc. was not in the direct line of ownership for American Federated Life Insurance Company.

Galaxie Corporation: This company was a holding company with significant investments in debt and equity securities.

Capitol Street Corporation: This company was a holding company with significant investments in debt and equity securities.

First Tower Corporation: This company was engaged in consumer lending and related insurance activities through its wholly owned finance subsidiaries, Tower Loan of Mississippi, First Tower Loan, Inc., Gulfco of Mississippi, Inc., Gulfco of Louisiana, Inc., Gulfco of Alabama, Inc., Tower Loan of Missouri, Inc. and its wholly owned insurance subsidiaries American Federated Insurance Company and American Federated Life Insurance Company.

## **Related Party Transactions**

The Parent company provided certain corporate level administrative support services at no cost to the Company. Certain officers of the Company are paid directly by the Parent. As of the examination date, subsidiaries of the Company's Parent, owed the Company approximately \$1,141,000 for insurance premiums collected during the month of December, 2007.

During the examination period, the Company paid dividends to its stockholder in the amounts of \$6,407,729 during 2005, \$5,057,596 during 2006 and \$4,803,337 in 2007. The payments were paid to the Company's parent in lieu of commissions and were approved by the MID.

# MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

### **Stockholder**

As of December 31, 2007, the Company had issued and outstanding 600,000 shares of common capital stock with a par value of \$1. First Tower Corporation owned 100% of the outstanding shares.

# **Board of Directors**

The Articles of Association and Bylaws vest the management and control of the Company's business affairs with the Board of Directors. At December 31, 2007, the members of the duly elected Board of Directors along with their place of residence and principal occupation were as follows:

Name and Place of Residence

Principal Occupation

Francis Clark Lee

President

Brandon, Mississippi

First Tower Corporation

Jack Ray Lee

Retired

Brandon, Mississippi

Secretary/Treasurer

James Leland Martin, Jr. Jackson, Mississippi

First Tower Corporation

# **Officers**

The officers duly elected by the Board of Directors and holding office at December 31, 2007 were as follows:

James Leland Martin, Jr.

President

Francis Clark Lee

Secretary/Treasurer

# **Conflict of Interest**

The Company had a formal policy whereby disclosure was made to the Board of Directors of any material interest or affiliation on the part of any officer or director that was, or would likely be, a conflict with the official duties of such persons. These procedures were reviewed and no exceptions to the Company's policy were noted.

# FIDELITY BOND AND OTHER INSURANCE

The Company maintained a commercial insurance policy for employee theft with a limit of \$250,000. This amount meets the NAIC suggested minimum fidelity coverage for a company of its size. The Company also maintained an insurance program that appeared to provide adequate coverage to protect it from hazards that it may encounter.

# **ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS**

The 2007 trial balance of the Company's accounts was traced to the balance sheet of the Company's statutory annual statement filed with the Mississippi Insurance Department, with no exceptions noted. The Company was audited annually by an independent CPA firm.

# **STATUTORY DEPOSITS**

The Company's statutory deposits with the State of Mississippi complied with Miss. Code Ann. § 83-19-31 (2). The following chart displays the Company's deposits as of December 31, 2007:

	<u>State</u>			
Type of Security	<b>Deposited</b>	<u>Par Value</u>	Book Value	<u>Fair Value</u>
US Treasury Note	Mississippi	\$ 100,000	\$ 111,238	\$ 125,523
FMNA Bond	Mississippi	105,000	107,380	110,972
FHLB Bond	Mississippi	110,000	107,792	110,653
FHLM Bond	Mississippi	90,000	90,433	90,338
FHLM Bond	Mississippi	105,000	107,869	110,217
FDMA Bond	Mississippi	110,000	112,066	<u>117,253</u>
Totals	<del></del>	<u>\$ 620,000</u>	<u>\$ 636,778</u>	<u>\$ 664,956</u>

# INTRODUCTION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial statements consist of a Statement of Admitted Assets, Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds at December 31, 2007, a Summary of Operations for year ended December 31, 2007, a Reconciliation of Capital and Surplus for the examination period ended December 31, 2007, and a Reconciliation of Examination Adjustments to Surplus.

# AMERICAN FEDERATED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY STATEMENT OF ADMITTED ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2007

# ADMITTED ASSETS

Bonds Cash and short-term investments Investment income due and accrued Funds held or deposited with reinsurance companies Other amounts receivable under reinsurance contracts Electronic data processing equipment Aggregate write-insurance for other than invested assets  Total admitted assets	\$14,747,863 1,083,828 194,405 250,000 686,317 6,832 1,141,267 \$18,110,512
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Aggregate reserve for life contracts Aggregate reserve for accident and health contracts Contract claims: Life Contract claims: Accident and health Other amounts payable on reinsurance ceded General expenses due or accrued Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued Current federal income taxes Asset valuation reserve Payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates Funds held under coinsurance	\$ 6,069,058 4,297,652 310,572 129,683 149,844 10,544 111,480 308,903 34,040 11,056 710,945
Total Liabilities	12,143,777
Common capital stock Gross paid in and contributed surplus Unassigned funds (surplus)  Capital and Surplus	600,000 300,000 5,066,735 5,966,735
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds	\$ 18,110,512

