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IFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HE SOUTHWEST, a Texas orporation,

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION

CASE NO.: CV 10-9198 JVS (RNBx)

Formerly Case No.: 3:10-cv -04852 JSW

from Northern District of California

DECLARATION OF BRIAN P. BROSNAHAN IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR **CLASS CERTIFICATION**

Judge James V. Selna

Date: September 10, 2012 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Courtroom: 10C

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- I am an attorney authorized to practice in the courts of California and 1. 2 in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. I am a partner of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, LLP, counsel for Plaintiffs in 4 these proceedings. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and if 5 required could and would testify under oath thereto.
 - Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a description of the Proposed Class 2. and Subclasses.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of a letter from 9 Jonathan A. Shapiro, Esq., counsel for Life Insurance Company of the Southwest 10 ("LSW"), to Brian P. Brosnahan, Esq., dated March 5, 2012.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of a letter from 12 James Lux, Esq., counsel for LSW, to Brian P. Brosnahan, Esq., of Kasowitz, 13 Benson Torres & Friedman LLP, dated September 13, 2011.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of a 15 Secure Plus Paragon Annual Statement for Plaintiff Kim Bruce Howlett, Bates 16 numbered LSW00001084-LSW00001088, dated September 26, 2008.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of a S.A.L.E. 18 Field Compliance Guide for the National Life Group, Bates numbered 19 LSW00018575-LSW00018610.
- 7. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of a Life Insurance Illustration, Bates numbered LSW00045475-LSW00045505, dated June 23, 2009. 22
- 8. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of an Excel spreadsheet entitled "SecurePlus Paragon Other Charges," Bates numbered 25 LSW00102303.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of an Excel 26 9. spreadsheet entitled "SecurePlus Provider Other Charges," Bates numbered LSW00102311. 28

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- 10. Attached hereto as Exhibit I is a true and correct copy of an email 2 Bates numbered LSW-E00034422-LSW-E00034424, dated September 20, 2006.
- 11. Attached hereto as Exhibit J is a true and correct copy of an email 4 Bates numbered LSW-E00037050-LSW-E00037052, dated September 20, 2006.
 - 12. Attached hereto as Exhibit K is a true and correct copy of an email chain, Bates numbered LSW-E00065754-LSW-E00065755, dated September 12, 2007.
- 13. Attached hereto as Exhibit L is a true and correct copy of an email 9 chain, Bates numbered LSW-E00070208-LSW-E00070209, dated June 24, 2009.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit M is a true and correct copy of the 14. 11 SecurePlus Provider Insurance Policy issued to Plaintiff Joyce Walker, Bates numbered JW002838-JW002902, dated December 27, 2007.
- 15. Attached hereto as Exhibit N is a true and correct copy of a Life 14 Insurance Illustration prepared for Plaintiff Joyce Walker, Bates numbered 15 LSW00002329-LSW00002352, dated October 3, 2007.
- 16. Attached hereto as Exhibit O is a true and correct copy of the 17 SecurePlus Paragon Insurance Policy issued to Plaintiff Muriel Spooner, Bates 18 numbered HS00027-HS000086, dated October 5, 2007.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit P is a true and correct copy of a Life 17. 20 Insurance Illustration prepared for Plaintiff Muriel Spooner, Bates numbered LSW00001984-LSW00002007, dated July 27, 2007.
 - 18. Attached hereto as Exhibit Q is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Stephanie Burmester taken on May 1, 2012.
- 19. Attached hereto as Exhibit R is a true and correct copy of excerpts 25 from the deposition of Matthew DeSantos taken on November 14, 2011.
 - 20. Attached hereto as Exhibit S is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Elizabeth MacGowan taken on October 31, 2011.

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- 21. Attached hereto as Exhibit T is a true and correct copy of excerpts 2 from the deposition of Victoria McDonald taken on May 2, 2012.
- 22. Attached hereto as Exhibit U is a true and correct copy of excerpts 4 from the deposition of Michael B. Richardson taken on May 3, 2012.
 - 23. Attached hereto as Exhibit V is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the deposition of Susan Rusnock taken on May 2, 2012.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit W is a true and correct copy of LSW's 24. 8 Responses to Plaintiffs' Second Set of Requests for Admission, dated February 23, 9 2012.
- 25. Attached hereto as Exhibit X is a true and correct copy of an exemplar 11 of a life insurance illustration produced by LSW as Bates numbers LSW00000159-12 LSW00000170. This document was produced by LSW as part of (and is excerpted 13 from) a package submitted by LSW to the California Department of Insurance 14 ("DOI") in 2005 in connection with the introduction of the Provider policy. As 15 shown by a comparison with the Provider illustration given to Plaintiff Joyce 16 Walker, the exemplar illustration submitted to the DOI omits any reference either to 17 (1) the Account Value Enhancement that purportedly begins in Year 10 of the policy, or (2) the reduction in the Monthly Administrative Charge that purportedly begins in Year 11. Compare Ex. X at LSW00000162 & LSW00000169, with Ex. N at LSW00002336 & LSW00002349.
- 26. Attached hereto as Exhibit Y is a true and correct copy of an exemplar of a life insurance illustration produced by LSW as Bates numbers LSW00000467-23 LSW00000481. This document was produced by LSW as part of (and is excerpted 24 from) a package submitted by LSW to the California DOI in 2006 in connection with the introduction of the Paragon policy. As shown by a comparison with the 26 Paragon illustration given to Plaintiff Muriel Spooner, the exemplar illustration submitted to the DOI omits any reference either to the reduction in the Monthly

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- 27. Attached hereto as Exhibit Z is Plaintiffs' Trial Plan in Support of 4 Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification.
 - Attached hereto as Exhibit AA is a table, "Table 1A," depicting the 28. impact of S&P 500 volatility on the policy value of Plaintiff Muriel Spooner.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit BB is a table, "Table 1B," depicting the 29. 8 impact of S&P 500 volatility on the policy value of Plaintiff Muriel Spooner.
- Counsel for Plaintiffs recently became aware of Maraldo, et al. v. Life 30. 10 Insurance Company of the Southwest, United States District Court for the Northern 11 District of California, Case No. 11-CV-4972-YGR, filed October 7, 2011. 12 Plaintiffs presume that LSW would have filed a Motion to Transfer if it believed 13 this putative class action presented the same claims alleged here. Plaintiffs 14 understand that *Maraldo* involves a different type of insurance policy (universal 15 life) and is a vanishing premium case based on oral representations. *Maraldo v*. 16 Life Insurance Co. of the Southwest, U.S. Dist. LEXIS 45572, at *17-18 (N.D. Cal. 17 Mar. 30, 2012).

Dated: May 14, 2012 KASOWITZ, BENSON, TORRES & FRIEDMAN LLP

> By: /s/ Brian P. Brosnahan Brian P. Brosnahan