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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

Registrant meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H(1) (a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this Form with the reduced disclosure format.

[x] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended: March 31, 2002

OR

[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number: 333-58520

NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

ARIZONA 36-3001527 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)

3100 Sanders Road 60062 Northbrook, Illinois (Zip Code) (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 847-402-5000

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or  $15\,(d)$  of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No []

As of April 30, 2002, Registrant had 25,000 shares of common stock outstanding, par value \$100 per share, all of which shares are held by Allstate Life Insurance Company.

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NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ende		
	2002	2001	
(in thousands)	 (unaud	ited)	
<s></s>	<c></c>	<c></c>	
REVENUES Net investment income Realized capital gains and losses	\$ 1,482 51	\$ 1,573 43	
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE Income tax expense	1,533 534 	1,616 563	
NET INCOME			

 \$ 999 ====== | \$ 1,053 ===== |See notes to condensed financial statements.

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# NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	Marc	h 31,	December	31,
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(in thousands, except par value data)	(unau	dited)		
<\$>	<c></c>		<c></c>	
ASSETS				
Investments				
Fixed income securities, at fair value (amortized cost \$84,242 and \$88,263)	\$	86,614	\$	91,969
Short-term		11,218		5,746

Total investments	97,832	97,715
Cash	34,538	_
Receivable from affiliates, net	· <del>-</del>	202
Reinsurance recoverable from Allstate Life Insurance Company, net	2,093,308	2,046,987
Other assets	2,485	2,561
Separate Accounts	6,252,544	6,236,902 
TOTAL LOCATES		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 8,384,367 =======
LIABILITIES		
Contractholder funds	\$ 1,944,175	\$ 1,896,647
Reserve for life-contingent contract benefits	149,133	150,349
Current income taxes payable	2,586	2,057
Deferred income taxes	2,532	2,994
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	18,499	-
Payable to affiliates, net	15,688	<del>-</del>
Separate Accounts	6,252,544	6,236,902
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,385,157	8,288,949
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (NOTE 4)		
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Common stock, \$100 par value, 25,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	2,500	2,500
Additional capital paid-in	56,600	56,600
Retained income	34,908	33,909
Accumulated other comprehensive income:		
Unrealized net capital gains and losses	1,542	2,409
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	1,542	2,409
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TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY	,	95 <b>,</b> 418
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 8,480,707	\$ 8,384,367
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NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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	March 31,			
	-	2002	20	01
(in thousands)	•	 (unaudi	.ted)	
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income	\$	999	\$	1,053
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Amortization and other non-cash items		146		135
Realized capital gains and losses		(51)		(43)
Changes in:				
Life-contingent contract benefits and contractholder funds		(9)		24
Income taxes payable		534		563
Receivable/payable to affiliates		15,890		(5,513)
Other operating assets and liabilities		18,407		102
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
	;	35,916		(3,679)

Three Months Ended

Fixed income securities Proceeds from sales Investment collections Change in short-term investments, net	2,062 2,032 (5,472)	3,362 728 (411)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(1,378)	3,679 
NET INCREASE IN CASH CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	34,538	- -
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 34,538	\$ - =======

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## NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying condensed financial statements include the accounts of Northbrook Life Insurance Company (the "Company"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Allstate Life Insurance Company ("ALIC"), which is wholly owned by Allstate Insurance Company ("AIC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Allstate Corporation (the "Corporation").

The condensed financial statements and notes as of March 31, 2002, and for the three month periods ended March 31, 2002 and 2001, are unaudited. The condensed financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for the fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods. The condensed financial statements and notes should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Northbrook Life Insurance Company Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. The results of operations for the interim periods should not be considered indicative of results to be expected for the full year. To conform with the 2002 presentation, certain prior year amounts have been reclassified.

# 2. REINSURANCE

The Company has reinsurance agreements whereby substantially all premiums, contract charges, credited interest, policy benefits and certain expenses are ceded to ALIC and reflected net of such reinsurance in the condensed statements of operations. Reinsurance recoverable and the related reserve for life-contingent contract benefits and contractholder funds are reported separately in the condensed statements of financial position. The Company continues to have primary liability as the direct insurer for risks reinsured.

Investment income earned on the assets which support contractholder funds and the reserve for life-contingent contract benefits is not included in the Company's condensed financial statements as those assets are owned and managed by ALIC under the terms of reinsurance agreements.

The following table summarizes amounts which were ceded to ALIC under reinsurance agreements.

Three Months Ended March 31,

(in thousands)	2002	2001
Premiums	67	173
Contract charges	24,744	28,241
Credited interest, policy		
benefits and certain expenses	44,360	50,518

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#### COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of other comprehensive income on a pretax and after-tax basis are as follows:

		Three Months Ended March 31,												
	(in thousands)		2002						2001					
			Pretax	Т.	ax	t	fter- ax	 F	retax		'ax		After- tax	
<s></s>	UNREALIZED CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES:	<c:< th=""><th>&gt;</th><th><c></c></th><th></th><th><c></c></th><th></th><th><c></c></th><th></th><th><c></c></th><th></th><th></th><th><c></c></th></c:<>	>	<c></c>		<c></c>		<c></c>		<c></c>			<c></c>	
	Unrealized holding (losses) gains arising during the period Less: reclassification adjustments	\$	(1,283) 51	\$	449 (18)		(834)	\$	1,443 43	\$	(505) (15)	\$	938	
	Unrealized net capital (losses) gains		(1,334)		467		(867)		1,400		(490)		910	
	Other comprehensive (loss) income	\$	(1,334)	\$	467		(867)	\$	1,400	\$	(490)		910	
	Net income						999						1,053	
	Comprehensive income					\$	132						1,963	

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## 4. REGULATION AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company's business is subject to the effects of a changing social, economic and regulatory environment. State and federal regulatory initiatives have varied and have included employee benefit regulations, removal of barriers preventing banks from engaging in the securities and insurance businesses, tax law changes affecting the taxation of insurance companies, the tax treatment of insurance products and its impact on the relative desirability of various personal investment vehicles, and the overall expansion of regulation. The ultimate changes and eventual effects, if any, of these initiatives are uncertain.

From time to time, the Company is involved in pending and threatened litigation in the normal course of business in which claims for monetary damages are asserted. In the opinion of management, the ultimate liability, if any, in one or more of these actions in excess of amounts currently reserved is not expected to have a material effect on the results of operations, liquidity or financial position of the Company.

# 5. EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

The Company has a strategic alliance with Morgan Stanley DW, Inc. ("MSDW") to develop, market and distribute proprietary insurance products through Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Financial Advisors. Affiliates of MSDW are the investment managers for the Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Variable Investment Series and the Universal Institutional Funds, Inc., the funds in which certain assets of the Separate Accounts products are invested. Under the terms of the alliance, the Company has agreed to use MSDW as the exclusive distribution channel for the Company's products. In addition to the Company's products, MSDW markets other products that compete with those of the Company.

Pursuant to the alliance agreement, MSDW provides approximately half of the statutory capital necessary to maintain these products on the Company's books through loans to a subsidiary of AIC. AIC unconditionally guarantees the repayment of these loans and interest thereon issued to MSDW under terms of a distribution agreement to The Northbrook Corporation. Under a reinsurance agreement with ALIC, the assets of this alliance are held in a trust. The Company shares approximately half the net profits with MSDW on contracts written under the alliance.

The strategic alliance is cancelable for new business by either party

by giving 30 days written notice, however, the Company believes MSDW is unlikely to terminate the alliance given the benefits derived by it.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002 AND 2001

The following discussion highlights significant factors influencing results of operations and changes in financial position of Northbrook Life Insurance Company (the "Company"). It should be read in conjunction with the condensed financial statements and related notes thereto found under Part I Item 1 contained herein and with the discussion, analysis, financial statements and notes thereto in Part I Item 1 and Part II Items 7 and 8 of the Northbrook Life Insurance Company Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

#### OVERVIEW

The Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allstate Life Insurance Company ("ALIC"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Allstate Insurance Company ("AIC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Allstate Corporation (the "Corporation"), markets a diversified group of products to meet consumer's lifetime needs in the area of protection and retirement solutions exclusively through Morgan Stanley DW, Inc., a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. Northbrook Life Insurance Company's products include interest-sensitive life, including single premium life and variable life; fixed annuities including market value adjusted annuities; immediate annuities; and variable annuities.

The Company has identified itself as a single segment entity.

The assets and liabilities related to variable contracts are legally segregated and reflected as Separate Accounts. The assets of the Separate Accounts are carried at fair value. Separate Accounts liabilities represent the contractholders' claims to the related assets and are carried at the fair value of the assets. Investment income and realized capital gains and losses of the Separate Accounts accrue directly to the contractholders and therefore, are not included in the Company's condensed statements of operations. Revenues to the Company from the Separate Accounts consist of contract maintenance and administration fees and mortality, surrender and expense charges all of which are ceded to ALIC.

Absent any contract provision wherein the Company guarantees either a minimum return or account value upon death or annuitization, variable annuity and variable life contractholders bear the investment risk that the Separate Accounts' funds may not meet their stated objectives.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands)

Three Months Ended

March 31,

		2002		2001
Net investment income Realized capital gains and losses Income tax expense	\$	1,482 51 534	\$	1,573 43 563
Net income	\$	999	\$	1,053
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The Company has reinsurance agreements under which substantially all contract and policy related liabilities are transferred to ALIC. The Company's results of operations include only net investment income and realized capital gains and losses earned on the assets of the Company that are not transferred under the reinsurance agreements.

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ENDED MARCH 31, 2002 AND 2001

Net income decreased 5.1% to \$1.0 million for the first three months of 2002 compared to \$1.1 million for the same period last year. The decrease in net

income is a result of lower net investment income partially offset by higher realized capital gains.

Net investment income decreased 5.8% to \$1.5 million for the first three months of 2002 compared to the same period last year. The decrease in net investment income is due to lower yields partially offset by increased investment balances. Investment balances, excluding Separate Accounts and unrealized gains and losses on fixed income securities, increased 4.4% to \$95.5 million at March 31, 2002 from \$91.4 million at March 31, 2001. This increase was due to positive cash flows from operations.

Realized capital gains, after tax, were \$33 thousand for the first three months of 2002, compared to \$28 thousand in the same period last year. Realized capital gains and losses result from the sale of fixed income securities. Period to period fluctuations in realized capital gains and losses are the result of timing of sales decisions reflecting management's decision on positioning the portfolio, assessments of individual securities, overall market conditions and write-downs when an assessment is made by the Company that a decline in value of a security is other than temporary.

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FINANCIAL POSTION

(in thousands)

	]	March 31, 2002		December 31, 2001
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Fixed income securities (1)	\$	86,614	\$	91,969
Short-term		11,218		5,746
Total investments	\$	97,832	\$	97,715
Cash	\$	34,538	\$	-
Reinsurance recoverable from ALIC, net	\$	2,093,308	\$	2,046,987
Contractholder funds	\$	1,944,175	\$	1,896,647
Reserves for life-contingent contract benefits	\$	149,133	\$	150,349
Separate Account assets and liabilities	\$	6,252,544	\$	6,236,902

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(1) Fixed income securities are carried at fair value. Amortized cost for these securities was \$84.2 million at March 31, 2002 and \$88.3 million at December 31, 2001.

Total investments at March 31, 2002 were comparable to December 31, 2001. At March 31, 2002, unrealized net capital gains on fixed income securities were \$2.4 million compared to \$3.7 million at December 31, 2001. Investment balances at March 31, 2002, excluding unrealized gains and losses on fixed income securities, increased 1.5% from December 31, 2001.

At March 31, 2002, 98.8% of the Company's fixed income securities portfolio was rated investment grade, which is defined by the Company as a security having a National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") rating of 1 or 2, a Moody's rating of Aaa, A, Aa, Baa or comparable Company internal rating.

At March 31, 2002, cash was \$34.5 million compared to none at December 31, 2001. Cash increased due to a change in the settlement process for intercompany balances.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2002, Contractholder funds increased \$47.5 million to \$1.94 billion from \$1.90 billion at December 31, 2001 as the result of additional fixed annuity deposits and credited interest that were partially offset by surrenders and withdrawals. Reinsurance recoverable from ALIC increased correspondingly by \$46.3 million due to the increase in contractholder funds.

At March 31, 2002, the Separate Accounts assets and liabilities were comparable to the December 31, 2001 balance. Increases in deposits and transfers from the fixed account contract option to variable Separate Accounts funds were

offset by surrenders and withdrawals and expense charges.

CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

## CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's capital resources consist of shareholder's equity. The following table summarizes the capital resources:

(in thousands)	March 31, 2002	December 31, 2001
Common stock and retained income Other comprehensive income	\$ 94,008 1,542	\$ 93,009 2,409
Total shareholder's equity	\$ 95,550	\$ 95,418
	========	========

### SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

Shareholder's equity increased for March 31, 2002 due to net income partially offset by a decrease in unrealized net capital gains and losses.

#### DEBT

The Company had no outstanding debt at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001. The Company has entered into an intercompany loan agreement with the Corporation. The amount of funds available to the Company is at the discretion of the Corporation. The maximum amount of loans the Corporation will have outstanding to all its eligible subsidiaries at any given point in time is limited to \$1.00 billion. No amounts were outstanding under the intercompany loan agreement at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001. The Corporation uses commercial paper borrowings and can use bank lines of credit to fund intercompany borrowings.

