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TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: 1 2 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on December 13, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 6D of the above-entitled Court, located at 350 W. 1st Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012, Thomas Hebrank ("Receiver"), the Court-appointed 4 receiver for the PWCG Trust, will and hereby does move the Court for Approval of 5 Pooling of Receivership Assets, Authority to Pay Policy Premiums from Pooled 6 7 Funds, and Authority to Sell or Surrender Certain Policies ("Motion"). 8 This Motion is based on this Notice of Motion and Motion, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the documents and pleadings already on file 10 in this action, and upon such further oral and documentary evidence as may be 11 presented at the time of hearing. 12 **Procedural Requirements:** If you oppose this Motion, you are required to file your written opposition with the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court, 13 14 350 W. 1st Street, Suite 4311, Los Angeles, California 90012-4565, and serve the 15 same on the undersigned not later than 21 days prior to the hearing. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AND SERVE A WRITTEN OPPOSITION by the 16 above date, the Court may grant the requested relief without further notice. This 17 18 Motion is made following the conference of counsel pursuant to L.R. 7-3. 19 Dated: November 15, 2018 ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE 20 MALLORY & NATSIS LLP 21 /s/ Edward Fates By: 22 EDWARD G. FATES Attorneys for Receiver 23 THOMÁS HEBRANK 24 25 26 27 28

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

T. INTRODUCTION

After completing the analysis of the PWCG Trust assets, the Receiver proposes that all assets of the receivership estate, including the remaining cash reserves, the policies held by PWCG Trust ("Policies"), and all death benefits from the Policies, be pooled into a common fund that will be used to support and maintain all Policies for the benefit of the investors and creditors. This relief will stabilize the portfolio of Policies and maximize the recovery for investors and creditors. It also provides the most fair and equitable treatment of all investors, who would otherwise obtain vastly different outcomes from their investments based entirely on the prior actions of Pacific West Capital Group, Inc. ("Pacific West") and Andrew B. Calhoun, IV ("Calhoun").

The Receiver also requests authority to sell or surrender to the insurers 34 Policies which, based on the analysis provided by the Receiver's consultant ITM Twentyfirst ("21st"), are projected to have a no value to the receivership estate ("Negative Value Policies"). Receivership estate funds should not be used to pay premiums for Negative Value Policies. Surrendering these Policies for their cash value will generate approximately \$800,000 and it is possible that a greater return may be achieved by selling them.

II. **BACKGROUND FACTS**

Establishment of Policy Reserves and the Shortfalls. Α.

When fractionalized interests in the Policies were sold to investors by Defendants Pacific West and Calhoun, Pacific West and Calhoun calculated a specific amount of the total sale proceeds that was allocated as the reserve to be used to fund premium payments for a specific period of time. Unfortunately, Calhoun did not use policyholder life expectancies ("LE's") in calculating reserves

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The projected premiums required to maintain these Negative Value Policies until maturity will exceed the death benefit received.

and instead focused on achieving an immediate return to Pacific West. As a result, Calhoun and Pacific West purchased policies in which life expectancies were well beyond the 5 to 7 years used to establish the policy premium reserves. Declaration of Thomas Hebrank filed herewith ("Hebrank Decl."), ¶ 2.

As such, the reserves set aside for the Policies were insufficient because the reserve periods calculated by Pacific West and Calhoun were too short and therefore most Policy reserves have been exhausted notwithstanding the fact that premium payments continue to come due. As detailed below, the LE and cash flow analysis commissioned by the Receiver show that, in light of Pacific West's failure to set aside adequate reserves based on realistic life expectancies, the total reserves are not adequate as to virtually all of the Policies. The Receiver's work with 21st and its initial LE and valuation work have validated the importance of the LE Reports and the impact upon the reserves of Calhoun's failure to use them. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 3.

B. <u>Pacific West's Methods of Addressing Shortfalls</u>

Starting in 2012, Defendants Pacific West and Calhoun commenced funding the reserve shortfalls with funds raised from investors. By doing so, they were able to avoid (a) using the Secondary Reserve and Tertiary Reserve, which they had represented to investors had never been touched, and (b) making "cash calls" to investors to fund their shares of the shortfalls. SEC Complaint, Dkt. No. 1, ¶¶ 62-64. Accounting records provided by the Trustee, Mills Potoczak & Company ("MPC"), reflect that Pacific West transferred approximately \$5 million of proceeds from the sale of new policies to PWCG Trust to be used to pay premiums between 2012 and 2017. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 4.

Shortly after the SEC filed its Complaint, Pacific West and Calhoun instructed PWCG Trust, through MPC as Trustee, to make cash calls on investors to contribute funds necessary to cover the shortfalls. Some investors paid cash calls and some did not. Pacific West and Calhoun continued to fund the shortfalls from cash calls. They also treated the fractionalized interests of investors who did not

pay in response to cash calls as "forfeited," resulting in the investor's interests reverting to Pacific West with no compensation paid to investors. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 5.

Then, in July 2017, Pacific West purportedly sold certain of the alleged forfeited fractionalized interests to Cook Street Master Trust, which is managed by an investment firm called BroadRiver Asset Management ("BroadRiver"). Under the Agreement, BroadRiver paid \$1.5 million to Pacific West to acquire the fractionalized investor interests, which Pacific West acquired after investors failed to meet cash calls. BroadRiver has indicated that it paid an additional approximately \$875,000 to fund premium payments for the forfeited interests it acquired in July 2017. The Receiver is reviewing BroadRiver's claims to the fractionalized interests. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 6.

As noted above, the failure of Pacific West and Calhoun to use timely LE's for their original selection of Policies and the setting of inadequate reserve amounts with no relationship to life expectancies predestined the shortfalls in reserve amounts for each of the Policies. This problem was then exacerbated by their failing to engage in the high level of management required to maintain the Policies. On an ongoing basis, Pacific West and Calhoun failed to obtain timely updated LE Reports, develop and update realistic cash flows for the Policies, optimize premium payments based on concrete data, or assess the adequacy of the reserves. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 7.

The Receiver's analysis of the appropriate path forward with regard to the ongoing management, servicing and possible sale of this complex portfolio has been significantly impacted by Pacific West's and Calhoun's failure to complete the many tasks required to create a portfolio of self-sustaining valuable Policies. For example, 21st had to start from scratch with regard to LE Reports, which are the basis for valuation and cash flow calculations. The lack of reserves has led to some further complexities with regard to the cash flow analysis necessary to assess the overall

portfolio, analyze the economics of particular policies, and develop a program for managing the portfolio, including considerations such as short term borrowing and sale/surrender of Negative Value Polices. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 8.

C. The SEC Complaint

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The SEC's Complaint alleges that Pacific West and Calhoun, in selling fractionalized interests in insurance policies, told investors that (a) in the three-tiered reserve system established by Pacific West, the second and third tiers of reserves had never been touched, (b) cash calls had never been made for investors to fund premium payments, and (c) insurance policies in PWCG Trust were selected because, in Pacific West and Calhoun's estimation, they would mature in four to seven years, despite the fact that life expectancies of the insureds were years longer. SEC Complaint, Dkt. No. 1, ¶¶ 16-46, 61-92. The Complaint alleges that approximately 45% of the funds raised from investors through the sale of fractionalized interests in insurance policies went directly to Pacific West. *Id.* at ¶ 21. The SEC further alleges that Pacific West and Calhoun misrepresented and omitted material facts in selling fractionalized interests to investors, including failing to disclose that Pacific West had funded premium payments for policies where the primary reserve had been exhausted, misrepresenting the amount of policy premiums on the disclosures forms provided to investors, failing to disclose that such premiums would increase substantially over time, and failing to disclose that only a small percentage of policies held by PWCG Trust had actually matured in the seven years following their purchase. Id. at \P 75-79, 83. The SEC also alleges that Pacific West and Calhoun had no reasonable basis to believe the insurance policies acquired would actually mature in four to seven years. *Id.* at ¶¶ 30, 81.

PWCG Trust, Pacific West and Calhoun, as well as Andrew Calhoun, Jr., have entered into Consents with the SEC and Final Judgments have been entered against them. Dkt. Nos. 145, 165, 166, 168.

