

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

**PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LINCOLN BENEFIT LIFE COMPANY**

**GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN HEARING BY INTERESTED PERSONS**

1. As required by law,<sup>1</sup> the public hearing on the proposed acquisition of Lincoln Benefit Life Company will include an opportunity for interested persons<sup>2</sup>, including policyholders and employees, to participate in the public hearing.
2. Interested persons:
  - a. May testify in favor of the proposed acquisition, in opposition thereto, or neutral.
  - b. May present evidence, examine and cross-examine witnesses, offer oral and written arguments in connection with the proposed acquisition, and conduct discovery in the same manner as presently conducted in the district courts of Nebraska. Under applicable Nebraska Insurance Department administrative regulations, all discovery conducted by an interested person must be completed not later than three days prior to the commencement of the public hearing.
  - c. May be represented by legal counsel at the public hearing.
3. All testimony will be under oath.
4. Interested person testimony will be taken in the following order: those testifying in favor of the proposed acquisition, in opposition thereto, and neutral.
5. Unless there is objection, interested party participation in the hearing will occur after the presentation of evidence by the applicant and the Nebraska Insurance Department.
6. Unless otherwise determined by the hearing officer on a case by case basis, interested persons who testify are requested to limit their testimony to five minutes per witness. Interested persons are asked not to repeat testimony offered by previous witnesses. Interested persons who will be examining or cross-examining witnesses will normally not be subject to the five-minute limit.
7. Interested persons should be prepared to answer questions asked by the hearing officer or the parties.
8. Interested persons wishing to testify should notify the Department of Insurance by email not later than March 14, 2014.
9. Interested persons should consider preparing their testimony in advance and in writing and submitting it to the Department of Insurance not later than March 17, 2014 by email. If written testimony is lengthy, it can be distributed and summarized orally to conserve time.
10. Addressing the parties or hearing officer from the audience, public demonstrations and applause are prohibited.

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<sup>1</sup> See NEB. REV. STAT. §44-2127(2).

<sup>2</sup> Interested persons include anyone not testifying on behalf of a party or the Department of Insurance whose interest may be affected by the proposed acquisition. *Id.*