## FINANCIAL RATINGS AND STRENGTH

Financial strength ratings have become an increasingly important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies and, generally, may be expected to have an effect on an insurance company's sales. On an ongoing basis, rating agencies review the financial performance and condition of insurers. A multiple level downgrade, while not expected, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The Company's current financial strength ratings are dependent on ALIC's financial strength ratings and are listed below:

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	RATING AGENCY	RATING	RATING STRUCTURE
<\$>	Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	<c> Aa2 ("Excellent")</c>	<pre><c> Second highest of nine ratings categories and mid-range within the category based on modifiers (e.g., Aa1, Aa2 and Aa3 are "Excellent")</c></pre>
	Standard & Poor's Ratings Services	AA+ ("Very Strong")	Second highest of nine ratings categories and highest within the category based on modifiers (e.g., AA+, AA and AA- are "Very Strong")
(////	A.M. Best Company, Inc.	A+ ("Superior")	Highest of nine ratings categories and second highest within the category based on modifiers (e.g., A++ and A+ are "Superior" while A and A- are "Excellent")

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In February 2002, Standard & Poor's affirmed its December 31, 2001 ratings. Standard & Poor's revised its outlook for ALIC and its rated subsidiaries and affiliates to "negative" from "stable". This revision is part of an ongoing life insurance industry review recently initiated by Standard & Poor's. Moody's and A.M. Best reaffirmed their ratings and outlook for the Company and ALIC.

#### LIQUIDITY

Under the terms of reinsurance agreements, substantially all premiums and deposits, excluding those relating to Separate Accounts, are transferred to ALIC, which maintains the investment portfolios supporting the Company's products. Substantially all payments of policyholder claims, benefits, contract maturities, contract surrenders and withdrawals and certain operating costs, excluding those relating to Separate Accounts, are also reimbursed by ALIC, under the terms of the reinsurance agreements. The Company continues to have primary liability as a direct insurer for risks reinsured. The Company's ability to meet liquidity demands on the reinsured products is dependent on ALIC's ability to meet those demands. ALIC's financial strength was rated Aa2, AA+, and A+ by Moody's, Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, respectively, at March 31, 2002.

The primary sources of funds for the Company are collection of principal and interest from the investment portfolio, capital contributions from ALIC and intercompany loans from the Corporation. The primary uses of these funds are to purchase investments, pay costs associated with the maintenance of the Company's investment portfolio, income taxes, dividends to ALIC and the repayment of intercompany loans from the Corporation.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains "forward-looking statements" that anticipate results based on management's plans that are subject to uncertainty. These statements are made subject to the safe-harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Forward-looking statements do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and may be identified by their use of words like "plans," "expects," "will," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "believes," "likely," and other words with similar meanings. These statements may address, among other things, our strategy for growth, product development, regulatory approvals, market position, expenses, financial results and reserves. Forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations of future events. We cannot guarantee that any forward-looking statement will be accurate. However, we believe that our forward-looking statements are based on reasonable, current expectations and assumptions. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information or future events or developments.

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If the expectations or assumptions underlying our forward-looking statements prove inaccurate or if risks or uncertainties arise, actual results could differ materially from those communicated in these forward-looking statements. In addition to the normal risks of business, the Company is subject to significant risk factors, including those listed below which apply to it as an insurance business and a provider of other financial services.

- Currently, the Corporation is examining the potential exposure, if any, of its insurance operations from acts of terrorism. The Corporation is also examining how best to address this exposure, if any, considering the interests of policyholders, shareholders, the lending community, regulators and others. The Company generally does not have exclusions for terrorist events included in its life insurance policies. In the event that a terrorist act occurs, the Company may be adversely impacted, depending on the nature of the event. With respect to the Company's investment portfolio, in the event that commercial insurance coverage for terrorism becomes unavailable or very expensive, there could be significant adverse impacts on some portion of the Company's portfolio, particularly in sectors such as airlines and real estate. For example, certain debt obligations might be adversely affected due to the inability to obtain coverage to restore the related real estate or other property, thereby creating the potential for increased default risk.
- Changes in market interest rates can have adverse effects on the Company's investment portfolio and investment income. Increasing market interest rates have an adverse impact on the value of the investment portfolio, for example, by decreasing unrealized capital gains on fixed income securities. In addition, increases in market interest rates as compared to rates offered on some of the Company's products could make those products less attractive and lead to lower sales and/or increase the level of surrenders

on these products. Declining market interest rates could have an adverse impact on the Company's investment income as the Company reinvests proceeds from positive cash flows from operations and proceeds from maturing and called investments into new investments that could be yielding less than the portfolio's average rate.

- o The impact of decreasing Separate Accounts balances resulting from volatile market conditions, underlying fund performance and sales management performance could cause contract charges realized by the Company, as well as ALIC, to decrease and lead to an increase of exposure to pay guaranteed minimum income and death benefits.
- O The Company amortizes deferred policy acquisition costs ("DAC") related to contractholder funds in proportion to gross profits over the estimated lives of the contract periods. Periodically, the Company updates the assumptions underlying the gross profits, which include estimated future fees, investment margins and expenses, in order to reflect actual experience. Updates to these assumptions result in adjustments to the cumulative amortization of DAC. These adjustments may have a material effect on results of operations. DAC and any related adjustments are ceded to ALIC.
- o In order to manage interest rate risk, from time to time the Company adjusts the effective duration of the assets of the investment portfolio. Those adjustments may have an impact on the value of the investment portfolio and on investment income.
- o It is possible that the assumptions and projections used by the Company in establishing prices for the guaranteed minimum death benefits and guaranteed minimum income benefits on variable annuities, particularly assumptions and projections about investment performance, do not accurately anticipate the level of costs that the Company will ultimately incur and cede to ALIC in providing those benefits.
- O Management believes the reserves for life-contingent contract benefits are adequate to cover ultimate policy benefits, despite the underlying risks and uncertainties associated with their determination when payments will not occur until well into the future. Reserves are based on many assumptions and estimates, including estimated premiums received over the assumed life of the policy, the timing of the

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event covered by the insurance policy, the amount of contract benefits to be paid and the investment returns on the assets purchased with the premium received. The Company periodically reviews and revises its estimates. If future experience differs from assumptions, it may have a material impact on results of operations ceded to ALIC.

- O Under current U.S. tax law and regulations, deferred and immediate annuities and life insurance, including interest-sensitive products, receive favorable policyholder tax treatment. Any legislative or regulatory changes that adversely alter this treatment are likely to negatively affect the demand for these products. In addition, recent changes in the federal estate tax laws will affect the demand for the types of life insurance used in estate planning.
- The Company distributes its products under an agreement with MSDW who is not affiliated with the Company. Termination of this agreement due to, for example, changes in control of this entity could have a detrimental effect on the Company's sales. This risk may be exacerbated due to the enactment of the Gramm-Leach-Billey Act of 1999, which eliminated many federal and state law barriers to affiliations among banks, securities firms, insurers and other financial service providers.
- While operating cash flows are expected to continue to meet the Corporation's liquidity requirements, the Corporation's liquidity could be constrained by a catastrophe which results in extraordinary losses, a downgrade of the Corporation's current long-term debt rating of Al and A+ (from Moody's and Standard & Poor's, respectively) to non-investment grade status of below Baa3/BBB-, a downgrade in AIC's financial strength rating from Aa2, AA and A+ (from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, respectively) to below Baa/BBB/B, or a downgrade in ALIC's or the Company's financial strength rating from Aa2, AA+ and A+ (from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and A.M. Best, respectively) to below Aa3/AA-/A-. In the event of a downgrade of the Corporations' rating, ALIC and its subsidiaries could also experience a similar downgrade.
- o The events of September 11 and the resulting disruption in the financial markets revealed weaknesses in the physical and operational infrastructure

that underlies the U.S. and worldwide financial systems. Those weaknesses did not impair the Company's liquidity in the wake of September 11. However, if an event of similar or greater magnitude occurred in the future and if the weaknesses in the physical and operational infrastructure of the U.S. and worldwide financial systems are not remedied, the Company could encounter significant difficulties in transferring funds, buying and selling securities and engaging in other financial transactions that support its liquidity.

- o Financial strength ratings have become an increasingly important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies and may be expected to have an effect on an insurance company's business. On an ongoing basis, rating agencies review the financial performance and condition of insurers. A multiple level downgrade of either the Company or ALIC, while not expected, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's sales, including the competitiveness of the Company's product offerings, its ability to market products, and its financial condition and results of operations.
- o State insurance regulatory authorities require insurance companies to maintain specified levels of statutory capital and surplus. In addition, competitive pressures require the Company to maintain financial strength ratings. These restrictions affect the Company's ability to pay shareholder dividends and to use its capital in other ways.
- o Following enactment of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, federal legislation that allows mergers that combine commercial banks, insurers and securities firms, state insurance regulators have been collectively participating in a reexamination of the regulatory framework that currently governs the United States insurance business in an effort to determine the proper role of state insurance regulation in the U. S. financial services industry. We cannot predict whether any state or federal measures will

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002 AND 2001

be adopted to change the nature or scope of the regulation of the insurance business or what affect any such measures would have on the Company.

- The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 permits mergers that combine commercial banks, insurers and securities firms under one holding company. Until passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Glass Steagall Act of 1933 had limited the ability of banks to engage in securities-related businesses and the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 had restricted banks from being affiliated with insurers. With the passage of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, bank holding companies may acquire insurers and insurance holding companies may acquire banks. In addition, grand-fathered unitary thrift holding companies, including The Allstate Corporation, may engage in activities that are not financial in nature. The ability of banks to affiliate with insurers may materially adversely affect all of the Company's product lines by substantially increasing the number, size and financial strength of potential competitors.
- o In some states, mutual insurance companies can convert to a hybrid structure known as a mutual holding company. This process converts insurance companies owned by their policyholders to become stock insurance companies owned (through one or more intermediate holding companies) partially by their policyholders and partially by stockholders. Also, some states permit the conversion of mutual insurance companies into stock insurance companies (demutualization). The ability of mutual insurance companies to convert to mutual holding companies or to demutualize may materially adversely affect all of our product lines by substantially increasing competition for capital in the financial services industry.

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PART II - Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The discussion "Regulation and Legal Proceedings" in Part I, Item 1, Note 4 of this Form 10-Q is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

An Exhibit Index has been filed as part of this report on page E-1.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

None.

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# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated May 13, 2002.

Exhibit No.

NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (Registrant)

Description

/s/THOMAS J. WILSON, II Thomas J. Wilson, II PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (Authorized Officer of Registrant)

/s/SAMUEL H. PILCH Samuel H. Pilch GROUP VICE PRESIDENT AND CONTROLLER (Chief Accounting Officer)

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# Exhibit Index

3(i)	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Articles of Redomestication of Northbrook Life Insurance Company.  Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to Northbrook Life Insurance Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.
3(ii)	Amended and Restated By-laws of Northbrook Life Insurance Company. Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(ii) to Northbrook Life Insurance Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.
10.1	Form of General Agency Agreement dated as of October 1, 1993 between Northbrook Life Insurance Company and Morgan Stanley DW, Inc. (formerly Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.). Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3(B) to Northbrook Variable Annuity Account II Post-Effective Amendment No. 13 to Registration Statement No. 33-35412 on Form N-4 filed December 31, 1996.
10.2	Service and Expense Agreement among Allstate Insurance Company and The Allstate Corporation and Certain Insurance Subsidiaries dated January 1, 1999.
10.3	Investment Management Agreement and Amendment to Certain Service and Expense Agreements Among Allstate Investments, LLC and Allstate Insurance Company and The Allstate Corporation and Certain Affiliates effective as of January 1, 2002.

- 10.4 Tax Sharing Agreement dated as of November 12, 1996 among The Allstate Corporation and certain affiliates.
- 10.5 Form of Allstate Insurance Company Agreement of General Indemnity executed by Allstate Life Insurance Company and Northbrook Life Insurance Company dated November 27, 1987.

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Service and Expense Agreement among

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY

and
THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

and

#### Certain Insurance Subsidiaries

This Agreement made and effective as of this 1st day of January, 1999, among ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company ("Allstate"), THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation and parent of Allstate ("Allcorp"), and Certain Insurance Subsidiaries identified as follows: ALLSTATE COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a Texas county mutual insurance company, ALLSTATE TEXAS LLOYD'S, a Texas Lloyds plan insurer, LINCOLN BENEFIT LIFE COMPANY, a Nebraska insurance company, SURETY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Nebraska insurance company, ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, ALLSTATE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, DEERBOOK INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, FORESTVIEW MORTGAGE INSURANCE COMPANY, a California insurance company, ALLSTATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Arizona insurance company, GLENBROOK LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY, an Arizona insurance company, ALLSTATE FLORIDIAN INDEMNITY COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, ALLSTATE FLORIDIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, ALLSTATE NEW JERSEY INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, AMERICAN SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY, a Florida insurance company, CHARTER NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company, AMERICAN HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Florida insurance company, FIRST COLONIAL REINSURANCE COMPANY, a Florida insurance company, COLUMBIA UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Texas insurance company, KEYSTONE STATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Pennsylvania insurance company, CONCORD HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., a New Hampshire insurance company, and AHL SELECT HMO, INCORPORATED, a Florida insurance company. For purposes of this agreement, the Insurance Subsidiaries shall be referred to herein, individually as "Affiliate" and collectively as "Affiliates."

# W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Allcorp and each Affiliate desire that Allstate furnish or cause to be furnished to them certain services and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- 1. Allstate shall furnish or cause to be furnished, at cost and in the same manner as such services and facilities are furnished to its other affiliates, (a.) to each Affiliate that is a property and casualty insurer, services and facilities listed on Exhibit A; (b.) to each Affiliate that is a life insurer, services and facilities listed on Exhibit B; (c.) to ALLCORP such services and facilities as are required; and (d) to Allcorp and each Affiliate the investment services as described in Exhibit E, each attached hereto. Allstate and any Affiliate may from time to time agree that only certain of the listed services and facilities will be provided by Allstate.
- 2. Costs are defined as Allstate's actual costs and expenses incurred which are attributable to the services and facilities provided under this Agreement, such as: salaries and benefits; space rental; overhead expenses which may include items such as electricity, heat, and water; building maintenance services; furniture and other office equipment; supplies and special equipment such as reference libraries, electronic data processing equipment and the like.
- 3. Allocations for the above services and facilities shall be made by Allstate in accordance with the general provisions contained in Exhibits A through E. Exhibits A and B are based upon NAIC expense classification and allocation guidelines. In the event such guidelines are amended, Exhibits A and B shall be deemed amended to conform thereto. Allstate will exercise reasonable judgment in appropriately revising these Exhibits, maintain proper documentation for revisions and communicate changes in allocation requirements to affected Affiliates or Allcorp parties in a timely manner. Exhibit C provides a narrative overview of the expense management process and Exhibit D provides certain definitions used throughout.
- 4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the amount charged to any Affiliate or Allcorp shall not exceed the cost to Allstate. Allstate will exercise reasonable judgement in periodically reviewing the expenses incurred and the percentage thereof allocated. Any

Affiliate or Allcorp may request a review of such expenses and their allocation and such review will occur promptly thereafter.