D. The Receiver's Portfolio Analysis and Cash Flow Projection

The Receiver recognized at the outset of this matter that there was an immediate problem of insufficient reserves held by PWCG Trust to cover the premium payments due on the Policies. At the time the Receiver took over management, Policies with death benefits exceeding \$130 million had exhausted their reserves, and were going to lapse without immediate action. The Receiver's analysis establishes that more Policies are exhausting their reserves. The Receiver has addressed this problem since his appointment by seeking and obtaining authority from the Court to borrow from existing reserves allocated to other policies to make premium payments for which there are no reserves or insufficient reserves ("Unfunded Premium Payments"). Hebrank Decl., ¶ 9. The Court has authorized the Receiver to make Unfunded Premium Payments in this fashion through November 30, 2018. Dkt. Nos. 161, 220.

There are a number of ways in which to analyze the disposition of the portfolio of Policies. As detailed below, one approach would be a sale of the portfolio in the short term, which may yield as much as \$36 million. Alternatively, as further discussed below, and as proposed by the Receiver, the portfolio may be managed for a number of years to achieve a projected recovery, discounted to present value, of \$41 million to \$48 million. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 10.

1. <u>Methodology for Analysis</u>

The Court authorized the Receiver to engage 21st to provide both portfolio management services and valuation services, including to (a) obtain the necessary medical releases from the insureds, (b) gather the necessary medical records to provide reports showing the life expectancies of each insured under the Policies ("LE Reports"), and (c) analyze the Policies and their payment histories in order to provide new premium optimization schedules. 21st completed the majority of this work within the relatively short time budgeted (June through September 2018). At that time, the preliminary data indicated that the overall PWCG Trust portfolio has

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positive value. Specifically, based on the LE data provided by 21st, the Receiver ran a simple cash flow simulation of the portfolio (after removing the Negative Value Policies) without factoring in costs of borrowing, servicing costs, or administrative expenses of the receivership. This simple simulation indicated the portfolio could generate as much as \$104 million in net cash by the time the last policy matures. The simulation, however, also underscored the need for additional funding to keep the Policies in force. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 11.

While a simple cash flow analysis based upon the 21st valuation reports revealed that additional funding would be needed, the Receiver determined that a more complete statistical and probability analysis was required to more precisely forecast these cash flow needs and to assess whether to maintain the portfolio or sell it. This more complete statistical analysis was directed at, among other things:

- Assessing certain Policies which appeared to have no value based upon future premiums and the LE reports, the previously described "Negative Value Policies";
- Analyzing projected net cash available for distribution if all Policies are held to their maturities, after payment of premiums necessary to keep the Policies in force and discounting such projected net cash to its present value; and
- Projecting net cash available for distribution based upon the immediate sale of the Policies.

This information would then be used by the Receiver to determine whether the recovery for investors would likely be greater from holding the Policies until their maturities or selling them in the short term, or whether some Policies would simply produce no net recovery whatsoever – the Negative Value Policies. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 12.

With the assistance of 21st, the Receiver obtained a further "Monte Carlo" analysis and projection of the cash flow for the portfolio, including a projection of

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the cash reserve needs for maintaining (a) all Policies, and (b) all Policies except Negative Value Policies, as well as a projection of the ending net cash at maturity from all Policies except Negative Value Policies. Based on the Monte Carlo analysis and cash flow projection, the consultants, including 21st and another consultant it works with called ClearLife, simulated the net recovery from pooling the Policies and maintaining them until they mature, with a sale of all remaining Policies after ten years. The projected recovery from this simulation, discounted to present value, would be approximately \$41 million to \$48 million.² Hebrank Decl., ¶ 13.

This projection makes certain assumptions, including (a) the portfolio is managed for no longer than 10 years and whatever Policies remain at that time are sold, and (b) an appropriate discount rate of between 6% and 8% is used to arrive at a discounted present value. It is important to note that the projected net recovery *has been discounted to its present value* so it can be properly compared to the recovery for investors if the portfolio as a whole were to be sold in the short term. Based on the projection, the Receiver would anticipate being able to start distributions to investors in the seventh year (*i.e.* when a substantial amount of death benefits above and beyond what would be required to support the remainder of the portfolio have accumulated), with final distributions likely made at the end of the tenth year. If, however, the circumstances in the future indicate that a greater recovery could be achieved by, for example, selling the remaining Policies in the ninth year or eleventh year as opposed to the tenth year, the plan and schedule of distributions to investors can be adjusted accordingly. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 14.

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This is the median or most likely outcome out of the 1,000 simulations run for the PWCG Trust portfolio. The report attached as Exhibit A (at Page 6) also shows the low end of the range of recoveries (listed as the 90th Percentile) and the high end of the range of recoveries (listed as the Maximum). These amounts have been discounted to present value using the discount rate reflected in the left column of the table.

2. <u>Preliminary Conclusions Concerning Portfolio</u>

The above-described \$41 million to \$48 million projection, when compared to the projected net recovery from a sale of the portfolio in the short term – \$36 million – weighs in favor of pooling the Policies, using a line of credit and death benefits received on a rolling basis to pay premiums, and maintaining the Policies until at least the tenth year. The report prepared by consultant ClearLife is attached to the Hebrank Decl. as Exhibit A. Note, this estimate of the net recovery from a sale in the short-term assumes a sale closing within approximately 120-150 days, which would be necessary to prepare the portfolio for sale, market it to potential buyers, negotiate sale terms, document a sale agreement and related documents, and obtain Court approval. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 15.

The Receiver also requested that 21st perform further analysis of the potential Negative Value Policies as part of his analysis of the premium funding. That is, the Receiver explored the optimum balance between borrowing to fund future premiums and selling policies. Presently, the Receiver recommends that a total of 34 such Policies be sold to third parties or surrendered to the insurers for their cash value, whichever yields a greater recovery. These Policies are listed on Exhibit B to the Hebrank Decl. This will not only eliminate the significant drain on cash reserves to pay premiums for these Negative Value Policies, but also generate an estimated \$800,000 cash recovery in the short term. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 16.

In considering how to proceed, the Receiver also considered the prereceivership performance of the reserves, including that, on average, only 28.9% of
the Policies have matured within the premium reserve periods. Report of Professor
Daniel Bauer, Dkt. No. 106-103, Joint Tab 101 of Evidentiary Appendix, at ¶¶ 12,
99-102. The Receiver's post-receivership analysis shows that this high rate of
depletion of reserves will likely continue as to all Policies. Based upon the
foregoing analysis, the Receiver requests approval of the proposed pooling of
receivership estate assets, authority to pay premiums for all policies from the pooled

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funds, and authority to sell or surrender the 34 Negative Value Policies in order to maximize the total net recovery from the portfolio. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 17.

E. Interim Relief Granted by the Court

Shortly after his appointment, the Receiver sought immediate, *ex parte* relief to address the issue of premiums coming due in March, April, and May 2018 for which there were no or insufficient cash reserves, *i.e.* the aforementioned Unfunded Premium Payments. The Receiver sought and obtained permission to borrow from existing reserve funds to pay Unfunded Premium Payments coming due during this initial three-month period. Dkt. Nos. 146, 147. The Receiver also sought and obtained permission to engage 21st to, among other things, provide LE Reports and premium optimization schedules. Dkt. Nos. 153, 161. The Court extended the time during which the Receiver could use existing reserves to cover Unfunded Premium Payments through November 30, 2018. Dkt. No. 161, Dkt. No. 220.

F. <u>Current Status of Reserves</u>

At the beginning of the receivership, the balance of existing reserves was approximately \$8.6 million. At that time, many of the Policies were in their "grace periods" and MPC had been making the minimum payments to prevent the policies from lapsing. Without the benefit of premium optimization schedules, which Pacific West and Calhoun had not obtained, the Receiver maintained the status quo and continued making grace period payments necessary to keep all Policies in force. In connection with his motion to engage 21st and for authority to use existing reserves to cover unfunded premiums through October 2018 (Dkt. No. 153), the Receiver projected that the existing reserves would cover premiums coming due until approximately March 2019. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 18.

Although making grace period payments reduces cash needed on a short-term basis, it increases the cash required to maintain the Policies over the long-term and therefore reduces the net recovery from the Policies. For this reason, obtaining premium optimization schedules is standard in the industry to determine how to

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maximize the net recovery from each policy in terms of the cash required for premiums, the cash value in the Policy, and the death benefit at maturity. One of the valuation services 21st was engaged to provide was a new premium optimization schedule for each Policy. These schedules were completed in August and the premium payments pursuant to the schedules were commenced in September. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 19.

As noted above, this change will increase the net recovery from the Policies over the long-term (and enhance their value to potential buyers in the short-term), but also increases the cash needed in the short-term. The balance of existing reserves as of October 31, 2018 was approximately \$2.86 million. The Receiver now projects the existing reserves will cover premiums coming due for the Policies (based on the new premium optimization schedules provided by 21st) until approximately mid-January 2019. The Receiver is also holding \$5,073,730.88 in death benefits received from Policies that have matured since his appointment. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 20.

