

BEFORE THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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| In the Matter of: |) | SCDOI Docket No. 2011-01 |
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| Acquisition of Liberty Life Insurance Company |) | Notice of Hearing, Order Designating |
| by Athene Holding, Ltd., |) | Presiding Officer and Official Designee |
| _____ |) | and Order of Recusal |

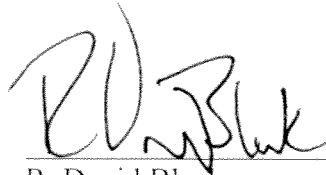
Pursuant to S.C. Code § 38-3-150 (2009), I hereby officially designate Judge Thomas Cooper, Jr., as Presiding Officer for the hearing in the above-captioned action. Said Presiding Officer shall conduct the public hearing and evidentiary proceeding(s) on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Insurance. He shall certify the record and report his findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations governing administrative proceedings before me. Judge Cooper shall forward his findings of fact and conclusions of law to my official designee in this matter, James Byrd, Deputy Director for Consumer and Individual Licensing Services. Deputy Director James Byrd shall review the record, findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall make the final determination regarding this transaction for the South Carolina Department of Insurance.

This order supersedes and replaces any other orders, notices, communications, or other understandings, written or oral, relating to the subject matter hereof.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case will be heard before the undersigned presiding officer at 1:00 p.m. on March 29, 2011 at the offices of the South Carolina Department of Insurance or such other location designated by the Department.

Except as to the designation of the presiding officer and my official designee, I hereby officially recuse myself from participating in any of the proceedings involving the acquisition of control of Liberty Life Insurance Company of Greenville, South Carolina.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. David Black". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

R. David Black
Director of Insurance

28 February 2011
Columbia, South Carolina