- 5. Allstate will charge Allcorp and each Affiliate for all the services and facilities provided pursuant to this Agreement via the monthly expense allocation process, and payments will be through the monthly intercompany settlement process. The process will be completed by Allstate personnel in the most timely and effective method available.
- 6. Allstate shall maintain such records as may be required relating to the accounting system of Allstate, Allcorp and its Affiliates. Each Affiliate and Allcorp understand and accept the financial records generated by this system which utilizes the concepts detailed in the addenda attached to Exhibits A and B, respectively.
- 7. Upon reasonable notice, and during normal business hours, each Affiliate and Allcorp shall be entitled to, at its own expense, inspect records which pertain to the computation of charges for the facilities or services provided pursuant to this Agreement. Allstate shall at all times maintain correct and complete books, records and accounts of all services and facilities furnished pursuant to this Agreement. Each Affiliate and Allcorp shall have unconditional right of ownership of any records prepared on its behalf under this Agreement.
- 8. Certain agreements relating to reinsurance and other service and expense sharing exist by and among Allstate and certain of its Affiliates. Except for those Agreements listed on Exhibit F, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to amend any such previously executed agreement between the parties.
- 9. Allstate employees performing duties hereunder at all times during the term of this Agreement shall be in the employment, under the supervision and control of Allstate and shall not be deemed employees of Allcorp or any Affiliate.
- 10. The scope of, and the manner in which, Allstate provides facilities and services to Allcorp and the Affiliates shall be reviewed periodically by Allstate, Allcorp and each Affiliate. All services and facilities shall be of good quality and suitable for the purpose for which they are intended.
- 11. Allstate shall not assign its obligations or rights under this Agreement without the written consent of each Affiliate and Allcorp. Allstate may terminate this Agreement in its entirety, and Allcorp or any Affiliate may cancel its participation in the arrangements under this Agreement, each by giving six months written notice to the other parties to this Agreement; provided, however, that in the event that the affiliate relationship ceases to exist with respect to any Affiliate, this Agreement shall terminate immediately with respect to such Affiliate. Under no circumstances will the initial term of this Agreement exceed five (5) years.
- 12. All communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing, and if to an Affiliate, mailed or delivered to such Affiliate at its office at the address listed in such Affiliate's Statutory Annual Statement Blank, Attention: Secretary, or if to Allcorp or Allstate, mailed or delivered to its office at 3075 Sanders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, Attention: Controller, or addressed to any party at the address such party may hereafter designate by written notice to the other parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed as of the day and year above written.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ Samuel H. Pilch Samuel H. Pilch Group Vice President and Controller

ALLSTATE COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

ALLSTATE TEXAS LLOYDS, INC.
On behalf of ALLSTATE TEXAS LLOYDS

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Controller

LINCOLN BENEFIT LIFE COMPANY

By /s/ Thomas J. Wilson, II Thomas J. Wilson, II Chief Executive Officer

SURETY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ Thomas J. Wilson, II Thomas J. Wilson, II Chief Executive Officer

ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

ALLSTATE PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

DEERBROOK INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

FORESTVIEW MORTGAGE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

ALLSTATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Treasurer

NORTHBROOK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Treasurer

GLENBROOK LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Treasurer

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Treasurer

ALLSTATE FLORIDIAN INDEMNITY COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

ALLSTATE FLORIDIAN INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

ALLSTATE NEW JERSEY INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

AMERICAN SURETY & CASUALTY COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

CHARTER NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ James P. Zils James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer

AMERICAN HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ C. Richard Morehead Name: C. Richard Morehead Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

FIRST COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ C. Richard Morehead Name: C. Richard Morehead Title: President and Treasurer

COLUMBIA UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ Mike Pinkham Name: Mike Pinkham Title: President

KEYSTONE STATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By /s/ Zack G. Athens Name: Zack G. Athens

Title: Chief Financial Officer

CONCORD HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

By /s/ Virginia F. Phipps Name: Virginia F. Phipps Title: President & CEO

AHL SELECT HMO INCORPORATED

By /s/ James H. Baum Name: James H. Baum Title: President

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# EXHIBIT A

INTERCOMPANY SERVICE AND EXPENSE ALLOCATION SUMMARY MATRIX ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY AND PROPERTY & CASUALTY AFFILIATES

<pre><s> Expense Line Item Per U&amp;I Exhibit*</s></pre>		<c> Expense Classification Description**</c>	<pre><c> Basis of Expense Allocation***</c></pre>	
1.	Claim Adjustment Services	Investigation and adjustment of policy claims for direct, reinsurance assumed and ceded business. The more significant expenses and fees related to: (1) all outside costs associated with independent adjusters, (2) lawyers for legal services in the defense, trial, or appeal of suits, (3) general court costs, (4) medical testimony, (5) expert and lay witnesses, (6) medical examinations for the purpose of trial and resolution of liability and (7) miscellaneous (appraisals, surveys, detective reports, audits, character reports, etc.).	No allocation - direct charge to company	
2.	Commission and Brokerage	All payments, reimbursements and allowances (on direct and reinsurance assumed and ceded business) to managers, agents, brokers, solicitors or other producer types.		

- \* Expense classifications per the statutory Underwriting and Investment Exhibit, Part 4, Expenses. The company uses these twenty-one classifications to record its operating expenses incurred. As described in Exhibit C, expenses for these classifications are also spread to three distinct functional expense groups: loss adjustment, other underwriting and investment expenses.
- \*\* This description provides only a synopsis of the types of expenses for each classification. Parties to the Agreement will utilize the NAIC Examiners Handbook in expense handling.
- \*\*\* Before consideration of any applicable reinsurance agreement.

Ex	pense Line Item Per U&I Exhibit*	Expense Classification Description**	Basis of Expense Allocation***
	Advertising	Typical expenses would include services of: (1) advertising agents, (2) public relations counsel, (3) advertisements in newspapers, periodicals, billboards, pamphlets and literature issued for advertising or promotional purposes, (4) related paper and printing charges for advertising purposes, (5) radio broadcasts, (6) prospect and mailing lists, (7) signs and medals for agents and (8) television commercials.	Direct charge by company where known. Allocated items handled as follows: See Exhibit A Appendix at B; C 1; D 1 and E 1 for explanation of allocation by type of office
	Boards, Bureaus and	Various dues, assessments, fees and charges for items such as: (1) underwriting boards, rating	No allocation - direct charge to company

organizations, statistical agencies, inspection and

		audit bureaus, (2) underwriters' advisory and service organizations, (3) accident and loss prevention organizations, (4) claim organizations, (5) underwriting syndicates, pools and associations, assigned risk plans.	
6.	Surveys and Underwriting Reports	Costs to support the business including: (1) survey, credit, moral hazard, character reports for underwriting, (2) appraisals for underwriting, (3) fire records, (4) inspection and engineering billed specifically, (5) medical examiner services relating to underwriting.	See Exhibit A Appendix at B; D 1; and E 1 for explanation of allocation by type of office
7.		ting fees and expenses of independent auditors No rge to company Records for auditing payroll and	
8.	Salary and Related Items	Salaries, bonus, overtime, contingent compensation, and other compensation of employees. This would include commission and brokerage to employees when the activities for which the commission is paid are a part of their duties as employees.	See Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 2, 5; and F 1, 2, 3, 4 for explanation by type of office
9.	Employee Relations and Welfare	This category includes a variety of pension and insurance benefits for employees, as well as some miscellaneous expenditures. The first area entails: (1) cost of retirement insurance, pensions or other retirement allowances and funds irrevocably devoted to the payment of pensions or other employees' benefits, and (2) accident, health and hospitalization insurance, group life insurance and workers' compensation insurance. The miscellaneous category may include the following items (1) training and welfare; (2) physical exams for employees or candidates; (3) gatherings, outings and entertainment; (4) supper money; and (5) donations to or on behalf of employees.	See Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 2, 5; and F 1, 2, 3, 4 for explanation by type of office
 Exp	ense Line Item Per U&I Exhibit*	Expense Classification Description**	Basis of Expense Allocation***
10.	Insurance	Costs of insurance for employee/agent fidelity or surety bonds, public liability, burglary and robbery, automobiles and office contents.	See Exhibit A Appendix at D 1; E 1; and F 1, 2, 3, 4 for explanation by type of office
12.	Travel and Travel Items	Major expense subcategories include: (1) transportation, hotel, meals, telephone and other related costs associated for employees traveling, (2) expense for transfer of employees, (3) automobile rental and license plates, depreciation, repairs and other operating costs of automobiles (4) transportation, hotel and meals/entertainment of guests, (5) dues and subscriptions to accounting, legal, actuarial or similar societies and associations.	See Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 2, 5; and F 1, 2, 3, 4 for explanation by type of office
13.	Rent and Rent Items	Rent of home office and branch offices, space occupied in company owned buildings, storage and warehouse space, safe deposit boxes and post office boxes. Related expenses for: (1) light, heat, power and water, (2) interest, taxes, (3) cost of alterations and repairs to leased properties, and (4) costs of cleaning and general maintenance.	Direct charges by company are based on square footage.  Allocated expenses handled per Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 2, 5; and F 1, 2, 3, 4
14.	Equipment	Rent and repair of furniture, equipment, and office machines, including the related depreciation charges.	See Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 1, 2, 3, 4; and F 1, 2, 3, 4
15.	Printing and Stationery	Generally, printing, stationery and office supplies (paper stock, printed forms and manuals, Photostat copies, pens and pencils, etc.). Also included would be policies and policy forms, in-house employee publications, books, newspapers and	See Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 2, 5; and F 1, 2, 3, 4

publications and services.

Expense Line Item Per U&I Exhibit*	Expense Classification Description**	Basis of Expense Allocation***
16. Postage, Telephone, etc.	All express, freight and cartage expenses, postage, and telephone.	See Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 2, 5; and F 1, 2, 3, 4
17.	Legal & Auditing Legal fees and retainers excluding loss and salvage related, See Exhibit A Appendix auditing fees of independent auditors for examining records, at A; D 2, 3, 4; E 2; services of tax experts and investment counsel, custodian fees, and F 1, 2 notary and trustees' fees.	
18. Taxes, Licenses and Fees	Several categories comprise this expense classification: (1) state and local insurance taxes; (2) Insurance Department licenses and fees; (3) payroll taxes; and (4) all other, excluding real estate and federal income. Taxes, licenses and fees based on premiums and payments to state industrial commissions for administration of workers' compensation or other state benefit acts would be in the first classification. Expenses relating to the Insurance Department would include agents' licenses, filing fees, certificates of authority and fees and expenses of examination. Payroll related expenses normally include old age benefit and unemployment insurance taxes. More significant expenses in the all other section would be financial statement publication fees, legally mandated advertising and personal property and state income taxes.	No allocation - direct charge to company
19. Real Estate Expenses	Salaries, wages and other compensation of maintenance workers i connection with owned real estate. Other expense items assigne to this category may also include expenses associated with: operations; maintenance; insurance and advertising.	
Expense Line Item Per U&I Exhibit*	Expense Classification Description**	Basis of Expense Allocation***
20. Real Estate Taxes		Direct charges by company are based on square footage.
		Allocated expenses handled per Exhibit A Appendix at A; B; C 1, 2; D 1, 2, 3, 4; E 1, 2, 3, 4; and F 1, 2, 3, 4

Note: Expense classification for lines 3, 11 and 20a are not applicable for the Allstate Group.

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#### APPENDIX

# INTERCOMPANY SERVICE AND EXPENSE ALLOCATION SUMMARY MATRIX ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY AND AFFILIATES

- A. Offices 001 (Corporate Home Office), 201 (Investment Shared Services), 203 (Research Center Shared Services), 204 (Human Resources Shared Service), 205 (Corporate Relations Shared Services), 206 (Technical Shared Services), 207 (Law and Regulation Shared Services), 208 (Finance Shared Services) and 209 (Market Brand Development) factors are based on Service Level Agreements. These Agreements are written documents detailing services and associated costs performed by the provider for the benefit of the recipient and are generated and approved through extensive discussions between service providers and service recipients.
- B. Support Centers, Data Centers, and Output Processing Centers (OPC) factors are based on Stat Policies in Force and Time and Effort studies that roll-up to the Support Center/Data Center/OPC.
- C. P&C Head Office (Office 032) factors are based on:
- 1. Total agents' compensation
- 2. Time and effort studies
- D. Regional Office factors are based on the following methodologies:
- 1. Agent compensation
- 2. Gross policies issued (GPI)
- 3. Notice counts
- 4. Time and effort studies
  - System capacity studies
- E. Regional Commercial Centers factors are based on the following methodologies:
- 1. Agent compensation
- 2. Gross policies issued (GPI)
- 3. Notice counts
- 4. Time and effort studies
- 5. General office compensation
- F. Claim Service Areas factors are based on the following:
- 1. Headcount (Property vs. Auto)
- 2. Notice counts
- Incurred loss
- 4. Claim legal matter counts

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# EXHIBIT B INTERCOMPANY SERVICE AND EXPENSE ALLOCATION SUMMARY MATRIX ALLSTATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND LIFE AFFILIATES

<pre><s>     Expense Line Item Per General Expense Exhibit*</s></pre>		<c> Expense Classification Description**</c>	<c> Basis of Expense Allocation***</c>	
1.	Rent	Rent for all premises occupied by the company, including any adequate rent for occupancy of its own buildings, in whole or in part, except to the extent that allocation to other expense classifications on a functional basis is permitted and used.	Direct charges by company are based on square footage. Allocated expenses are handled per Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2 and D 1, 2, 3	
2.	Salaries and wages	Salaries and wages, bonuses and incentive compensation to employees, overtime payments, continuation of salary during temporary short-term absences, dismissal allowances, payments to employees while in training and other compensation to employees not specifically designated herein, except to the extent that allocation to their expense classifications is permitted and used.	Agents' compensation is a direct charge to company. The remaining expenses in this category are allocated per Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3	

- \* Expense classifications per Statutory Exhibits 5 & 6. The company uses these classifications to record its operating expenses incurred. This expense data is also captured by four distinct functional expense groups: life, accident and health, all other lines of business and investment expenses.
- \*\* These descriptions were written using the NAIC Life Annual Statement Instructions. Refer to this publication for a complete breakdown of the expenses included in each line item.
- \*\*\* Before consideration of any applicable reinsurance agreement.