III. PROPOSED POOLING OF RECEIVERSHIP ASSETS

Based upon the Receiver's analysis of the Policies, PWCG Trust's records, and the reports from 21st, the Receiver has determined that in order to address the constant cash reserve crisis in the portfolio, maximize the recovery for the benefit of investors, and treat all investors fairly and equitably, all assets of PWCG Trust should be pooled together and distributed to investors, subject to further orders of the Court after a claims process and distribution plan, on a *pro rata* basis. This means the substantial sums needed to cover premiums for the Policies until they mature will be funded primarily from pooled reserves and death benefits, which will be received on a rolling basis as Policies mature. As more Policies mature, the premium requirements of the portfolio will decrease and the death benefits will increase until a substantial cash surplus accumulates and interim distributions can be made to investors. Once all Policies have matured (or in the event it is determined a

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greater overall recovery can be achieved by selling the remaining Policies before they have all matured), a final distribution can be made and the receivership closed. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 21.

Based on the cash flow analysis provided by 21st and ClearLife, it is likely the premium requirements to maintain the Policies will exceed the cash reserves (including death benefits received) at some point in the next 2-3 years. Therefore, with the assistance of 21st, the Receiver has obtained term sheets from potential lenders for a line of credit secured by the Policies that can be drawn on if and when supplemental cash is needed. The Receiver is currently negotiating terms with these potential lenders and plans to file a motion soon seeking authority to set up a line of credit. The Receiver also believes it will be prudent to reevaluate the portfolio after about 3 years (and periodically thereafter) to determine whether holding the remaining Policies until their maturities is still the best course of action or if selling some or all of the portfolio at that time would yield a greater total recovery. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 22.

IV. PROPOSED SURRENDER OR SALE OF NEGATIVE VALUE POLICIES

Based on the LE Reports and premium optimization schedules provided by 21st, and after consultation with 21st, the Receiver believes the premiums required to maintain 34 of the Policies (the Negative Value Policies) are likely to exceed the death benefits when the Policies mature. This is primarily due to the longer life expectancies of the insureds, but in some cases is also due to the likelihood that the insureds may live beyond the term of the Negative Value Policies and there would be no death benefit at all. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 23.

21st has advised that, despite the projected lack of value of these Negative Value Policies to the receivership estate, some third parties may still be interested in buying them, albeit for deeply discounted amounts. At the Receiver's request, 21st is contacting its network of buyers to assess the level of interest. If there are buyers

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willing to pay more for one or more Negative Value Policies than the Receiver can 1 recover from surrendering them to the insurers, then the Receiver will sell those Policies. The Receiver will then surrender the remaining policies for their cash value. 21st estimates that disposing of the 34 Negative Value Policies in this 4 5 manner will generate approximately \$800,000 for the receivership estate. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 24. 6 7 Currently, the total death benefits for all Policies in the portfolio are 8 \$234,290,335. Once the 34 Negative Value Policies are sold or surrendered, the 9 total death benefits will be \$165,746,845. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 25. 10 V. ARGUMENT "The power of a district court to impose a receivership or grant other forms of 11 12 ancillary relief does not in the first instance depend on a statutory grant of power 13 from the securities laws. Rather, the authority derives from the inherent power of a court of equity to fashion effective relief." SEC v. Wencke, 622 F.2d 1363, 1369 14 (9th Cir. 1980). The "primary purpose of equity receiverships is to promote orderly 15 and efficient administration of the estate by the district court for the benefit of 16 17 creditors." SEC v. Hardy, 803 F.2d 1034, 1038 (9th Cir 1986). As the appointment of a receiver is authorized by the broad equitable powers of the court, any 18 19 distribution of assets must also be done equitably and fairly. See SEC v. Elliot, 20 953 F.2d 1560, 1569 (11th Cir. 1992). 21 District courts have the broad power of a court of equity to determine the appropriate action in the administration and supervision of an equity receivership. 22 See SEC v. Capital Consultants, LLC, 397 F.3d 733, 738 (9th Cir. 2005). The Ninth 23 Circuit explained: 24 A district court's power to supervise an equity receivership 25 and to determine the appropriate action to be taken in the administration of the receivership is extremely broad. The 26 district court has broad powers and wide discretion to determine the appropriate relief in an equity receivership. 27 The basis for this broad deference to the district court's

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supervisory role in equity receiverships arises out of the

fact that most receiverships involve multiple parties and

complex transactions. A district court's decision concerning the supervision of an equitable receivership is reviewed for abuse of discretion.

Id. (citations omitted); see also *CFTC v. Topworth Int'l, Ltd.*, 205 F.3d 1107, 1115 (9th Cir. 1999) ("This court affords 'broad deference' to the court's supervisory role, and 'we generally uphold reasonable procedures instituted by the district court that serve th[e] purpose' of orderly and efficient administration of the receivership for the benefit of creditors."). Accordingly, the Court has very broad discretion in the administration of receivership estate assets.

A. **Pooling of Receivership Assets**

Starting with the well-established principle that District Courts have very broad discretion in fashioning fair and equitable ways to administer and distribute assets in federal equity receivership matters, numerous courts have determined that pooling assets of entities in receivership is more fair and equitable than allowing investors to trace their investments to specific assets, especially when commingling of funds has occurred. *See e.g. SEC v. Sunwest Management, Inc.*, Case No. 09-6056-HO, 2009 WL 3245879, at *10 (D. Or. Oct. 2, 2009) (citing *CFTC v. Eustace*, 2008 WL 471574. at *6 (E.D. Pa. 2008); *Topworth*, 205 F.3d 1007; *SEC v. Forex Asset Mgmt. LLC*, 242 F.3d 325 (5th Cir. 2001); *SEC v. Elliott*, 953 F.2d 1560 (11th Cir. 1992)).

Moreover, courts have not required extensive or systematic commingling in order to justify alternatives to tracing. *See Eustace*, 2008 WL 471574. at *7.

- 22 Instead, "[d] ue to the fungibility of money . . . courts have held that any
- 23 commingling is enough to warrant treating all the funds as tainted." Sunwest
- 24 Management, 2009 WL 3245879, at *9 (citing SEC v. Byers, 2009 WL 2185491,
- 25 *15 (S.D.N.Y. 2009); *United States v. Garcia*, 37 F.3d 1359, 1365-66 (9th Cir.
- 26 | 1994); SEC v. Better Life Club of America, Inc., 995 F. Supp. 167, 181 (D.D.C.
- 27 | 1998); SEC v. Lauer, 2009 U.S. Dist. Lexis 23510, at *4 (S.D. Fla. Mar. 25, 2009)).

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Another factor courts consider is the disparate impact of tracing on investors due to factors outside their control, such as the actions of the defendants or simple timing or luck. *United States v. Durham*, 86 F.3d 70, 72 (5th Cir. 1996)) (finding that distributing investor funds separately would be inequitable because it would allow greater recovery by certain investors on the arbitrary basis of the actions of the defendants); *Sunwest Management*, 2009 WL 3245879, at *9; *SEC v. Schooler*, Case No. 12-cv-02164-GPC-JMA, 2016 U.S. Dist. Lexis 69354 *48-49 (S.D. Cal. May 25, 2016) (approving pooling where separate distribution of assets would result in vastly different outcomes for investors based primarily on timing or luck).

Finally, courts have considered the efficiency of pooling in terms of maximizing the value of receivership estate assets as a whole. *See Schooler*, 2016 U.S. Dist. Lexis 69354 *51 (finding that pooling was justified where it would allow the receiver to prevent the receivership entities from going further into arrears on their debts, preserve relationships with service providers, reduce administrative expenses, and enhance the value of assets).

1. <u>Commingling</u>

Here, approximately 45% of the funds raised from investors through the sale of fractionalized interests in Policies went directly to Pacific West. SEC Complaint, ¶ 21. Based upon the 21st and ClearLife reports, the reserves established by Pacific West for each of the Policies are woefully insufficient to cover premiums for the individual Policies until each of those policies mature.