# AMERICAN FEDERATED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

# **Operating Income**

Premiums and annuity considerations Net investment income Amortization of interest maintenance reserve Aggregate write-ins for miscellaneous income	\$ 9,931,307 662,309 12,789 10,724
Total Income	10,617,129
Death benefits  Disability benefits and benefits under accident and health contract  Increase in aggregate reserves for life and accident and health	1,568,483 812,880
policies and contracts	987,383
Total policy benefits	3,368,746
General insurance expenses Insurance taxes, licenses, and fees Aggregate write-ins for deductions	210,472 346,110 76,910
Total expenses	4,002,238
Net gain from operations before federal income taxes	6,614,891
Less: Federal income taxes incurred	1,903,763
Net gain from operations after federal income taxes	4,711,128
Net realized capital gains or (losses)	8,378
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,719,506

# AMERICAN FEDERATED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY RECONCILIATION OF CAPITAL AND SURPLUS FOR EXAMINATION PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

· 	2005	2006	2007
Capital and surplus, beginning of the			
year	\$ 9,501,042	\$ 7,276,621	\$ 6,047,937
Net Income (loss)	4,179,192	3,982,078	4,719,506
Change in net unrealized capital gains			
Change in non-admitted assets and			
related items	(915)	(33,109)	6,335
Change in reserve on account of			
change in valuation basis		(447,783)	
Change in asset valuation reserve	5,031	4,291	(3,706)
Capital changes: Paid in		200,000	
Dividends to stockholders	(6,407,729)	(5,057,596)	(4,803,337)
Prior year income tax reimbursement		123,435	
Capital and surplus, end of the year	\$ 7,276,621	\$ 6,047,937	\$ 5,966,735

# AMERICAN FEDERATED INSURANCE COMPANY RECONCILIATION OF EXAMINATION ADJUSTMENTS TO SURPLUS DECEMBER 31, 2007

As a result of this examination, there have been no adjustments affecting Surplus as regards policyholders reported by the Company in the December 31, 2007 annual statement. The Surplus as regards policyholders reported by the Company of \$5,966,735 is accepted as reasonably stated for purposes of the balance sheet per the examination.

# **MARKET CONDUCT ACTIVITIES**

A full market conduct examination in accordance with the NAIC *Market Conduct Handbook* was not performed; however, particular areas of the Company's market conduct were examined in connection with the financial examination. The particular areas reviewed are as follows:

# Policy Forms and Underwriting

The Company had appropriate licensure to issue its products, and the applicable policy forms were approved by the MID. In addition, a review of premium charges and refunds indicated that the Company was in compliance with approved policies and applicable laws.

# Territory and Plan of Operation

The Company was licensed to transact business in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri and wrote credit life and credit accident and health insurance to customers of affiliated lending companies.

# Advertising and Sales Material

During the examination period, the Company did not do any direct advertising or provide any sales material to policyholders.

# Treatment of Policyholders

The Company maintained a complaint log during the examination period, and all complaints appeared to have been resolved amicably and no policyholder abuse or undesirable patterns were noted.

#### Privacy

The Company had a privacy policy in place for the protection of its policyholders, and this policy appeared to be in compliance with applicable law and standards.

# COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company was a named defendant in a class action suit brought by two Tower Loan borrowers, Claudia Smith and Wilbert Walker, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division. American Federated Insurance Company, American Federated Life Insurance Company, Tower Loan, and other affiliates of First Tower Corp., are named defendants in similar actions brought by hundreds of borrowers in other courts. The class action and the actions in other courts, which assert many of the same claims brought in the class action, challenge virtually every material aspect of the loan/insurance practices of the Tower Loan companies and allege violations of state and federal laws. The insurance companies and the loan companies have denied the allegations in all of these cases.

In 2001, the parties to the class action entered into a proposed classwide settlement. Objectors to the class action settlement exhausted their rights to appeal when, on January 18, 2005, the United States Supreme Court denied the objectors' petition for writ of certiorari. Under the supervision of

the District Court, implementation of the class action settlement agreement commenced in March 2005. Distributions to Class Members appearing to have been accomplished, the District Court entered an order on September 20, 2006 directing the disbursement to a number of charitable organizations of approximately sixty-seven percent (67%) of the funds remaining in the Settlement Fund. The only matter remaining before entry of an order discharging the Settlement Administrator is judicial direction regarding disbursement (presumably to charitable organizations) of the approximately \$168,500.00 remaining in the Settlement Fund as of August 31, 2008.

# SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

During the year 2008, prior to the completion of fieldwork, the Company paid cash dividends in the amount of \$3,785,331. These payments were made to the Company's parent in lieu of commissions and were approved by the MID.

# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The examiners representing the Mississippi Insurance Department and participating in this examination were:

Actuary:

Thomas L. Burger, FSA, MAAA

Examiner-in-charge:

Mitch Rayborn, CFE, CIE, FLMI

Administrative Examiner:

Dale Miller CFE, CPA

The courteous cooperation of the officers and employees responsible for assisting in the examination is hereby acknowledged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Rayborn, CFE, CIE, FLMI

Examiner-in-charge