Expense Line Item Per General Expense Exhibit*		Expense Classification Description**	Basis of Expense Allocation***	
3.11	Contributions for benefit plans for employees	Contributions by company for pension and total permanent disability benefits, life insurance benefits, accident, health, hospitalization, medical, surgical, or other temporary disability benefits under a self-administered or trusteed plan or for the purchase of annuity or insurance contracts.  Appropriation of any other assignment of funds by company in connection with any benefit plan of the types enumerated herein.	See Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3	
3.12	Contributions for benefit plans for agents	Contributions by company for pension and total permanent disability benefits, life insurance benefits, accident, health, hospitalization, medical, surgical, or other temporary disability benefits under a self-administered or trusteed plan or for the purchase of annuity or insurance contracts.  Appropriation of any other assignment of funds by company in connection with any benefit plan of the types enumerated herein.	See Exhibit B Appendix at C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3	
3.21	Payments to employees under non-funded benefit plans	Payments by company under a program for pension and total and permanent disability benefits, death benefits, accident, health, hospitalization, medical, surgical or other temporary disability benefits where no contribution or appropriation is made prior to the payment of the benefit.	No allocation - direct charge to company	
3.22	Payments to agents under non-funded benefit plans	Payments by company under a program for pension and total and permanent disability benefits, death benefits, accident, health, hospitalization, medical, surgical or other temporary disability benefits where no contribution or appropriation is made prior to the payment of the benefit.	No allocation - direct charge to company	
3.31	Other employee welfare	The net periodic postretirement benefit cost, meals to employees, contribution to employee associations or clubs, dental examinations, medical dispensary or convalescent home expenses for employees.	Agents' compensation is a direct charge to company. The remaining expenses in this category are allocated per Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2, C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3	
Expense Line Item Per General Expense Exhibit*		Expense Classification Description**	Basis of Expense Allocation***	
3.32	Other agent welfare	The net periodic postretirement benefit cost, meals to employees, contribution to employee associations or clubs, dental examinations, medical dispensary or convalescent home expenses for agents.	Agents' compensation is a direct charge to company. The remaining expenses in this category are allocated per Exhibit B Appendix at C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3	
4.1	Legal fees and expenses	Court costs, penalties and all fees or retainers for legal services or expenses in connection with matters before administrative or legislative bodies.	No allocation - direct charge to company	

6.1	Books and	Books, newspapers, periodicals, etc., including investment	See Exhibit B Appendix
5.6	Rental of equipment	Rental of office machines except for such charges as may be reported in Line 5.3.	See Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3
5.5	Cost or depreciation of furniture and equipment	The cost or depreciation of office machines except for such charges as may be reported in Line 5.3.	at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3
5.4	Printing and stationery	Policy forms, riders, supplementary contracts, applications, etc., rate books, instruction manuals, punch-cards, house organs, and all other printed material which is not required 2, 3 to be included in any other expense classification. Office supplies and pamphlets on health, welfare and education subjects. Also include annual reports to policyholders and stockholders if not included in Line 5.2.	See Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1,
5.3	Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	Freight and cartage, cables, radiograms and teletype. Also charges for use, installation and maintenance of related equipment if not included elsewhere.	See Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3
_	ense Line Item Per al Expense Exhibit* 	Expense Classification Description**  Newspaper, magazine and trade journal advertising for the purpose of solicitation and conservation of business. Billboard, sign and telephone directory, television, radio broadcasting and motion picture advertising, excluding subjects dealing wholly with health and welfare. All canvassing or other literature, such as pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, policy illustration forms and other sales aids, printed material, etc., prepared for distribution to the public by agents or through the mail for the purposes of solicitation and conservation of business. All calendars, blotters, wallets, advertising novelties, etc., for distribution to the public. Printing, paper stock, etc. in connection with advertising. Prospect and mailing lists when used for advertising purposes. Fees and expenses of advertising agencies related to advertising.	Basis of Expense Allocation***  See Exhibit B Appendix at B 1, 2; C 1; and D 1, 2
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5.1	Traveling expenses	Traveling expense of officers, other employees, directors and agents, including hotel, meals, telephone, telegraph and postage charges incurred while traveling. Also include amounts allowed employees for use of their own cars on company business and the cost of, or depreciation on, and maintenance and running expenses of company-owned automobiles.	See Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3
	investigation and settlement of policy claims	investigation, litigation and settlement of policy claims.	at D 1, 2
  4.6	accountants and	examination fees made by State Departments and internal audits by company employees.  Payment to other than employees of fees and expenses for the	at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2
4.3	Inspection report fees	Fee for inspection reports in connection with new business, reinstatements, policy changes and applications for employment. Cost of services furnished by the Medical Information Bureau.  Include expenses relating to this category except exclude	See Exhibit B Appendix at D 1, 2
4.2	Medical examination fees	Fees to medical examiners in connection with new business reinstatements, policy changes and applications for employment.	See Exhibit B Appendix at D 1, 2

tax and legal publications and information services, and

at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1,

periodicals

9.1	Real estate expenses	The cost of repairs, maintenance, service, and operaticall real estate properties including insurance whether occupied by the company or not; salaries and other compensation of managing agents and their employees; expenses incurred in connection with rental of such properties; legal fees specifically associated with restate transactions other than sale; rent, salaries are wages, and other direct expenses of any branch of Home Office until engaged solely in real estate work (not restate and mortgages combined).	based on square footage. Allocated expenses are handled per Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3 al
9.2	Investment expenses not included elsewhere	Only items for which no specific provisions has been melsewhere, e.g., contributions or assessments for bondholders' protective committees, fees of investment counsel, custodian and trustee fees.	at A; and D 1, 2, 3
Note	exhibit. The types allocation basis ar	write-ins for expenses, was not detailed in this of expenses, if any, and the corresponding e completely variable year-to-year. The Cost nt will maintain appropriate records for this line	
	xpense Line Item Per es, Licenses and Fees Exhibit*	Expense Classification Description**	Basis of Expense Allocation***
1.	Real estate taxes	Those taxes directly assessed against property owned by the company. Canadian and other foreign taxes should be included appropriately.	Direct charges by company are based on square footage. Allocated expenses are handled per
			Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3
2.	State insurance department licenses and fees	Assessments to defray operating expenses of any state insurance department. Canadian and other foreign taxes should be included appropriately. Fees for examinations by state departments.	No allocation - direct charge to company
3.	State taxes on premiums	State taxes based on policy reserves, if in lieu of premium taxes. Canadian and other foreign taxes should be included appropriately. Any portion of commissions or allowances on reinsurance assumed for group business which represents specific reimbursement of premium taxes. Deduct any portion of commissions or allowances on reinsurance ceded for group business which represents specific reimbursement of premium taxes.	No allocation - direct charge to company
4.	Other state taxes	Assessments of state industrial or other boards for operating expenses or for benefits to sick unemployed persons in connection with disability benefit laws or similar taxes levied by states. Canadian and other foreign taxes are to be included appropriately. Advertising required by law, regulation or ruling, except in connection with investments. State sales taxes, if company does not exercise option of including such taxes with the cost of goods and services purchased. State income taxes.	No allocation - direct charge to company
5.	U.S. Social Security taxes	Company's contribution is based on the current tax rate, which is applied to all wages, salary or compensation entered on the employees earning record and federal unemployment tax.	See Exhibit B Appendix at A; B 1, 2; C 1, 2; and D 1, 2, 3
6.	All other taxes	Guaranty fund assessments and taxes of Canada or of any other foreign country not specifically provided for elsewhere. Sales taxes, other than state sales taxes, if company does not exercise option of including such taxes with the cost of goods and services purchased.	No allocation - direct charge to company

## EXHIBIT B

### APPENDIX

# INTERCOMPANY SERVICE AND EXPENSE ALLOCATION SUMMARY MATRIX ALLSTATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND LIFE AFFILIATES

- A. Office 001, 201, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208 and 209 factors to the Life Parent Company are based on Service Level Agreements. Once expenses are charged to the Life Parent Company a second and third tier of allocation occurs, which allocates expenses to Profit Centers and Life Affiliates.
- B. P&C Head Office (Office 032) allocations to the Life Parent Company are based on:
- 1. Agents' compensation
- 2. Time and effort studies
- C. Regional Office allocations to the Life Parent Company are based on:
- 1. Agents' compensation
- 2. Time and effort/usage studies
- 3. System capacity studies
- D. Life Parent Company allocations to Life Affiliates are based on:
- 1. Expenses are direct coded to the appropriate company.
- Determination of how expense is to be allocated to profit center is based on time studies, project activity, required capital and invested assets.

The intercompany factors are based on the following methodology:

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	Profit Center	Methodology	Company
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	Allstate Agent	Policies in force	030, 036
	Northbrook/Glenbrook	Reserves in force	031, 036,038
	Structured Settlements	Premium income	030, 036
	Direct Response	Premium income	030, 036
	Lincoln Benefit	Time and effort studies	direct to 034
	Surety Life	Time and effort studies	direct to 032
	Group Pensions	Time and effort studies	direct to 030

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3. Any Investment Expense is based on Invested Assets.

## EXHIBIT C

# EXPENSE PROCESS OVERVIEW ALLSTATE INSURANCE GROUP

For purposes of operational analysis and financial reporting, functional expense groups are made up of three primary categories: (1) Loss adjustment expenses, (2) Other underwriting expenses; and (3) Investment expenses. A more detailed description of expense items, which comprise these categories, is provided in Exhibits A and B. These exhibits are the framework for reporting expenses required by the NAIC. The expense categories, in turn, flow into the financial records based on the following cost allocation methods: a direct charge basis; an allocated or shared basis; or in accordance with the terms of one or several reinsurance agreements. The combined expense process ultimately provides for financial records that reflect the financial performance of the business.

On a day-to-day basis, expenses are incurred directly by companies within the Allstate Group. The expenses are charted numerically by account. Formalized procedures are used in order to ensure that the expenses are accurately recorded and allocated to the appropriate office, company, cost center and cost element.

Allocations are also provided for various support costs, which include: company, cost center and general ledger account (cost element) level with the objective of providing for an accurate means of tracking expenses..

A brief description of each of the three expense categories follows:

- o Loss adjustment expenses are various costs associated with the claim handling process. These costs, which comprise all aspects of the claims handling function, include: the adjustment, factual investigation, defense and recordkeeping functions. Salaries of claim personnel and allocated executive salaries, as well as other basic costs associated with the claim function (accounting, data processing, rent, utilities, etc.) are grouped in this category. Generally, these expenses may be either direct charged, allocated, or flow to an entity by means of a separate reinsurance agreement.
- Other underwriting expenses include acquisition, general expenses, taxes, licenses and fees. The larger piece, acquisition expenses, is comprised of agent commissions, various expenses related to underwriting (motor vehicle reports, home inspections, etc.), salaries, marketing and other allocations of expenses which support the production of new and renewal business. General expenses are typically administrative in nature and do not fit cleanly in any other expense grouping. Taxes, licenses and fees pertain to: taxes (income and franchise) and licenses fees levied by state and local government; insurance department expenses; and guaranty fund assessments. These expense categories are charged to an entity in any of the same three methods shown above for Loss adjustment expenses.
- o Investment expenses for research, purchase and sale activities, safekeeping, accounting and data support are the bulk of expenses in this bucket. Generally, these expenses will flow to an entity by direct charges to an entity or on an allocated basis.

The mechanism for recording expenses can occur by means of one of the following three methods:

- o Direct Charges This method is used where the expenses are unique to the company incurring them. These types of expenses are not allocated to another Allstate Company due to their unique relationship to the company incurring them. Expense payments are classified to the responsible company through an accounting coding expense system involving charge company, cost center, and cost element (See Exhibits A and B for more detail). By way of example: agents' commissions, taxes, licenses and fees, and bad debt expense are company specific, and therefore, coded directly to the appropriate company.
- o Allocations

The expense allocation process can be divided into 3 subcategories:

Office - The objective of this phase of the allocation process is to properly transfer various support costs performed by one organization to another organization that they directly relate to. The basic justification for this cost transfer is efficiency gain, which is mutually beneficial to both parties. Certain processes are centrally performed on behalf of a number of entities, then allocated to the office/company being supported. Routine expenses of this nature often include support activities from the following functional areas: Accounting; Systems; Investments; Corporate Relations; Law and Regulation; and Human Resources. These costs cannot be directly expensed, it is necessary to provide for an appropriate method of allocation. An example of this method of allocation would relate to the accounting treatment of costs and expenses attributable to Allstate's Internal Audit Department (IAD). As part of the Allstate Corporate Home Office structure, IAD salaries and related expenses are allocated to other Affiliates companies and/or offices (i.e. data and profit centers) based on time and effort studies. The terms for this allocation are delineated in a separate agreement between the parties which is referred to as a Shared Service Agreement (SSA). The SSA is a vehicle which allows the parties to agree in advance on certain essential terms and conditions which include: a description of the services to be provided; the period covered; costs and standards. The SSA concept can be used to transfer expenses between Brands (e.g., Allstate, Indemnity, Life), between Shared Services (e.g., Finance, Investments, Human Resources, Technical) or between a Brand and Shared

The Accounting Department database is programmed to perform the allocation process on a monthly basis. The process begins with the extraction of direct costs for each office, company, cost center and general ledger account. Varying premium and claim statistics (e.g., policies in force, claim counts) as well as other common factors (e.g., number of employees,

number of retirees) are then entered into the program. The resulting data provides the bases, or allocation drivers, for transferring expenses from an office/cost center /general ledger account level of detail to other charge offices/cost centers /general ledger accounts. Detail records are generated in order to provide the source and recipient of the allocated expenses.