As of 2012, certain policy reserves were already exhausted. At that time, Pacific West started using funds taken from investors, transferring them to PWCG Trust, and having PWCG Trust use them to pay Unfunded Premium Payments. In this way, a substantial portion of the funds raised from investors were commingled in Pacific West's account. This applies to all investors as Pacific West took 45% of the funds raised from sales of all Policies. The commingled funds were then used to cover shortfalls as they arose, such that the Policies would not lapse and Pacific

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West could continue selling fractionalized interests in new Policies. This was done between 2012 and 2015 when the SEC filed this action. Therefore, almost half of the funds raised from investors were commingled and used by Pacific West in an *ad hoc* manner that benefitted some investors, but not others. Even after the SEC filed this action, Pacific West continued to use money raised from investors to cover shortfalls from cash calls sent to investors. In total, approximately \$5 million in funds raised from investors was transferred to PWCG Trust to cover shortfalls. This extensive commingling supports pooling of receivership assets over allowing investors to trace their investments to specific policies and death benefits.

2. Disparate Impact on Investors of Tracing

If investors were permitted to trace their investments to specific policies/death benefits, the result would be that some investors might receive a substantial gain on their investment and others would lose most, if not all, of their investments.

Moreover, because Pacific West used new investor money to pay premiums on some Policies, it is unclear whether those investors should have a claim on death benefits from Policies that their funds helped keep in force. To the extent, some Policies may mature within their reserve period (as Professor Bauer noted, 28.9% of the PWCG Trust policies have matured within their reserve period), then investors in those Policies would be treated differently than investors in Policies that have a negative value, who would lose everything. Additionally, investors in Policies that mature after their reserve has been exhausted, requiring the Receiver to borrow against the Policy or possibly even sell Policies at a substantial discount, would also receive disparate recoveries.

All investors relied on Pacific West and Calhoun to select which Policies to purchase and set the reserve amount, so the disparate impact on investors from tracing would be based entirely on the actions of Pacific West/Calhoun. Again, this supports pooling of receivership assets over tracing.

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3. Maximizing the Value of Receivership Assets

If the Policies, reserves and death benefits are not pooled, the portfolio will have to be sold rapidly at a substantial discount to prevent Policies from lapsing. The discount accounts for not only the fees and costs of the transaction, but also the buyer's need to secure a positive recovery from the Policies based on the LE Report for the insured. Based on the valuation analysis provided by 21st and ClearLife, the Receiver believes the net recovery from a sale of the portfolio in the short term would be about \$36.44 million, including the cash reserves and death benefits already in hand.

By comparison, the projections indicate that pooling and holding the Policies until they mature will yield a substantially higher recovery, albeit over about 10 years. Based on the statistical and probability analysis provided by 21st and ClearLife, the Receiver believes the net recovery from pooling and holding the Policies, discounted to present value, would be approximately \$41.5 million to \$48.1 million, and possibly greater. Note, these estimates factor in projected portfolio servicing fees and administrative costs of the receivership, as well as anticipated costs of setting up a line of credit to be used if and when cash reserves (including death benefits received on an ongoing basis) are exhausted. Therefore, even factoring in the time value of money, pooling and holding the Policies until maturity will likely produce a substantially greater recovery for investors.

B. <u>Sale or Surrender of Negative Value Policies</u>

As noted above, the Court has very broad discretion in the administration of receiverships, including in approving sales of receivership assets. *Capital Consultants, LLC*, 397 F.3d at 738; *SEC v. American Capital Invest., Inc.*, 98 F.3d 1133, 1144 (9th Cir. 1996), *cert. denied* 520 U.S. 1185 (decision abrogated on other grounds). Sales of personal property in receiverships are governed by 28 U.S.C. § 2004. Section 2004 leaves it to the Court's discretion whether to require formal procedures such as appraisals, publication of notice, or a public auction and allows

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the Court to waive such steps when they are unlikely to provide any material benefit to the receivership estate. See SEC v. Wilson, 2013 WL 1283437 *1 (E.D. Mich. 2013); SEC v. T – Bar Resources LLC, 2008 WL 4790987 *3 (N.D. Tex. 2008).

Here, the 34 Negative Value Policies do not have significant value other than their cash surrender value. Although there may be interested third party buyers for some of them, the likelihood is that the majority of the Negative Value Policies will be surrendered to the insurer for their cash value. Moreover, the Negative Value Policies have already been appraised in that 21st has provided an LE Report and valuation for each of them.

21st will broadcast the opportunity to its database of likely purchasers in the life settlements industry and promptly respond to any and all interested parties. Therefore, requiring appraisals, publication of notice or an auction would impose significant costs on the receivership estate with little or no corresponding benefit. 21st will charge a commission of only 1% of the purchase price for any and all sales of Policies, which is considerably less than an outside broker would charge. Accordingly, the Receiver requests authority to sell or surrender the 34 Negative Value Policies in his business judgment without further order of the Court.

C. **Claims Process**

In the near future, the Receiver plans to seek approval of procedures for the efficient submission, review, and approval of investor claims. The Receiver will propose to have investors submit claims directly to him such that they can be reviewed and any disputes resolved. The Receiver will then seek approval of investor claim amounts in a noticed motion filed with the Court. See SEC v. Elliott**Error! Bookmark not defined.**, 953 F.2d 1560, 1567 (11th Cir. 1992) (summary proceedings are an appropriate and efficient mechanism for allowing, disallowing, and subordinating claims, provided claimants are afforded an opportunity to be heard and present claims).

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CONCLUSION 1 VI. For the foregoing reasons, the Receiver requests an order approving the 2 pooling of receivership assets into one common fund, authorizing him to pay premiums for all Policies from the pooled funds, and authorizing him to sell or 4 surrender the 34 Negative Value Policies for their cash value. 5 6 Dated: November 15, 2018 ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE 7 MALLORY & NATSIS LLP 8 /s/ Edward Fates By: 9 EDWARD G. FATES Attorneys for Receiver 10 THOMÁS HEBRANK 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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I, Thomas C. Hebrank, declare:

1. I am the Court-appointed receiver for PWCG Trust. I make this declaration in support of my Motion for (A) Approval of Pooling of Receivership Assets, (B) Authority to Pay Policy Premiums from Pooled Funds, and (C) Authority to Sell or Surrender Certain Policies ("Motion"). I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and if called upon to do so, I could and would personally and competently testify to them.

A. Establishment of Policy Reserves and the Shortfalls

- 2. When fractionalized interests in the life insurance policies held by PWCG Trust ("Policies") were sold to investors by Defendants Pacific West Capital Group, Inc. ("Pacific West") and Andrew B. Calhoun, IV ("Calhoun"), Pacific West and Calhoun calculated a specific amount of the total sale proceeds that was allocated as the reserve to be used to fund premium payments for a specific period of time. Unfortunately, Pacific West and Calhoun did not use policyholder life expectancies ("LE's") in calculating reserves and instead focused on achieving an immediate return to Pacific West. As a result, Pacific West and Calhoun purchased policies in which life expectancies were well beyond the 5 to 7 years used to establish the policy premium reserves.
- 3. As such, the reserves set aside for the Policies were insufficient because the reserve periods calculated by Pacific West and Calhoun were too short and therefore most Policy reserves have been exhausted notwithstanding the fact that premium payments continue to come due. As detailed below, the LE and cash flow analysis commissioned by me show that, in light of Pacific West's failure to set aside adequate reserves based on realistic life expectancies, the total reserves are not adequate as to virtually all of the Policies. My work with 21st and its initial LE and valuation work have validated the importance of the LE Reports and the impact upon the reserves of Calhoun's failure to use them.

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B. Pacific West's Methods of Addressing Shortfalls

- 4. Starting in 2012, Defendants Pacific West and Calhoun commenced funding the reserve shortfalls with funds raised from investors. By doing so, they were able to avoid (a) using the Secondary Reserve and Tertiary Reserve, which they had represented to investors had never been touched, and (b) making "cash calls" to investors to fund their shares of the shortfalls. SEC Complaint, Dkt. No. 1, ¶¶ 62-64. Accounting records provided by the Trustee, Mills Potoczak & Company ("MPC"), reflect that Pacific West transferred approximately \$5 million of proceeds from the sale of new policies to PWCG Trust to be used to pay premiums between 2012 and 2017.
- 5. Shortly after the SEC filed its Complaint, Pacific West and Calhoun instructed PWCG Trust, through MPC as Trustee, to make cash calls on investors to contribute funds necessary to cover the shortfalls. Some investors paid cash calls and some did not. Pacific West and Calhoun continued to fund the shortfalls from cash calls. They also treated the fractionalized interests of investors who did not pay in response to cash calls as "forfeited," meaning ownership of the interests reverted to Pacific West with no compensation paid to investors.
- 6. Then, in July 2017, Pacific West purportedly sold certain of the alleged forfeited fractionalized interests to Cook Street Master Trust, which is managed by an investment firm called BroadRiver Asset Management ("BroadRiver"). Under the Agreement, BroadRiver paid \$1.5 million to Pacific West to acquire the fractionalized investor interests, which Pacific West acquired after investors failed to meet cash calls. BroadRiver has indicated that it paid an additional approximately \$875,000 to fund premium payments for the forfeited interests it acquired in July 2017. I am reviewing BroadRiver's claims to the fractionalized interests.
- 7. As noted above, the failure of Pacific West and Calhoun to use timely life expectancies for their original selection of Policies and the setting of inadequate

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reserve amounts with no relationship to life expectancies predestined the shortfalls in reserve amounts for each of the Policies. This problem was then exacerbated by their failing to engage in the high level of management required to maintain the Policies. On an ongoing basis, Pacific West and Calhoun failed to obtain timely updated LE Reports, develop and update realistic cash flows for the Policies, optimize premium payments based on concrete data, or assess the adequacy of the reserves.