A separate process has been initiated in order to periodically review the accuracy of the factors or drivers of the allocations. The accuracy of service provider time and effort studies may be taken into account (i.e. projected v. actual). Other factors that may be considered include an inventory of activities and customers in order to ensure that allocations are accurate. Intensive discussions and management agreement between the provider and customer are also an integral part of the process. Flexibility in the overall allocation process must routinely occur to provide for changes in the business activities or organizational structure.

- 2. Company This step in the expense allocation process is similar the office expense allocation process described above in that allocations are charged to other affiliates . For instance, both Allstate Insurance Company and Allstate Life Insurance Company incur expenses on a direct basis for themselves and on behalf of their affiliates. A portion of these expenses may be transferred to the affiliated companies, as appropriate. Fixed factors are normally based on internal time and effort studies, agents' compensation, or statistical criteria such as gross policies issued or claim notice counts.
- Uniform Accounting Transfer (UAT) The next step in the process is to reclassify all of the general office expenses addressed in the direct charges and expense allocation (office and company) sections above, having been recorded on a management basis, to their required statutory expense classifications. The use of a consistent basis for reporting expenses, as dictated by the NAIC, allows the Regulators to better compare various insurance companies' operations. On the property/casualty side, broad expense categories and detail breakouts are required for both the Expense Exhibit in the annual Statutory Statement as well as the Supplemental Expense Filing, which is contained in the Insurance Expense Exhibit. For Life companies, the General Expense and the Taxes, Licenses and Fees Exhibits from the annual Statutory Statement have distinct expense categories. A synopsis of these required expense categories, along with a description of each expense category and the basis of allocation presently used by Allstate is contained in Exhibit A and appendix (Property & Casualty affiliates) and Exhibit B and appendix (Life Company affiliates).

In order to provide for accurate summarization and reporting, each general ledger account (cost element) included in the Chart of Accounts is assigned a statutory expense classification. Loss adjustment, other underwriting and investment expenses are the broad classifications that UAT applies to. By way of example, a systems function, whether relating to claims, sales, or investments, is initially classified as a general office expense on a management basis. Based on the UAT process, these expenses are reclassified for statutory reporting purposes to loss adjustment, other underwriting or investments. Taxes, licenses and fees, although included in the other underwriting expense category, are not used in the UAT calculation process. These expenses are directly charged to the appropriate statutory classification within company.

Reinsurance Agreements - Separate arrangements exist between the property/casualty parent, Allstate Insurance Company, and certain affiliates, and the life parent, Allstate Life Insurance Company, and certain affiliates that drive expenses. Terms and conditions relating to methods of expense classification are contained in each of the individual reinsurance agreements. Typically, the reinsurer will be liable for a pre determined pro-rata share of all underwriting related expenses to support the assumed business. However, the reinsurer is not generally liable for the investment expenses.

## EXHIBIT D

## DEFINITIONS

The following terms shown by "process flow" and "general" categories are commonly used in explanation of the Allstate Group's overall expense process. Presentation of the "process flow" section follows the same hierarchical order of our current expense processing methodology.

PROCESS FLOW

Company - Identifies legal entity that expense is charged to and may be disbursed from. Each entity who is a party to this agreement is assigned a separate three digit company code (e.g., Allstate Insurance Company - 010, Allstate Life Insurance Company - 030). A "charged company" is the Allstate entity charged with the expense under review and whose Statement of Income would be ultimately impacted.

Cost Centers -- Describe where specific costs were incurred. Cost Centers will be the most common object used. Cost centers are areas of organizational responsibility in which costs are incurred and planned. Identifies administrative grouping within an office and duties as well as the manager responsible. Regional Office Departments include: Underwriting; Sales; Human Resources; and Claims. Each Regional Office is assigned a distinct four digit number.

Cost Elements -- They describe what specific costs have occurred. They are used to plan and incur direct expenses for cost objects representing a unique item or category of expense to the company.

Internal Orders -- A short-term cost collector used to collect, identify and allocate costs associated with a process, event or activity.

Office --Typically, office codes identify high level responsibility for the expenses charged. Office level configuration (by type or geographical location) is a key building block in the accumulation of Allstate's expenses. This data is used in preparing the various expense analyses/reports prepared. A "charged office" is the office within an Allstate entity charged with the expense under review. The decision regarding which office to charge with an expense is based on Statement of Income impact analysis. Offices may include various high level types, such as Profit Centers (Midwest Regional Office - 002), Data Centers (Atlantic - 136), Shared Services (Human Resources - 204), and Home Offices (Corporate Home Office - 001, PP&C Head Office - 032). Each Office is designated by a three-digit code.

Profit Center -- Aligns expense to a distribution channel, geographic location and product grouping (i.e. Denver Region, Colorado, Standard Auto).

## GENERAL

Assessments/Allocated Expenses -- which are incurred by one Allstate Company or office and charged, or allocated, to other companies or offices on the basis of mutual benefit. Examples of the types of allocated expenses include: Loss Adjustment, Other Underwriting and Investment Expenses. These expenses include allocations in Cost Centers from Cost Elements to Secondary Cost Elements and are described in Exhibit C. Criteria for cost allocation "drivers" are based on the implementation of management objectives. The assessments can use all three methods of allocations: Field Percentage; Fixed Amount; and Variable Portions which contain Statistical Key Figures. Additional information is included in the Exhibits and Appendixes attached. Allocation drivers agreed to by Management are used to allocate expenses, and these are described in detail in the various exhibits and appendixes.

Reinsurance Agreement - An agreement between two parties where one insurer spreads its risk (premium, loss and expense) of losses with other insurers.

# EXHIBIT E INVESTMENT SERVICES

A. Appointment. The Board of Directors of Affiliate (the "Board") has appointed Allstate as the investment advisor and manager of its investment assets (the "Account"). Pursuant to the Service and Expense Agreement of which this is Exhibit E (the "Agreement"), AFFILIATE grants Allstate the power and authority to advise, manage, and direct the investment and reinvestment of the assets of the Account for the period and on the terms and conditions set forth herein, subject to the supervision of the Board. Such Activities shall be conducted subject to and in accordance with the investment objectives, restrictions, and strategies set forth in the of Investment Policy and Investment Plan (the "Policy") adopted by the Board, and in accordance with such other limitations and guidelines as may be established from time to time for the Account by the Board (such investment objectives, restrictions, strategies, limitations, and guidelines herein referred to collectively as the "Investment Guidelines"). Allstate hereby accepts such responsibility and agrees during such period to render the services and to assume the obligations herein set forth.

B. Allstate as Agent. Allstate shall, for purposes of this Agreement, be granted and exercise full investment discretion and authority in buying, selling or otherwise disposing of or managing the investment of the assets held in the Account and in the performance of the services rendered hereunder, and shall do so as AFFILIATE's agent only, subject to Allstate's adherence to the policy

stated in Item A, above. AFFILIATE hereby authorizes Allstate to exercise all such powers with respect to the assets of the Account as may be necessary or appropriate for the performance by Allstate of its obligations under this Agreement, subject to the supervision of the Board and any limitations contained herein.

- C. Investment Advisory Services. In furtherance of the foregoing, and in carrying out its obligations to manage the investment and reinvestment of the assets in the Account, Allstate shall, as appropriate and consistent with the Investment Guidelines: (a) perform research and obtain and evaluate such information relating to the economics, industries, businesses, markets and new investment structures, techniques, practices, and financial data as Allstate deems appropriate in its discharge of its duties under this Agreement; (b) consult with and furnish to the Board recommendations with respect to overall investment strategies for the Account; (c) seek out and implement specific investment opportunities, consistent with such overall investment strategies approved by the Board, including making and carrying out day-to-day decisions to acquire or dispose of permissible investments, managing the investment of the assets of the Account, and providing or obtaining such services as may be necessary in managing, acquiring or disposing of investments; (d) regularly report to the Board with respect to the implementation of investment strategies and any other activities in connection with management of the Account's assets, including furnishing to the Board, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, a report including a summary of investment activity during the quarter; (e) maintain all required accounts, records, memoranda, instructions or authorizations relating to the acquisition or disposition of investments for the Account; (f) determine the securities to be purchased or sold by the Account and place orders either directly with the issuer, with any broker-dealer or underwriter that specializes in the securities for which the order is made, or with any other broker or dealer that Allstate selects; and (g) perform the services hereunder in a manner consistent with investment objectives and policies of AFFILIATE as detailed in the Investment Guidelines, as amended from time to time, and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the insurance laws and regulations of AFFILIATE's domicile, as amended and any other applicable insurance laws.
- D. Allocation of Brokerage. Allstate is authorized in its sole discretion to select the brokers or dealers that will execute the purchases and sales of securities for the Account. In making such selection, Allstate shall use its best efforts to obtain for the Account the most favorable net price and execution available taking into account all appropriate factors, including price, dealer spread or commission, if any, and size and difficulty of the transaction.
- If, in the judgment of Allstate, AFFILIATE would be benefited by supplemental investment research, Allstate is authorized, but not obligated, to select brokers or dealers on the basis of research information, materials, or services they could furnish to Allstate for potential use in supplementing Allstate's own information and in making investment decisions for the Account. The expenses of Allstate and the charges to AFFILIATE may not necessarily be reduced as a result of receipt of such supplemental information. Subject to the above requirements, nothing shall prohibit Allstate from selecting brokers or dealers with which it or AFFILIATE is affiliated.
- E. Service to Other Clients. AFFILIATE acknowledges that Allstate may perform services for clients other than AFFILIATE which are similar to the services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement, and that Allstate is free to do so provided that its services pursuant to this Agreement are not in any way impaired. AFFILIATE agrees that Allstate may provide investment advice to any of its other clients that may differ from advice given to AFFILIATE, or take action with respect to assets owned by it or its other clients that may differ from the action taken with respect to the Account and/or assets held therein, so long as Allstate, to the extent reasonable and practicable, allocates investment opportunities to the Account on a fair and equitable basis relative to Allstate's other clients. It is understood that Allstate shall have no obligation to purchase or sell, or to recommend for purchase or sale for the Account, any security which Allstate, its affiliates, employees or agents may purchase or sell for its or their own accounts or for the account of any other client, if, in the opinion of Allstate, such transaction or investment appears unsuitable, impractical or undesirable for the Account. It is agreed that Allstate may use any supplemental investment research obtained for the benefit of AFFILIATE in providing investment advice to its other clients or its own accounts. Conversely, such supplemental information obtained by the placement of business for Allstate or other entities advised by Allstate will be considered by and may be useful to Allstate in carrying out its obligations to AFFILIATE.
- F. Allocation of Trades. It is acknowledged that securities held by AFFILIATE may also be held by separate investment accounts or other funds for which Allstate may act as a manager or by Allstate or its other affiliates. If purchases or sales of securities for AFFILIATE or other entities for which Allstate or its affiliates act as investment manager arise for consideration at or about the same time, AFFILIATE agrees that Allstate may make transactions in such securities, insofar as feasible, for the respective entities in a manner deemed equitable to all. To the extent that transactions on behalf of more than

one client of Allstate during the same period may increase the demand for securities being purchased or the supply of securities being sold, AFFILIATE recognizes that there may be an adverse effect on price.

It is agreed that, on occasions when Allstate deems the purchase or sale of a security to be in the best interests of AFFILIATE as well as other accounts or companies, it may, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, but will not be obligated to, aggregate the securities to be so sold or purchased for AFFILIATE with those to be sold or purchased for other accounts or companies in order to obtain favorable execution and lower brokerage commissions. In that event, allocation of the securities purchased or sold, as well as the expenses incurred in the transaction, will be made by Allstate in the manner it considers to be most equitable and consistent with its obligations to AFFILIATE and to such other accounts or companies. AFFILIATE recognizes that in some cases this procedure may adversely affect the size of the position obtainable for AFFILIATE.