8. My analysis of the appropriate path forward with regard to the ongoing management, servicing and possible sale of this complex portfolio has been significantly impacted by Pacific West's and Calhoun's failure to complete the complex tasks required to create a portfolio of self-sustaining valuable Policies. For example, 21st had to start from scratch with regard to LE Reports, which are the basis for valuation and cash flow calculations. The lack of reserves has led to some further complexities with regard to the cash flow analysis necessary to assess the overall portfolio, analyze the economics of particular policies, and develop a program for managing the portfolio, including considerations such as short term borrowing and sale/surrender of Negative Value Polices.

C. Portfolio Analysis and Cash Flow Projection

9. I recognized at the outset of this matter that there was an immediate problem of insufficient reserves held by PWCG Trust to cover the premium payments due on the Policies. At the time I took over management, Policies with death benefits exceeding \$130 million had exhausted their reserves, and were going to lapse without immediate action. My analysis establishes that more Policies are exhausting their reserves. I have addressed this problem since his appointment by seeking and obtaining authority from the Court to borrow from existing reserves allocated to other policies to make premium payments for which there are no reserves or insufficient reserves ("Unfunded Premium Payments").

10. There are a number of ways in which to analyze the disposition of the portfolio of Policies. As detailed below, one approach would be a sale of the portfolio in the short term, which may yield as much as \$36 million. Alternatively, as further discussed below, and as I propose, the portfolio may be managed for a number of years to achieve a projected recovery, discounted to present value, of \$41 million to \$48 million.

Methodology for Analysis

- 11. The Court authorized me to engage 21st to provide both portfolio management services and valuation services, including to (a) obtain the necessary medical releases from the insureds, (b) gather the necessary medical records to provide reports showing the life expectancies of each insured under the Policies ("LE Reports"), and (c) analyze the Policies and their payment histories in order to provide new premium optimization schedules. 21st completed the majority of this work within the relatively short time budgeted (June through September 2018). At that time, the preliminary data indicated that the overall PWCG Trust portfolio has positive value. Specifically, based on the LE data provided by 21st, I ran a simple cash flow simulation of the portfolio (after removing the Negative Value Policies) without factoring in costs of borrowing, servicing costs, or administrative expenses of the receivership. This simple simulation indicated the portfolio could generate as much as \$104 million in net cash by the time the last policy matures. The simulation, however, also underscored the need for additional funding to keep the Policies in force.
- 12. While a simple cash flow analysis based upon the 21st valuation reports revealed that additional funding would be needed, I determined that a more complete statistical and probability analysis was required to more precisely forecast these cash flow needs and to assess whether to maintain the portfolio or sell it. This more complete statistical analysis was directed at, among other things:

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- Assessing certain Policies which appeared to have no value based upon future premiums and the LE's, the previously described "Negative Value Policies";
- Analyzing projected net cash available for distribution if all Policies are held to their maturities, after payment of premiums necessary to keep the Policies in force and discounting such projected net cash to its present value; and
- Projecting net cash available for distribution based upon the immediate sale of the Policies.
- 13. With the assistance of 21st, I obtained a further "Monte Carlo" analysis and projection of the cash flow for the portfolio, including a projection of the cash reserve needs for maintaining (a) all Policies, and (b) all Policies except Negative Value Policies, as well as projection of the ending net cash from maintain all Policies except Negative Value Policies until their maturities. Based on the Monte Carlo analysis and cash flow projection, the consultants, including 21st and another consultant it works with called ClearLife, simulated the net recovery from pooling the Policies and maintaining them until they mature, with a sale of all remaining Policies after ten years. The projected recovery from this simulation, discounted to present value, would be approximately \$41 million to \$48 million.¹
- 14. The above projection makes certain assumptions, including (a) the portfolio is managed for no longer than 10 years and whatever Policies remain at that time are sold, and (b) an appropriate discount rate of between 6% and 8% is used to arrive at a discounted present value. It is important to note that the projected net recovery *has been discounted to its present value* so it can be properly

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This is the median or most likely outcome out of the 1,000 simulations run for the PWCG Trust portfolio. The report attached as Exhibit A (at Page 6) also shows the low end of the range of recoveries (listed as the 90th Percentile) and the high end of the range of recoveries (listed as the Maximum). These amounts have been discounted to present value using the discount rate reflected in the left column of the table.

compared to the recovery for investors if the portfolio as a whole were to be sold in the short term. Based on the projection, I would anticipate being able to start distributions to investors in the seventh year (*i.e.* when a substantial amount of death benefits above and beyond what would be required to support the remainder of the portfolio have accumulated), with final distributions likely made at the end of the tenth year. If, however, the circumstances in the future indicate that a greater recovery could be achieved by, for example, selling the remaining Policies in the ninth year or eleventh year as opposed to the tenth year, the plan and schedule of distributions to investors can be adjusted accordingly.

Preliminary Conclusions Concerning Portfolio

- 15. The above-described \$41 million to \$48 million projection, when compared to the projected net recovery from a sale of the portfolio in the short term \$36 million weighs in favor of pooling the Policies, using a line of credit and death benefits received on a rolling basis to pay premiums, and maintaining the Policies until their maturities. The report prepared by consultant ClearLife is attached as Exhibit A herewith. Note, this estimate of the net recovery from a sale in the short-term factors in a timeline to sale closing of approximately 120-150 days, which would be necessary to prepare the portfolio for sale, market it to potential buyers, negotiate sale terms, document a sale agreement and related documents, and obtain Court approval.
- 16. I also requested that 21st perform further analysis of the potential Negative Value Policies as part of his analysis of the premium funding. That is, I explored the optimum balance between borrowing to fund future premiums and selling policies. Presently, I recommended that a total of 34 such Policies be sold to third parties or surrendered to the insurers for their cash value, whichever yields a greater recovery. These Policies are listed on Exhibit B attached hereto. This will not only eliminate the significant drain on cash reserves to pay premiums for these

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Negative Value Policies, but also generate an estimated \$800,000 cash recovery in the short term.

17. In considering how to proceed, I also considered the pre-receivership performance of the reserves, including that, on average, only 28.9% of the Policies have matured within the premium reserve periods, as Professor Daniel Bauer found in his report. My post-receivership analysis shows that this high rate of depletion of reserves will likely continue as to all Policies. Based upon the foregoing analysis, I request approval of the proposed pooling of receivership estate assets, authority to pay premiums for all policies from the pooled funds, and authority to sell or surrender the 34 Negative Value Policies in order to maximize the total net recovery from the portfolio.

D. <u>Current Status of Reserves</u>

- 18. At the beginning of the receivership, the balance of existing reserves was approximately \$8.6 million. At that time, many of the Policies were in their "grace periods" and MPC had been making the minimum payments to prevent the policies from lapsing. Without the benefit of premium optimization schedules, which Pacific West and Calhoun had not obtained, I maintained the status quo and continued making grace period payments necessary to keep all Policies in force. In connection with my motion to engage 21st and for authority to use existing reserves to cover unfunded premiums through October 2018 (Dkt. No. 153), I projected that the existing reserves would cover premiums coming due until approximately March 2019.
- 19. Although making grace period payments reduces cash needed on a short-term basis, it increases the cash required to maintain the Policies over the long-term and therefore reduces the net recovery from the Policies. For this reason, obtaining premium optimization schedules is standard in the industry to determine how to maximize the net recovery from each policy in terms of the cash required for premiums, the cash value in the Policy, and the death benefit at maturity. One of the

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valuation services 21st was engaged to provide was a new premium optimization schedule for each Policy. These schedules were completed in August and the premium payments pursuant to the schedules were commenced in September.

20. As noted above, this change will increase the net recovery from the Policies over the long-term (and enhance their value to potential buyers in the short-term), but also increases the cash needed in the short-term. The balance of existing reserves as of October 31, 2018 was approximately \$2.86 million. I now project the existing reserves will cover premiums coming due for the Policies (based on the new premium optimization schedules provided by 21st) until approximately mid-January 2019. I am also holding \$5,073,730.88 in death benefits received from Policies that have matured since his appointment.

E. Proposed Pooling of Receivership Assets

- 21. Based upon my analysis of the Policies, PWCG Trust's records, and the reports from 21st, I have determined that in order to address the constant cash reserve crisis in the portfolio, maximize the recovery for the benefit of investors, and treat all investors fairly and equitably, all assets of PWCG Trust should be pooled together and distributed to investors, subject to further orders of the Court after a claims process and distribution plan, on a *pro rata* basis. This means the substantial sums needed to cover premiums for the Policies until they mature will be funded primarily from pooled reserves and death benefits, which will be received on a rolling basis as Policies mature. As more Policies mature, the premium requirements of the portfolio will decrease and the death benefits will increase until a substantial cash surplus accumulates and interim distributions can be made to investors. Once all Policies have matured (or in the event it is determined a greater overall recovery can be achieved by selling the remaining Policies before they have all matured), a final distribution can be made and the receivership closed.
- 22. Based on the cash flow analysis provided by 21st and ClearLife, it is likely the premium requirements to maintain the Policies will exceed the cash

reserves (including death benefits received) at some point in the next 2-3 years.

2 Therefore, with the assistance of 21st, I have obtained term sheets from potential

lenders for a line of credit secured by the Policies that can be drawn on if and when

supplemental cash is needed. I am is currently negotiating terms with these

5 potential lenders and plans to file a motion soon seeking authority to set up a line of

6 credit. I also believe it will be prudent to reevaluate the portfolio after about 3 years

7 (and periodically thereafter) to determine whether holding the remaining Policies

until their maturities is still the best course of action or if selling some or all of the

portfolio at that time would yield a greater total recovery.

F. Proposed Surrender or Sale of Negative Value Policies

- 23. Based on the LE Reports and premium optimization schedules provided by 21st, and after consultation with 21st, I believe the premiums required to maintain 34 of the Policies (the Negative Value Policies) are likely to exceed the death benefits when the Policies mature. This is primarily due to the longer life expectancies of the insureds, but in some cases is also due to the likelihood that the insureds may live beyond the term of the Negative Value Policies and there would be no death benefit at all.
- 24. 21st has advised that, despite the projected lack of value of these Negative Value Policies to the receivership estate, some third parties may still be interested in buying them, albeit for deeply discounted amounts. At my request, 21st is contacting its network of buyers to assess the level of interest. If there are buyers willing to pay more for one or more Negative Value Policies than I can recover from surrendering them to the insurers, then I will sell those Policies. I will then surrender the remaining policies for their cash value. 21st estimates that disposing of the 34 Negative Value Policies in this manner will generate approximately \$800,000 for the receivership estate.

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25. Currently, the total death benefits for all Policies in the portfolio are \$234,290,335. Once the 34 Negative Value Policies are sold or surrendered, the total death benefits will be \$165,746,845. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 15th day of November 2018, at San Diego, California.

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EXHIBIT A



Disclaimer

The content of this report has been prepared by ClearLife ("us") for the use of ITM TwentyFirst, LLC ("you"), with the understanding that it will be shared with Thomas C. Hebrank, in his capacity as permanent Receiver for the PWCG Trust (in such capacity, the "Receiver") and filed with the Court by the Receiver if he determines such filing to be necessary. Otherwise, this report must not be disclosed to any other party without our prior written consent. In preparing this report, we have assumed that all data provided to us by you, upon which our work has been based, is complete and accurate. This report does not make any recommendations as to the purchase, sale or retention of any securities, nor does it provide advice as to any investment decision. Capitalised terms used and not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning as they do when used in the context of ClariNet LS ("ClariNet"), ClearLife's business management platform for life settlements.

Update

We provided you with a draft of an earlier version of this report on October 16, 2018, which was amended and reissued to you (following your comments) on October 17, 2018. On October 18, 2018, you published a white paper outlining changes made in your 2018 Mortality Tables. On October 23, 2018, you supplied us with a set of updated life expectancy reports (determined based on your 2018 Mortality Tables and updated underwriting procedures). The average extension to the mean LEs in those updated reports is approximately 18%. Figures set out in this report have been determined using those updated life expectancy reports and will therefore differ significantly from the figures in the original report.

Scope of Work

- We understand that you have been engaged by the Receiver to perform servicing and other functions with respect to a portfolio of life settlements (the "Portfolio").
- As of October 10, 2018, the Receiver had approximately \$8 million in cash (the "Cash Reserve")
 available to maintain the Portfolio until maturity. Maintenance costs include premium payments and
 servicing costs, which are paid to you. Servicing costs equal \$81.25 per month per policy (paid
 monthly).
- You have asked us to consider whether a Cash Reserve of \$8 million is sufficient to maintain the Portfolio until maturity and, if not, to consider possible courses of action for the Receiver.
- You have provided us with basic data on the policies in the Portfolio, including Premium Schedules, maturity dates, life expectancy reports and cash surrender values (CSV).

Methodology

In order to assess the probability that a given Cash Reserve will carry a Portfolio to maturity, we ran it through the Monte Carlo model included in the Portfolio Management module of ClariNet LS. This process randomises the time to death for each Policy in the Portfolio (with the distribution of outcomes determined by the life expectancy report for each surviving Insured). Insureds that are referenced by more than one Policy are linked in ClariNet LS to ensure consistency of results. The results of the Monte Carlo model include a distribution analysis, which includes an assessment of the Cash Reserve required to maintain the Portfolio in each simulation¹. We consider the mean and 95% confidence interval values from this distribution in our commentary below. We also report on the net present value ("NPV") of the Portfolio.

¹ The calculation of the Cash Reserve for each simulation takes into account both premium payments and servicing fees.

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Results Summary

	Starting Portfolio	After Surrender/Sale
Portfolio Face Amount	\$234,290,335	\$165,746,845
Portfolio NPV (Probabilistic) ²	\$27,249,167	\$36,443,288
Portfolio NPV (Monte Carlo)	\$27,295,579	\$36,490,695
Cash Reserve (Mean) ³	\$16,341,875	\$8,097,937
Cash Reserve (95%)	\$28,560,530	\$14,951,447
Cash Reserve Month (Mean) ⁴	31	21
Cash Reserve Month (95%)	66	41

The value date used for these calculations (both probabilistic and Monte Carlo) is March 31, 2019 (so the Cash Reserve Month is expressed by reference to that date, not by reference to today). This was selected based on discussions with the Receiver to allow sufficient time for the Portfolio to be prepared for sale and for the necessary court proceedings to be completed. NPVs in this table are determined at an annualized discount rate of 12%. The Starting Portfolio includes a number of Policies which have negative NPV. This drags down the value of the Portfolio as a whole and increases the Cash Reserve requirements, such that both the mean and the 95% confidence interval are significantly above the Receiver's holding of \$8 million⁵. In order to reduce the Cash Reserve, we considered the impact of surrendering/selling those Policies with a negative NPV. We also considered the possibility of obtaining financing to enhance the availability of cash to pay the expenses associated with maintaining the Portfolio to maturity, based on holding the Portfolio after those surrenders/sales.

² Differences between probabilistic values and Monte Carlo values will arise naturally, as a function of the number of simulations and the Portfolio characteristics.

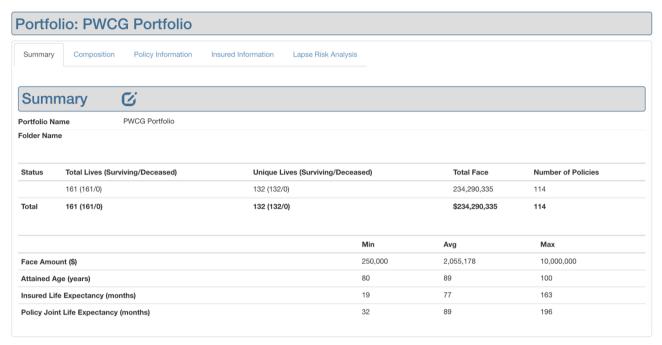
³ The Cash Reserve is the amount of cash required to maintain the Portfolio in force until maturity. The calculation of the Cash Reserve takes into account only the payment of premiums and servicing fees and assumes that no interest is credited on the cash amount.