- G. Contracts; Authorized Signatories. Allstate shall have the full power, right and authority, as AFFILIATE's agent, in accordance with this Agreement and the Investment Guidelines, to negotiate, apply for, enter into, execute, deliver, amend, modify and/or terminate legal documents of every kind and nature relating to or required by the investment of the assets of the Account. All such documents may be entered into in AFFILIATE's name or in Allstate's name (as agent for AFFILIATE), as Allstate shall determine, and all such documents shall be legally binding on AFFILIATE. Those certain employees and officers of Allstate who are authorized to execute transactions and sign documentation pursuant to the Policies and Procedures and Investment Guidelines adopted pursuant to authorization of the Investment Committee of Allstate, as they may be amended from time to time, shall also be authorized to the same extent to execute transactions and sign documentation on behalf of AFFILIATE and/or Allstate in connection with transactions entered into on behalf of the assets of the Account pursuant to this Agreement.
- H. Compliance with Legal Requirements. Allstate shall make all reasonable efforts to comply with and cause to be complied with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the AFFILIATE's domicile, and any federal, state or municipal authority governing this Agreement, the services rendered hereunder, the Account and the assets held therein. Without limiting the foregoing, Allstate shall comply with all securities laws and other laws applicable to the services provided under this Agreement.
- I. Transaction Procedures. The assets of the Account are or will be held in custody by the bank custodian(s) appointed by AFFILIATE from time to time. Allstate shall not act as custodian for the assets of the Account and shall not under any circumstances have or be deemed to have ownership, custody or physical control of any of the assets of the Account. Allstate may, however, issue instructions to, and communicate with, the bank custodian for the Account as may be necessary and appropriate in connection with provision of its services pursuant to this Agreement. At the option of Allstate, instructions by Allstate to the bank custodian may be made orally or by computer, electronic instruction systems or telecommunications terminals. Allstate will confirm that the bank custodian has effected such instructions either by access to the bank's computerized identification system or by telephonic confirmation. The bank custodian will confirm with Allstate receipt of trade instructions orally or by computer for the Account. Allstate will instruct all brokers, dealers and counterparties executing orders on behalf of the assets of the Account to forward to Allstate and AFFILIATE copies of all confirmations.
- J. Standard of Performance. All state shall discharge its duties hereunder at all times in good faith and with that degree of prudence, diligence, care and skill which a prudent person rendering services as an institutional investment manager and adviser would exercise under similar circumstances. The provisions of this Agreement shall not be interpreted to imply any obligation on the part of All state to observe any standard of care other than as set forth in this Section  $\mathbf{T}$
- K. Recordkeeping. Allstate shall keep and maintain an accurate and detailed accounting of each transaction concerning the assets of the Account and of all receipts, disbursements, and other transactions relating to the purchase and sale transactions arising hereunder. Allstate agrees to preserve such records for the greater of (i) six years; (ii) the required period pursuant to the insurance laws of AFFILIATE's domicile and related regulations; or (iii) such other time period that AFFILIATE may from time to time request. Allstate acknowledges that all such records shall be the property of AFFILIATE and shall be made available, within five (5) business days of a written request, to AFFILIATE, its accountants, auditors or other representatives of AFFILIATE for inspection and/or copying (at AFFILIATE's expense) during regular business hours. In addition, Allstate shall provide any materials, reasonably related to the investment advisory services provided hereunder, as may be reasonably requested in writing by the directors or officers of AFFILIATE or as may be required by any governmental agency with jurisdiction hereunder.

All state further agrees to prepare and furnish to AFFILIATE and to other persons designated by AFFILIATE, at such regular intervals and other times as may be

specified by AFFILIATE from time to time (i) such balance sheets, income and expense statements and other financial statements and reports, and (ii) such other statements, reports and information, in each case regarding the assets of the Account as AFFILIATE shall from time to time reasonably require.

In the event of termination for any reason, all such records or copies thereof shall be returned promptly to AFFILIATE, free from any claim or retention of rights by Allstate.

L. Liability of Allstate. In the absence of Allstate's willful or negligent misconduct (or the willful or negligent misconduct of its officers, directors, agents, employees, controlling persons, shareholders, and any other person or entity affiliated with Allstate or retained by it to perform or assist in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement), neither Allstate nor any of its officers, directors, employees or agents shall be subject to liability to AFFILIATE for any act or omission in the course of, or connected with, rendering services hereunder.

M. Independent Contractor. Allstate shall for all purposes be deemed to be an independent contractor. Allstate shall have no power or authority to bind AFFILIATE or to assume or create an obligation or responsibility, express or implied, on behalf of AFFILIATE, nor shall it represent to anyone that it has such power or authority, except as expressly provided in this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to create a partnership between or among the parties, whether for purposes of taxation or otherwise.

#### EXHIBIT F

TO INCLUDE A LIST OF AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL TERMINATE AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MASTER SERVICE AND EXPENSE AGREEMENT.  $\!\!/$ 

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company and Lincoln Benefit Life Company effective as of January 1, 1996 pursuant to which Allstate Insurance Company provides investment advisory services to Lincoln Benefit Life Company, as amended effective January 1, 1996. (Form D-1 filed with Illinois Insurance Department on April 5, 1996 and Forms D filed in April and May 1996 with the Department of Insurance of Nebraska.)

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company and Surety Life Insurance Company effective as of January 1, 1996 pursuant to which Allstate Insurance Company provides investment advisory services to Surety Life Insurance Company, as amended effective January 1, 1996. (Form D-1 filed with Illinois Insurance Department on April 5, 1996 and Forms D filed in April and May 1996 with the Department of Insurance of Utah.)

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement effective as of August 21, 1996 between Allstate Floridian Insurance Company and Allstate Insurance Company, pursuant to which Allstate Insurance provides investment advisory and management services to Allstate Floridian. (See Form D-1 dated July 23, 1996 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance. See also letter dated January 23, 1997 from Florida Department of Insurance.)

Services Agreement executed September 25, 1996 and effective as of June 25, 1996 between Allstate Insurance Company and Allstate Floridian Insurance Company pursuant to which Allstate Insurance provides Allstate Floridian underwriting, claims, actuarial, policy processing, tax, legal, systems, accounting and customer support services. (See Form D-1 dated July 23, 1996 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance. See also letter dated January 23, 1997 from Florida Department of Insurance.)

Service and Expense Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company and certain of its Subsidiaries and Affiliates effective June 16, 1997. (See Form D-1 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance in May 1997 and other prior notification forms filed with the insurance departments of California, Nebraska, Texas and Utah in May 1997. Texas HCS# 27286.)

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement effective as of January 1, 1998 between Allstate Insurance Company and Allstate Floridian Indemnity Company pursuant to which Allstate Insurance provides investment services to Allstate Floridian Indemnity.

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement effective as of January 1, 1998 between Allstate Insurance Company and Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company pursuant to which Allstate Insurance provides investment services to Allstate New Jersey.

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between American Surety and Casualty Company ("ASCC") and Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") dated January 1, 1999 pursuant to which Allstate will provide investment management services, investment advisory services, and certain other operational and administrative support services to ASCC for those assets so designated by ASCC (Form D-1 filed with Illinois Department of Insurance on November 17, 1998 and

accepted pursuant to a letter dated December 3, 1998).

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") and American Heritage Life Insurance Company ("AHL") dated October 31, 1999 pursuant to which Allstate will provide investment management services, investment advisory services, and certain other operational and administrative support services to AHL for those assets so designated by AHL (Form D-1 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance in October 1999 and other prior notification forms filed with the Florida Department of Insurance in October 1999)

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") and AHL Select HMO Incorporated ("AHL Select") dated October 31, 1999 pursuant to which Allstate will provide investment management services, investment advisory services, and certain other operational and administrative support services to AHL Select for those assets so designated by AHL Select (Form D-1 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance in October 1999 and other prior notification forms filed with the Florida Department of Insurance in October 1999).

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") and First Colonial Insurance Company ("First Colonial") dated October 31, 1999 pursuant to which Allstate will provide investment management services, investment advisory services, and certain other operational and administrative support services to First Colonial for those assets so designated by First Colonial (Form D-1 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance in October 1999 and other prior notification forms filed with the Florida Department of Insurance in October 1999).

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") and Columbia Universal Life Insurance Company ("Columbia") dated October 31, 1999 pursuant to which Allstate will provide investment management services, investment advisory services, and certain other operational and administrative support services to Columbia for those assets so designated by Columbia (Form D-1 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance in October 1999 and other prior notification forms filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in October 1999).

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") and Concord Heritage Life Insurance Company, Inc. ("Concord") dated October 31, 1999 pursuant to which Allstate will provide investment management services, investment advisory services, and certain other operational and administrative support services to Concord for those assets so designated by Concord (Form D-1 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance in October 1999 and other prior notification forms filed with the New Hampshire Department of Insurance in October 1999).

Investment Advisory and Management Agreement between Allstate Insurance Company ("Allstate") and Keystone Life Insurance Company ("Keystone") dated October 31, 1999 pursuant to which Allstate will provide investment management services, investment advisory services, and certain other operational and administrative support services to Keystone for those assets so designated by Keystone (Form D-1 filed with the Illinois Department of Insurance in October 1999 and other prior notification forms filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance in October 1999).

Exhibit 10.3

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Among

ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY
And

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION And

Certain Affiliates

This Agreement made and effective as of January 1, 2002, among ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS"), ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company ("Allstate"), THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation and parent of Allstate and ALLSTATE

INVESTMENTS ("Allcorp"), and those additional subsidiaries of Allcorp whose signatures appear below (individually an "Affiliate" and collectively with Allstate and Allcorp, the "Allstate Affiliates").

#### WITNESSETH:

Allstate currently provides investment management services to Allcorp and certain insurance Affiliates pursuant to a Service and Expense Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1999 (the "Insurance Affiliates Service Agreement") and to certain non-insurance Affiliates pursuant to a Service and Expense Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2000 (the "Non-Insurance Affiliates Service Agreement," and, collectively with the Insurance Affiliates Service Agreement, the "Service Agreements").

It has been determined that such investment management services in the future will be more appropriately provided to the Allstate Affiliates by a separate entity performing only investment management activities rather than by a department of Allstate, resulting in benefits to the Allstate Affiliates. Therefore, subject to obtaining all required regulatory approvals, effective January 1, 2002, Allstate's Investment Department will cease providing investment management services pursuant to the Service Agreements. All investment management services will instead be provided to the Allstate Affiliates by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, an Allcorp subsidiary.

To accomplish this change, the Allstate Affiliates desire to amend the Service Agreements to terminate the provision of investment management services by Allstate. They also desire to contract with ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS for the rendering of investment management services by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

# ARTICLE 1 AMENDMENT OF EXISTING SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- 1.1 Insurance Affiliates Service Agreement. Allcorp, Allstate, and each insurance Affiliate hereby agree to amend the Insurance Affiliates Service Agreement by deleting Exhibit E and all references thereto such that Allstate no longer provides investment management services to Allcorp or any insurance Affiliate.
- 1.2 Non-Insurance Affiliates Service Agreement. Allstate and each non-insurance Affiliate hereby agree to amend the Non-Insurance Affiliates Service Agreement by deleting Exhibit B and all references thereto such that Allstate no longer provides investment management services to any non-insurance Affiliate.

# ARTICLE 2 INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- 3. 2.1 Appointment. Each Allstate Affiliate hereby engages ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS as the investment manager of its investment assets and grants ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS the power and authority to advise, manage, and direct the investment and reinvestment of such assets for the period and on the terms and conditions set forth herein. Such activities shall be conducted subject to and in accordance with the investment objectives, restrictions, and strategies set forth in the Investment Policy and Investment Plan (the "Policy") adopted by the Board of Directors of each such Allstate Affiliate with respect to its respective investment portfolios, and in accordance with such other limitations and guidelines as may be established from time to time for such portfolios by such Boards (such investment objectives, restrictions, strategies, limitations, and quidelines herein referred to collectively as the "Investment Guidelines"). ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS hereby accepts such responsibility and agrees during such period to render the services and to assume the obligations herein set forth, all as more fully described in Exhibit A, attached hereto (the "Services"). Each of the Allstate Affiliates may from time to time reach agreement with ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS that only certain of the listed Services will be provided.
- 2.2 Charges and Expenses. Each Allstate Affiliate agrees to pay ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS a fee for the Services equal to ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS' fully burdened basis point charge for the management of such Allstate Affiliate's portfolio. The fully burdened basis point charge is ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS's actual cost of managing the portfolios in which such Allstate Affiliate invests, including the provision of all administrative, reporting or other services required to manage the portfolios and provide the Services. To the extent any of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS's costs are determined by allocations from any Allstate Affiliate, the allocation shall be made in accordance with the general provisions of the NAIC expense classification and allocation guidelines applicable to all inter-company allocations between Allstate and its insurance affiliates. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall maintain and make available for review by any Allstate Affiliate, or any regulator having jurisdiction over such Allstate Affiliate, documentation showing the calculation of all such charges. Any Allstate Affiliate may request a review of such charges for the Services and such review will occur promptly thereafter. All brokerage commissions and other

direct transaction charges payable to third parties shall be in addition to any fees payable to ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS for Services and may be paid on each Allstate Affiliate's behalf from the assets in the such entities portfolio or may be paid by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS and reimbursed by such Allstate Affiliate.

2.3 Payment. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS will charge each Allstate Affiliate for the Services via the monthly expense allocation process, and payments will be through the monthly intercompany settlement process. The process will be completed by personnel of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS and each of the Allstate Affiliates in the most timely and effective method available.

# ARTICLE 3 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 3.1 Previous Agreements. Except for the amendments to the Service Agreements pursuant to Article 1 above, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to amend any previously executed agreement between the parties.
- 3.2 Scope of Services. The scope of, and the manner in which, ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS provides the Services to the Allstate Affiliates shall be reviewed periodically by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS and the Allstate Affiliates.
- 3.3 Standard of Performance. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall discharge its duties hereunder at all times in good faith and with that degree of prudence, diligence, care and skill which a prudent person rendering services as an institutional investment manager would exercise under similar circumstances. The provisions of this Agreement shall not be interpreted to imply any obligation on the part of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS to observe any standard of care other than as set forth in this Section 3.3.
- 3.4 Books and Records. Upon reasonable notice, and during normal business hours, each Allstate Affiliate shall be entitled to, at its own expense, inspect records that pertain to the computation of charges for the Services. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall at all times maintain correct and complete books, records and accounts of all Services. Each Allstate Affiliate shall have unconditional right of ownership of any records prepared on its behalf under this Agreement.
- 3.5 Liability of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS. In the absence of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS's willful or negligent misconduct (or the willful or negligent misconduct of its officers, directors, agents, employees, controlling persons, shareholders, and any other person or entity affiliated with ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS or retained by it to perform or assist in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement), neither ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS nor any of its officers, directors, employees or agents shall be subject to liability to any Allstate Affiliate for any act or omission in the course of, or connected with, rendering services hereunder.
- 3.6 Independent Contractor. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall for all purposes be deemed to be an independent contractor. All persons performing duties hereunder at all times during the term of this agreement shall be under the supervision and control of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, and shall not be deemed employees of any Allstate Affiliate as a result of this Agreement and the Services provided hereunder. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall have no power or authority to bind any Allstate Affiliate or to assume or create an obligation or responsibility, express or implied, on behalf of any Allstate Affiliate, nor shall it represent to anyone that it has such power or authority, except as expressly provided in this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to create a partnership between or among the parties, whether for purposes of taxation or otherwise.
- 3.7 Assignment. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall not assign its obligations or rights under this Agreement without the written consent of each Allstate Affiliate. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS may terminate this Agreement in its entirety, and each Allstate Affiliate may cancel its participation in the arrangements under this Agreement, each by giving six months written notice to the other parties to this Agreement; provided, however, that in the event that the affiliate relationship ceases to exist with respect to any Affiliate, this Agreement shall terminate immediately with respect to such Allstate Affiliate. Under no circumstances will the initial term of this Agreement exceed five (5) years.
- 3.8 Notices. All communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing, and if to an Allstate Affiliate, mailed or delivered to such Allstate Affiliate at its office at the address listed in such Affiliate's Statutory Annual Statement Blank, Attention: Secretary, or if to an entity not filing a statutory Annual Statement Blank, mailed or delivered to its office at 3075 Sanders Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, Attention: Controller, or addressed to any party at the address such party may hereafter designate by written notice to the other parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed as of the day and year above written.