⁴ The Cash Reserve Month is the month in which the peak amount of cash reserve required falls (after Value Date).

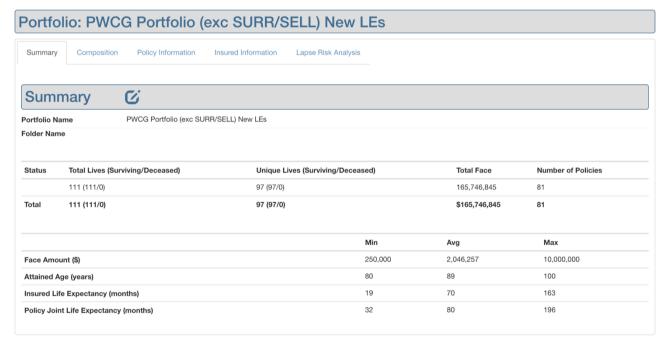
⁵ As at October 10, 2018 – on any view the Cash Reserve as at March 31, 2019 will be significantly lower than \$8 million.



Starting Portfolio



After Surrender/Sale



Our valuation of the Portfolio found 33 Policies with a negative NPV. Where those Policies have a positive CSV, we assume that they are surrendered or sold to third parties (at a price equal to the CSV), with the CSV being taken into the Cash Reserve. This process increases the Cash Reserve by just over \$806,000 (note that this assumes that the surrender is undertaken as soon as possible, otherwise it is likely that the surrender value of each Policy will decline as it is used to fund monthly deductions). It also has a beneficial effect on the Portfolio NPV (which increases by \$9.19 million) and on the mean and 95% required Cash Reserve, which drop to US\$8.09 million and \$14.95 million respectively. However, the Cash Reserve calculation only

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incorporates cashflows arising from the assets themselves, so we need to incorporate the other costs of managing the Portfolio in our assessment.

Surrender Timing

We understand that the Cash Reserve is being drawn upon to meet premium payments as and when required. Based on the figures you have provided to us, the premiums due between December 2018 and March 2019 total approximately \$3.07 million. Were all of the negative value Policies to be surrendered today, that premium load declines to \$1.99 million. It appears to be in the Receiver's best interest to consider the surrender/sale of these negative value Policies as quickly as possible.

Questions

If all policies other than negative NPV policies are held until their maturities, how does the projected total cash available for distribution at the end (i.e. when the last policy matures) compare to the projected cash available for distribution if all policies are sold in the short term (i.e. within the next 4-5 months)?

If the Portfolio were to be sold at the end of March 2019 "as is", it would net approximately \$27.25 million (assuming it sold at the 12% discounted probabilistic NPV outlined for the Starting Portfolio in the table above). However, if the Receiver were first to surrender policies, the NPV of the Portfolio increases to \$36.44 million. Together with the balance of the Cash Reserve, if any, this can be made available for distribution to investors⁶.

Holding the Portfolio to maturity will involve costs which are not factored into the Portfolio NPV calculations, such as the fees of the Receiver and ongoing management costs for the Portfolio which are not otherwise covered by the servicing fees (e.g., ordering updated medical records and life expectancy reports). During our conversation with the Receiver on October 18, 2018, we understood the Receiver to say that the yardstick for this determination is the net amount of cash received – not the timing of those cash receipts.

We assess the net cashflows on the Portfolio by building a cashflow waterfall model. The function of this model is to pass the aggregate cashflows arising from the Portfolio (i.e., the death benefit receipts, net of premium payments and servicing fees) through a waterfall and thus simulate the impact on the Cash Reserve over time. We repeat this process 1,000 times (using a different set of aggregate Portfolio cashflows on each occasion)⁷ and consider the results.

- If we follow the Receiver's request precisely (and assume that no interest is earned on the Cash Reserve and that all death benefit receipts are deposited into the Cash Reserve and retained until the last Policy matures or expires), then theoretically holding the Portfolio to maturity will result in a peak Cash Reserve balance greater than \$65.48 million in 90% of simulations.
- The median value for the peak Cash Reserve balance is \$85.3 million.

The problem is that collecting on that \$65.48 million (or more) can only be done if all the expenses of ownership can be met. In our cashflow waterfall modelling, if we start with a Cash Reserve of \$8.8 million and no additional financing, the structure fails⁸ a little over 54% of the time (547 failure in 1,000 simulations), with the median time to failure being 19 months from inception. This suggests that holding the Portfolio to maturity without additional financing is unlikely to succeed.

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⁶ In our model, selling further Policies other than those with a negative net present value results in no change to the net amount of cash, as it is assumed that those Policies are sold for a cash amount equal to their 12% probabilistic NPV.

⁷ The 1,000 simulations used in the cashflow waterfall modelling differ from the 25,000 simulations used to determine the Monte Carlo values in the Results Summary table. 1,000 simulations has been used to speed up the calculation process in the waterfall.

⁸ "Fails" in this context means that the Cash Reserve drops below zero (i.e., the liquidity facility is fully drawn or it has terminated).

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It appears \$8.8 million may not be a sufficient Cash Reserve to maintain the policies until their maturities (not including the policies with negative NPV, which will likely be surrendered or sold). If we were to obtain a credit facility to supplement the Cash Reserve, what amount should be obtained and how would that affect the net cash available for distribution when the last policy matures?

We incorporate into our cashflow waterfall model a liquidity facility from inception, which can be drawn upon to pay premiums, servicing fees and the Receiver's fees. We make the following assumptions:

- No interest is earned on the Cash Reserve;
- All cashflows are credited to/debited from the Cash Reserve;
- The Cash Reserve opening balance is \$8.8 million;
- The liquidity facility can be drawn upon to meet expenses as soon as the Cash Reserve hits \$500,000. All amounts drawn from the liquidity facility are credited to the Cash Reserve;
- Interest and undrawn fees associated with the facility can be capitalised if there is insufficient Cash Reserve to pay them when due;
- Cash in excess of \$500,000 in the Cash Reserve is used to repay the liquidity facility;
- The liquidity facility can be drawn for up to six years but must be repaid in full at the end of that period;
- The liquidity facility carries an undrawn fee of 0.50% per annum and charges interest at 7.00% on the drawn amount;
- The liquidity facility limit is set at \$10,000,000;
- No distributions are made to investors at any point prior to the maturity/expiration of the last policy in the Portfolio;
- The only expense incurred "outside" the Portfolio is the Receiver's fees. We have divided the annual Receiver's fees by 12 to produce a monthly fee; and
- The Receiver's monthly fee ceases to be earned as of the month in which the last cashflow occurs in the Portfolio (i.e., the Portfolio is wound up at this point).

We run the same 1,000 simulations through our cashflow waterfall model and find that:

- 90% of simulations result in a peak Cash Reserve balance of at least \$64.96 million;
- The median peak Cash Reserve balance is \$84.8 million; and
- The structure fails 56 times in 1,000 simulations.

Assuming that investors are indifferent to the time value of money and are comfortable with a risk of failure below 10%, it would seem reasonable to conclude that the absolute amount of cash available for distribution to investors will be greater if the Portfolio is held to maturity (with the aid of a liquidity facility) rather than sold now. As a guide, the median month in which the peak Cash Reserve balance occurs is October 2035 and 90% of peak Cash Reserve balances occur prior to August 2039.

Scaling the Liquidity Facility

We have outlined an interest rate, undrawn fee, term and size for the liquidity facility in our comments above. We based these values on conversations with prospective lenders (as to the drawn interest rate and the undrawn fee) and on the results derived from our cashflow waterfall model. We targeted an approximate 5% failure rate on the structure, hence seeing 56 out of 1,000 simulations resulting in a failure. Targeting a 0% failure rate would, in our view, be too conservative, given the nature of the underlying asset risk.

• Interest Rate: This has been set at 7.00% in the model. Verbal quotes from prospective lenders have ranged from 6.25% to 12%. As proposed, the failure rate of the structure is relatively insensitive to the interest rate – increasing it to 10.00% only increases the failure rate from 56 to 57 in our 1,000 simulations.