The Allstate Corporation

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By:	James p. Zils
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Allst	ate Floridian Indemnity Company
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	Vice President and Treasurer

Allstate Floridian Insurance Company

By:	
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Allstate Texas Lloyd's. Inc.
By: James P. Zils Vice President and Treasurer
Charter National Life Insurance Company
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Columbia Universal Life Insurance Company
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# Exhibit A INVESTMENT SERVICES

- A. Appointment. This Exhibit A details the Services to be provided by ALLLSTATE INVESTMENTS pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement among ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS and certain Allstate Affiliates to which this Exhibit A is attached. For purposes of this Exhibit A, the investment portfolio of each Allstate Affiliate will be referred to as an Account
- B. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS as Agent. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall be granted and exercise full investment discretion and authority in buying, selling or otherwise disposing of or managing the investment of the assets held in each Account and in the performance of the services rendered hereunder, and shall do so as each Allstate Affiliate's agent only, subject to ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS' adherence to the Policies and Investment Guidelines. Each Allstate Affiliate hereby authorizes ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS to exercise all such powers with respect to the assets of its respective Account as may be necessary or appropriate for the performance by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS of its obligations under the Agreement, subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors of such Allstate affiliate (the "Board"), and any limitations contained herein.
- C. Investment Advisory Services. In furtherance of the foregoing, and in carrying out its obligations to manage the investment and reinvestment of the assets in each Account, ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall, as appropriate and consistent with the Investment Guidelines:
  - (a) perform research and obtain and evaluate such information relating to the economics, industries, businesses, markets and new investment structures, techniques, practices, and financial data as ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS deems appropriate in the discharge of its duties under this Agreement; (b) consult with and furnish to each Board recommendations with respect to overall investment strategies for each respective Account; (c) seek out and implement specific investment opportunities, consistent with such overall investment strategies approved by each Board, including making and carrying out day-to-day decisions to acquire or dispose of permissible investments, managing the investment of the assets of each Account, and providing or obtaining such services as may be necessary in managing, acquiring or disposing of investments; (d) regularly report to the Boards with respect to the implementation of investment strategies and any other activities in connection with management of each Account's assets, including furnishing to each Board, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, a report concerning investment activity during the quarter; (e) maintain all required accounts, records, memoranda, instructions or authorizations relating to the acquisition or disposition of investments for each Account; (f) determine the securities to be purchased or sold by each Account and place orders either directly with the issuer, with any broker-dealer or underwriter that specializes in the securities for which the order is made, or with any other broker or dealer that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS selects; and (g) perform the services hereunder in a manner consistent with investment objectives and policies of each Allstate Affiliate as detailed in the respective Investment Guidelines, as amended from time to time, and in compliance, as appropriate, with the applicable provisions of the insurance laws and regulations of each Allstate Affiliate's domicile, as amended and any other applicable laws.
- $\hbox{\tt D. Allocation of Brokerage. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS is authorized in its sole}\\$ discretion to select the brokers or dealers that will execute the purchases and sales of securities for each Account. In making such selection, ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall use its best efforts to obtain for each Account the most favorable net price and execution available taking into account all appropriate factors, including price, dealer spread or commission, if any, and size and difficulty of the transaction. If, in the judgment of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, an Allstate Affiliate would be benefited by supplemental investment research, ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS is authorized, but not obligated, to select brokers or dealers on the basis of research information, materials, or services they could furnish to ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS for potential use in supplementing ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS' own information and in making investment decisions for each Account. The expenses of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS and the charges to an Allstate Affiliate may not necessarily be reduced as a result of receipt of such supplemental information. Subject to the above requirements, nothing shall prohibit ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS from selecting brokers or dealers with which it or any Allstate Affiliate is affiliated.
- E. Service to Other Clients. Each Allstate Affiliate acknowledges that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS may perform services for clients other than the Allstate Affiliates that are similar to the services to be performed pursuant to this Agreement, and that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS is free to do so provided that its services pursuant to this Agreement are not in any way impaired. Each Allstate Affiliate agrees that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS may provide investment advice to any of its other clients that may differ from advice given to such Allstate Affiliate, or take action with respect to assets owned by it or its other clients that may differ from the action taken with respect to any Account and/or assets held therein, so long as ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, to the extent reasonable

and practicable, allocates investment opportunities to each Account on a fair and equitable basis relative to ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS' other clients. It is understood that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall have no obligation to purchase or sell, or to recommend for purchase or sale for any Account, any security that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, its affiliates, employees or agents may purchase or sell for its or their own accounts or for the account of any other client, if, in the opinion of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, such transaction or investment appears unsuitable, impractical or undesirable for such Account. It is agreed that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS may use any supplemental investment research obtained for the benefit of an Allstate Affiliate in providing investment advice to its other clients or its own accounts. Conversely, such supplemental information obtained by the placement of business for ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS or other entities advised by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS will be considered by and may be useful to ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS in carrying out its obligations to each Allstate Affiliate.

F. Allocation of Trades. It is acknowledged that securities held by an Allstate Affiliate may also be held by separate investment accounts or other funds for which ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS may act as a manager. If purchases or sales of securities for an Allstate Affiliate or other entities for which ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS acts as investment manager arise for consideration at or about the same time, each such Allstate Affiliate agrees that ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS may make transactions in such securities, insofar as feasible, for the respective entities in a manner deemed equitable to all. To the extent that transactions on behalf of more than one client of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS during the same period may increase the demand for securities being purchased or the supply of securities being sold, each Allstate Affiliate recognizes that there may be an adverse effect on price.

It is agreed that, on occasions when ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS deems the purchase or sale of a security to be in the best interests of an Allstate Affiliate as well as other accounts or companies, it may, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, but will not be obligated to, aggregate the securities to be so sold or purchased for such Allstate Affiliate with those to be sold or purchased for other accounts or companies in order to obtain favorable execution and lower brokerage commissions. In that event, allocation of the securities purchased or sold, as well as the expenses incurred in the transaction, will be made by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS in the manner it considers to be most equitable and consistent with its obligations to such Allstate Affiliate and to such other accounts or companies. Each Allstate Affiliate recognizes that in some cases this procedure may adversely affect the size of the position obtainable for such Allstate Affiliate.

- G. Contracts; Authorized Signatories. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall have the full power, right and authority, as each Allstate Affiliate's agent, in accordance with this Agreement and the Investment Guidelines, to negotiate, apply for, enter into, execute, deliver, amend, modify and/or terminate legal documents of every kind and nature relating to or required by the investment of the assets of each Account. All such documents may be entered into in an Allstate Affiliate's name or in ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS' name (as agent for such Allstate Affiliate), as ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall determine, and all such documents shall be legally binding on such Allstate Affiliate. Those certain employees and officers of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS who are authorized to execute transactions and sign documentation pursuant to the Policies and Procedures adopted pursuant to authorization of the ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS' Board of Directors, as they may be amended from time to time, shall also be authorized to the same extent to execute transactions and sign documentation on behalf of any Allstate Affiliate and/or ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS in connection with transactions entered into on behalf of the assets of any Account pursuant to this Agreement.
- H. Compliance with Legal Requirements. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall make all reasonable efforts to comply with and cause to be complied with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the each Allstate Affiliate's domicile, and any federal, state or municipal authority governing this Agreement, the services rendered hereunder, each Account and the assets held therein. Without limiting the foregoing, ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall comply with all securities laws and other laws applicable to the services provided under this Agreement.
- I. Transaction Procedures. The assets of each Account are or will be held in custody by the bank custodian(s) appointed by each Allstate Affiliate from time to time. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall not act as custodian for the assets of any Account and shall not, under any circumstances, have or be deemed to have ownership, custody or physical control of any of the assets of any Account. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS may, however, issue instructions to, and communicate with, the bank custodian for each Account as may be necessary and appropriate in connection with provision of its services pursuant to this Agreement. At the option of ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS, instructions by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS to the bank custodian may be made orally or by computer, electronic instruction systems or telecommunications terminals. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS will confirm that the bank custodian has effected such instructions either by access to the bank's computerized identification system or by telephonic confirmation. The bank custodian will confirm with ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS receipt of trade instructions orally or by computer for the Account. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS will instruct all brokers, dealers and counterparties executing orders on behalf of the assets of an Account to forward to ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS copies of all confirmations.

J. Recordkeeping. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall keep and maintain an accurate and detailed accounting of each transaction concerning the assets of each Account and of all receipts, disbursements, and other transactions relating to the purchase and sale transactions arising hereunder. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS agrees to preserve such records for the greater of (i) six years; (ii) the required period pursuant to the insurance laws of an Allstate Affiliate's domicile and related regulations; or (iii) such other time period that an Allstate Affiliate may from time to time request. ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS acknowledges that all such records shall be the property of each Allstate Affiliate and shall be made available, within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request, to an Allstate Affiliate, its accountants, auditors or other representatives of the Allstate Affiliate for inspection and/or copying (at such Allstate Affiliate's expense) during regular business hours. In addition, ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS shall provide any materials, reasonably related to the investment advisory services provided hereunder, as may be reasonably requested in writing by the directors or officers of an Allstate Affiliate, or as may be required by any governmental agency with jurisdiction hereunder.

ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS further agrees to prepare and furnish to each Allstate Affiliate and to other persons designated by such Allstate Affiliate, at such regular intervals and other times as may be specified by such Allstate Affiliate from time to time (i) such balance sheets, income and expense statements and other financial statements and reports, and (ii) such other statements, reports and information, in each case regarding the assets of its Account as such Allstate Affiliate shall from time to time reasonably require.

In the event of termination of this Agreement for any reason, all such records or copies thereof shall be returned promptly to the respective Allstate Affiliate, free from any claim or retention of rights by ALLSTATE INVESTMENTS.

Exhibit 10.4

#### TAX SHARING AGREEMENT

This Tax Sharing Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated as of this 12th day November, 1996, and effective for consolidated federal income tax returns filed after June 30, 1996, is entered into by and among The Allstate Corporation ("Parent") and the undersigned corporations, as includible corporations in the affiliated group (the "Allstate Group") of which Parent is the common parent (as such terms are used or defined in section 1504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code")).

WHEREAS the Allstate Group has filed a consolidated federal income tax return for the taxable year ended December 31, 1995 and intends to continue filing consolidated federal income tax returns in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS the parties hereto desire to enter into this agreement to fairly allocate among themselves the federal tax liabilities, credits, refunds, benefits, and similar items related to the consolidated federal income tax return for the taxable year ended December 31, 1995 and subsequent years;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual promises, the parties agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I - REGULAR TAX

- 1.1 Subject to the adjustments provided in section 1.2 of this Agreement, the regular federal income tax liability of each member shall be determined pursuant to the principles used to determine earnings and profits under section 1552(a)(2) of the Code and Treasury Regulation section 1.1502-33(d)(3) using a fixed percentage of one hundred. Accordingly, each member shall, subject to the adjustments in section 1.2, generally be liable for the amount of tax it would ordinarily pay on a separate return basis.
- 1.2 In determining the separate return tax liability of each member for purposes of this Article, only the regular tax liability (without regard to the alternative minimum tax or alternative minimum tax credits) shall be taken into account. Additionally, items of income, deductions, credits and other similar items that may be limited or recharacterized on a consolidated basis (e.g., foreign tax credits, charitable contributions, section 1231 gains, etc.) shall be included in the determination of separate return liability as so limited or recharacterized. For purposes of this determination, any item that is limited on a consolidated basis shall be allocated to each member according to the ratio of (i) the amount of such item generated by a member to (ii) the total amount of such items generated by the Allstate Group.

ARTICLE II - ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

- 2.1 If the Allstate Group has an alternative minimum tax ("AMT") liability for any year, such liability shall be allocated to each member according to the ratio of (i) the excess of any member's separate return tentative minimum tax for the year (whether such amount is positive or negative) over the member's separate return regular tax for such year (whether such amount is positive or negative) to (ii) the sum of such excess amounts for all members of the group. In determining each member's tentative minimum tax and regular tax, the adjustments provided in section 1.2 of this Agreement shall be made.
- 2.2 AMT credits originating in a tax year shall be allocated to each member according to the amount of AMT liability allocated for such year. Utilization of such credits shall be determined on a FIFO basis (i.e., AMT credits from the earliest available year shall be deemed utilized before credits from a later year are utilized). If only part of the amount of AMT paid for any year is utilized as a credit, such amount shall be allocated to the members in proportion to the amounts of AMT liability allocated to members for such year.

### ARTICLE III - OTHER TAXES AND CREDITS

Other taxes (e.g., the environmental tax), credits (e.g., the foreign tax credit or the general business credit) or similar items paid, incurred or received by the Allstate Group shall be allocated to each member according to the ratio of the amount of any such item generated by the member on a separate return basis to the total of such item generated on a separate return basis by all members of the Allstate Group.