- **Undrawn Fee**: This ranges from zero to 0.75% in verbal quotes. The failure rate is similarly insensitive to a change in the fee; running it at 1.00% annually has the same impact as the interest rate shift to 10%.
- **Term**: Shortening the term from six to five years increases the failure rate to 76 out of 1,000. Increasing the term from six to seven years reduces it to 47. We have indicated a term of five years in our conversations with prospective lenders; some may prefer to execute a renewable shorter-term deal (e.g., three years).
- **Size**: Reducing the facility size to \$9 million increases the failure rate to 71. Increasing the facility size to \$11 million reduces the failure rate to 46.
- Cash Reserve Opening Balance: Clearly, if the starting balance of the Cash Reserve is lower than \$8.8 million, the facility size will have to increase disproportionately. For example, if the opening balance is set at \$7 million, the facility size has to increase to \$13 million to match the base failure rate of 56. The reason that this is not a \$1-for-\$1 increase is that the larger facility size attracts a higher undrawn fee and higher interest, which needs to be funded from the facility.

The Time Value of Money

We felt it would be sensible to acknowledge that most investors do consider the time value of money when making an investment and to that end we have considered the NPV which might be assigned to the investors' interest, in the event that distributions were made over time from the Cash Reserve. As most investors do not have an infinite time horizon on their investments, we have used the following time-limited structure:

- Start date April 1, 2019;
- Assume that the Portfolio has not changed in composition, other than that the negative value Policies identified above have been sold/surrendered, so there have been no further deaths;
- Assume a starting Cash Reserve balance of \$6,000,000 (to allow for premium payments between now and April 1, 2019);
- Assume that a liquidity facility of \$10 million in size is executed, charging 6.00% annually on the drawn balance and 0.50% on the undrawn balance with a six-year facility end/maturity;
- The investors collect all excess cash (i.e., after paying receiver's fees, interest and principal on the liquidity facility) as and when it arises for the first ten years; and
- After ten years, the remaining Policies in the Portfolio are sold at a price implied by a discount rate of 15.00%.

We note that this structure carries a failure rate of 56 out of 1,000 simulations (when run through our cashflow waterfall model).

Imagine asking investors the following question at the end of March 2019: "Would you prefer to receive \$36.44 million today or to receive a higher amount in April 2029?". How would rational investors respond? One might imagine that they would prefer to receive a higher amount of money, assuming that the increase in risk is matched by an increased return. If our "risk free" benchmark is investing the \$36.44 million in US Treasuries at say 3.00% per annum, then the investors might expect an annualized return of 6.00% or more for the increased risk of holding the investment for a further ten years. In order to compare apples with apples, we consider the present value of that ten-year holding at 6%, 7% and 8% discount rates:

Discount Rate	90 th Percentile	Median	Maximum	
6.00%	\$30,075,458	\$48,104,012	\$76,740,807	
7.00%	\$27,598,743	\$44,634,042	\$73,034,060	
8.00%	\$25,422,144	\$41,514,934	\$69,584,946	

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Comparing the median present value at each of these discount rates, we find that it is higher than \$36.44 million. While there is downside risk to the ten-year structure (as can be seen from a failure rate of 56 in 1,000 simulations, and a 90th percentile present value of between \$25.42 and \$30.07 million), there is also upside potential as well. Assuming that a suitable liquidity facility can be originated, the risk/return profile of the ten-year holding structure outlined above would appear to compare favourably with a sale of the Portfolio.

Conclusion

- The recent changes in your mortality tables and underwriting criteria have significantly depressed the
 modelled NPV of the Portfolio. The impact of those changes is just starting to be felt in the broader life
 settlements market. It seems clear that absent the injection of a liquidity facility any possibility of
 keeping the Portfolio running will require the surrender/lapse of negative NPV Policies and the raising
 of further finance.
- With the change in the life expectancy profile of the Portfolio following on from your mortality table/underwriting changes, the "sell vs hold" decision has become more complex. The market value of the Portfolio has reduced significantly, and it is difficult to see this as anything other than a permanent reduction.
- It appears that holding the Portfolio for a shorter period than full term may provide a better risk/return profile for investors than holding it for the duration, based on the analysis of the ten-year structure set out above.
- Note that \$36.44 million value is sensitive to the discount rate at which the Portfolio is sold; if bids are received at a higher discount rate, the value recognized on sale will be lower still.
- You should bear in mind that the sale of Policies is likely to require a recent Policy illustration and updated cash account values; furthermore, it may also be sensible to obtain new LE reports from another life expectancy provider, to widen marketability of the Portfolio.
- Should you wish to pursue financing or the ten-year structure outlined above, it would be sensible to carry out a more complex cashflow waterfall analysis, in order to size the liquidity facility more accurately and consider the effect on returns to investors.

Assumptions

- We have used probabilistic and stochastic valuation models developed by us. Results from our valuation models may differ from those developed by other parties.
- Values shown in the commentary are approximate values, rounded to the nearest US\$10,000.
- Except where otherwise noted, we used November 9, 2018 as our value date for the analysis. This was selected because the latest underwriting date on any insured is November 3, 2018.
- We have not conducted any independent verification of the data provided by you to us. In particular, we have not tested the validity of the premium schedules (i.e., whether they will carry the Policies to maturity).
- We have not stressed the life expectancy data provided by you to us. By its nature, the process of
 determining a life expectancy relies upon the insured life performing in accordance with the average
 of a large number of individual lives. There can be no guarantee that any one individual's
 mortality/morbidity will progress in accordance with a specific life expectancy report.
- Because of the large volume of data generated by the Monte Carlo process, for the purpose of calculation we assumed that all cashflows which occur in a single calendar month are "bucketed" on the first day of that month. In practice, cashflows will be distributed unevenly across a calendar

- month. This will lead to some variation in the performance of a Portfolio as against our models but we assess this as not material in light of the long term nature of the cashflows.
- We have made no qualitative assessment of any of the Policies. Values achieved on sale can be affected by factors other than life expectancy and cashflows; for example, if a Policy was originated in a manner which may compromise the existence of insurable interest at issue, it is likely to sell for a much lower price than an equivalent policy for which insurable interest existed at issue.

EXHIBIT B

PWCG Trust Policies to Sell or Surrender

Client Policy ID	21 Policy ID	Carrier	Face Value
FISHR3382	30670	John Hancock Life Insurance Company (USA)	\$ 4,000,000.00
FISHR7982	30671	John Hancock Life Insurance Company (USA)	\$ 1,500,000.00
FISHS7974	30672	John Hancock Life Insurance Company (USA)	\$ 1,500,000.00
DYKET831	30666	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 850,000.00
AZZAB024	30646	Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company	\$ 3,000,000.00
BALLG	30647	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 3,980,000.00
BERGC043	30648	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 4,699,203.19
BERGC084	30649	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 2,299,200.00
BERGC343	30650	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 5,000,000.00
BERNH558	30652	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 379,000.00
BROWE865	30657	Transamerica Life Insurance Company	\$ 300,000.00
CASEJ9441	30659	Transamerica Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
DILTE190	30664	C M Life Insurance Company	\$ 2,000,000.00
GELGR397	30679	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,500,000.00
GELGR002	30680	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
HUTTL716	30690	Jackson National Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
HUTTL726	30691	Jackson National Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
LEVIE7988	30707	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
LEVIR3657	30709	AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company	\$ 2,000,000.00
MARAA887	30712	West Coast Life Insurance Company	\$ 2,000,000.00
REDIE2193	30725	Transamerica Life Insurance Company	\$ 2,500,000.00
RICHW588	30727	Beneficial Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,500,000.00
RITTR	30729	Genworth Life and Annuity Insurance Company	\$ 2,000,000.00
SELLS5004	30733	Voya Financial	\$ 3,000,000.00
RUSSJ145	30735	West Coast Life Insurance Company	\$ 750,000.00
SIBIC	30736	Transamerica Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
SILVS253	30740	Lincoln National Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,691,718.00
EHRLID152U	30668	Columbus Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
ANDEF6802	30642	New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation	\$ 4,166,666.00
ANDEF6747	30643	New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation	\$ 4,166,666.00
ANDEF6799	30644	New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation	\$ 4,166,666.00
GREEM4441	30685	West Coast Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
LARSJ5690	30704	West Coast Life Insurance Company	\$ 1,000,000.00
MARKA4500	30714	North American Company for Life and Health Insurance	\$ 500,000.00

\$ 68,449,119.19 ***

^{***} The Portfolio Face Amount listed on Page 2 of the ClearLife report reflects a slightly larger difference between the Starting Portfolio and After Surrender/Sale amounts. This is due to small variations in the face amounts of policies, likely due to withdrawals out of certain policies.