### ARTICLE IV - TAX RETURN ADJUSTMENTS

- 4.1 As agent for the Allstate Group, Parent shall have the right to control in its sole discretion any audit of returns filed by the Group. However, Parent shall, in its reasonable discretion, permit any member that might have a liability or refund as a result of an adjustment to participate in the proceedings relating to such issue. In the event any member of the group wishes to amend its portion of any filed return, Parent shall have discretion, taking into account the consequences to the entire group, to file an amended return, to present the adjustments to be included on such amended return at the audit of the consolidated return to which the adjustments relate, or to take any other reasonable action.
- 4.2 In the event of adjustments to taxes (as a result of audits, filing of amended returns, carrybacks, or other similar items), allocations under this Agreement shall be redetermined as if the adjustments were included in the returns as originally filed. Interest or penalties related to such adjustments shall be allocated to the member which generated the adjustment.
- 4.3 In the event an adverse adjustment with respect to income or items of one member is offset by a favorable adjustment for another member, thereby resulting in either a smaller deficiency for the Allstate Group or smaller refund for the group, the member with the adverse adjustment shall pay interest at the overpayment rate specified in section 6621(a)(1) to the member with the favorable adjustment to compensate the member with the favorable adjustment for interest not received from the Government as a result of the adverse adjustment.
- 4.4(a) Any member may make a deposit or payment of any tax liability to stop the running of interest by paying such amount to Parent and providing written directions to transfer the amount to the Government. Parent shall transfer the amount as so directed as soon as practical but in no event later than fifteen business days after the amount has been received by Parent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Parent may refuse to deposit any such amount with the Government if Parent determines in its sole discretion that it is not in the best interest of the group, taken as a whole, to make such a deposit. In such an event, Parent shall inform the member of its decision and return the amount received within fifteen business days of receipt.
- (b) In the event a member which has made a deposit in the nature of a cash bond (the "original depositing member") wishes to secure a return of such deposit, such member shall notify Parent of its desire to have the deposit returned. Within ten business days of such notification, Parent shall determine whether other members of the Allstate group might utilize such deposit. Parent shall within such period notify any members who might have use of such deposit, and, if such members desire to assume all or any portion of the deposit, the members shall inform Parent within ten business days of notification of the amount of the deposit they wish to assume. Parent shall allocate the deposit among the members wishing to assume the deposit within twenty-five business days of the receipt of the notice from the original depositing member. If more than one member wishes to assume all or part of the deposit and the amounts requested to be assumed exceed the amount of the available deposit, Parent shall allocate the deposit to members in its reasonable discretion. Within five business days after allocation of the deposit to assuming members, such members shall pay to the original depositing member the respective portion of the deposit they assumed. Thereafter, the assuming member shall be treated as the original depositing member with respect to the portion of the deposit assumed. To the

extent a deposit is not assumed under this procedure, Parent shall within thirty business days of the receipt of the notice from the original depositing member take steps to secure the return of the deposit, and shall pay to the original depositing member the amount returned from the Government within three business days of receipt by Parent. Parent shall not be liable for any failure to identify a member as a potential user of the original depositing member's deposit or for any delays in securing the return of a deposit.

(c) In the event a deposit is applied by the Government to a liability of the Allstate Group without the consent of the original depositing member (such event is hereinafter referred to as a "misapplication" of the deposit), the member receiving the benefit of the misapplication of the deposit shall within fifteen business days of receipt of the earlier of actual knowledge of the misapplication of the deposit or notice from Parent of the misapplication of the deposit pay to the original depositing member (i) the amount of the deposit so misapplied and (ii) any interest saved by such member as a result of the misapplication of the deposit. If the member whose deposit was misapplied incurs additional interest costs (in excess of the interest paid pursuant to the previous sentence) that would not have been incurred absent the misapplication of the deposit, the member receiving the benefit of the misapplication shall also be liable to the original depositing member for such additional interest costs. The amount of such interest shall not exceed the interest incurred for the period from the time the deposit was originally made until the payment was made to the original depositing member pursuant to the first sentence of this subparagraph.

### ARTICLE V - CARRYFORWARDS

The utilization of any carryforwards available to the Allstate Group and not expressly covered elsewhere in this Agreement shall be determined under the principles of the consolidated return regulations in effect at the time the carryforwards are used by the group.

### ARTICLE VI - RETURNS AND PAYMENTS

- 6.1 Information required from members for the completion of tax returns (including estimated payments, extensions of time, and other required filings) shall be provided by each member according to the schedule reasonably determined by Parent. Payments of tax or liabilities allocated hereunder shall be made at the time and in the manner reasonably determined by Parent. Settlements of tax payments or refunds hereunder may at the reasonable discretion of Parent be made on an estimated basis, but final settlement for any return filed shall be made no later than 30 days after such return is filed except that, where a refund is due from the Government to the Parent, payment by the parent to the appropriate member shall be made within 5 business days of the receipt of the refund. Parent may, in the interest of convenience, net payments due to and from a member or make payment to a member's direct or indirect parent, which shall then promptly make payment to the appropriate member. All payments shall be made in immediately available funds.
- $\,$  6.2 To the extent permitted by law, all tax returns shall be filed using accounting methods and practices consistent with those used in prior periods.

## ARTICLE VII - ALLSTATE LIFE OF NEW YORK

- 7.1 This article shall apply solely with respect to the allocation and settlement of federal tax liabilities between Parent and Allstate Life Insurance Company of New York ("ALICNY"). The other provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply to ALICNY except to the extent they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Article VII.
- 7.2 The method of allocating tax liability provided in other articles of this Agreement are intended to comply with part (B) of paragraph 3 of New York Insurance Department Circular Letter No. 33 (the "Circular"). To the extent the other articles of this Agreement result in a tax charge to ALICNY greater than the amount ALICNY would have paid if it had filed a separate return (as defined in paragraph 4 of the Circular), the amount due from ALICNY shall be limited to the separate return amount. To the extent the other articles of this Agreement provide for a payment to ALICNY for credits (as defined in part B of paragraph 3 of the Circular) generated by ALICNY in an amount less than the savings actually generated by the use of such credits on a consolidated basis, such payment shall be increased to the amount of the savings generated on a consolidated basis.
- 7.3 In order to help assure ALICNY's right to recoup federal taxes in the event of future net losses, Parent shall establish and maintain an escrow account consisting of assets eligible as an investment by ALICNY in an amount equal to the excess of the amount paid hereunder by ALICNY to Parent for any year over the actual payment made by Parent to the Government for such year. Escrow assets may be released to Parent at such time as the permissible period

- 7.4 All settlements under this Agreement shall be in cash or securities (at market value) eligible as investments for ALICNY. ALICNY agrees to record on its books payments received hereunder as contributed surplus.
- 7.5 This Agreement shall be terminated with respect to ALICNY if (a) the parties agree in writing to such termination, (b) ALICNY's membership in the affiliated group or consolidated group ceases or is terminated for any reason, or (c) the affiliated group fails to file a consolidated return for any taxable year. Notwithstanding the termination of the Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in effect for any time period during the taxable year in which termination occurs for which the income of the terminating party must be included in the consolidated return. Additionally, notwithstanding the termination of this agreement, all materials, including, but not limited to, returns, supporting schedules, workpapers, correspondence and other documents related to the consolidated return shall be made available to and by ALICNY during regular business hours.
- $7.6\ \mathrm{This}\ \mathrm{Agreement}$  shall not be assignable without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto.
- 7.7 ALICNY and Parent agree to negotiate in good faith to settle any dispute involving the interpretation of this Agreement. If any such dispute cannot be settled, such dispute shall be submitted to binding arbitration as follows:
  - (a) Parent and ALICNY shall select an arbitrator, who is a partner at a national accounting firm that has not represented either party in the preceding five years. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, Parent's independent accountant shall select as the arbitrator a partner at a national accounting firm that has not represented either party in the preceding five years.
  - (b) The arbitration shall be conducted pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.
  - (c) The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on Parent and ALICNY.
  - (d) Parent and ALICNY agree to pay their own costs of the arbitration proceeding, except that costs and fees of the arbitrator shall be shared equally.
- $7.8\ \text{To}$  the extent that this Agreement pertains to ALICNY, it shall be governed under the laws of the State of New York.

### ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 Any dispute with respect to the interpretation of this Agreement or the treatment of any tax item not expressly covered by this Agreement shall be conclusively determined by Parent according to the basic principles of this Agreement.
- 8.2 All parties shall cooperate in the exchange of information needed to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement. Each member agrees to cause its proper officers and employees to execute documents, statements, elections, certificates, schedules, and other similar items deemed necessary by Parent in order to carry out the intent of the provisions of applicable law and regulations.
- 8.3 This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. No assignment, however, shall relieve any party's obligations hereunder without the consent of the other parties.
- 8.4 Each member that acquires after the date of this Agreement an ownership interest in an entity that results in such entity becoming a member of the Allstate Group shall promptly cause such entity to adopt the provisions of this Agreement.
- 8.5 This Agreement may be modified only by written agreement of members affected by the modification. This Agreement shall be terminated with respect to any member as of the end of the day on which such member ceases to be a member of the Allstate Group, provided, however, that such member shall be subject to the obligations, duties and other terms and conditions of this Agreement for any period in which the terminating member's items were included in the consolidated federal income tax return of the Allstate Group. To the extent a company whose items of income and loss were included in the consolidated federal income tax

return of the Allstate Group is determined not to be an includible member of the Allstate Group, this Agreement shall not apply to such company for any period in which it is not an includible member, and any payments, liabilities incurred, benefits received and other similar items under this Agreement shall be redetermined and repaid in a fair and equitable manner.

8.6 This Agreement shall be governed under the laws of the State of Illinois, except as provided otherwise in section 7.8 of this Agreement.

 $8.7\ \mathrm{This}\ \mathrm{Agreement}\ \mathrm{may}\ \mathrm{be}\ \mathrm{executed}\ \mathrm{in}\ \mathrm{counterparts},\ \mathrm{each}\ \mathrm{of}\ \mathrm{which}\ \mathrm{shall}\ \mathrm{be}\ \mathrm{considered}\ \mathrm{an}\ \mathrm{original}.$ 

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date indicated:

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Rescue Express, Inc.		
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Roadway Protection Auto Club, Inc.		
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Direct Marketing Center, Inc.		
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Enterprises Services Corporation

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Lifemark Insurance Services of California, Inc.

Northbrook Life Insurance Company	
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Allstate Life Insurance Company of New York	
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Surety Life Insurance Company	
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Lincoln Benefit Life Company	
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Allstate Floridian Indemnity Company	
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Allstate International Insurance Holdings, 1	Inc.
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Glenbrook Life and Annuity Company	
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Allstate Federal Savings Bank (Name changed	to Allstate Bank)
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Florida Associated Services, Inc.		
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Realty Advisors Corporation		
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American Heritage Service Company		
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Amherst Investment Company		
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Allstate Financial Advisors, LLC		
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Deerbrook General Agency, Inc.		
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Sterling Collision Center, Inc.		
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Bob Thompson Enterprises, Inc.		
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Pacific Painters, Inc.		
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JSI Collision Centers, Inc.		
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Allstate Assignment Company

Westborn Collision, Inc.

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Exhibit 10.5

# ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY Home Office - Northbrook, Illinois

### AGREEMENT OF GENERAL INDEMNITY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that whereas the undersigned, hereinafter called Indemnitors, have requested and do hereby request Allstate Insurance Company hereinafter referred to as the Surety, to execute or procure the execution of such Bonds, undertakings or recognizances (all of which are hereinafter included within the term "Bond or Bonds") as have been and such as may hereafter be applied for directly or through an agent, attorney or other representative or required, solely or as co-adventurer with others, by any of the Indemnitors or by any person, firm, corporation or association whose name shall, for that purpose, have been furnished to the Surety by any of the Indemnitors, or to refrain from canceling any such Bond or Bonds, it being understood and agreed that this instrument shall cover all Bonds so applied for, executed, continued or renewed, whether or not this instrument is referred to or mentioned in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Indemnitors understand that the Surety expressly requires the delivery of this Indemnity Agreement as part of the consideration for the execution by the Surety of such Bonds which may hereafter be furnished, or for the refraining from canceling such Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Indemnitors have a substantial, material and beneficial interest in the obtaining of Bonds or in the Surety's refraining from canceling such Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the execution or continuance of such Bonds, the Indemnitors for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, do hereby jointly and severally, covenant and agree with the Surety, its successors and assigns as follows:

PREMIUMS 1. The Indemnitors will pay, when due, all premiums for each of such Bonds in accordance with the Surety's regular manual rates in effect on the date such Bond becomes effective as long as liability thereunder shall continue, and until the Surety is furnished with evidence satisfactory to the Surety of its discharge or release from the Bonds, or of all liability by reason thereof.

INDEMNITY 2. The Indemnitors will indemnify the Surety against any and all liability, loss, costs, damages, fees of attorneys and other expenses which the Surety may sustain or incur by reason of, or in consequence of the execution of such Bonds and any renewal, continuation or successor thereof, including but not limited to, sums paid or liabilities incurred in settlement of, and expenses paid or incurred in connection with claims, suits, or judgments under such Bonds, expenses paid or incurred in enforcing the terms hereof, in procuring or attempting to procure release from liability, or in recovering or attempting to recover losses or expenses paid or incurred, as aforesaid.

The Indemnitors will furnish to the Surety such information as it may request from time to time concerning the financial condition of the Indemnitors, the status of work under any contract covered by a Bond, the condition of the performance of any such contract and the payment of obligations incurred in connection therewith. The Surety may at reasonable times and places and from time to time, examine and copy the books, records and accounts of the Indemnitors. The Surety may obtain information concerning the affairs and operations of the Indemnitors and any transaction between or among the Indemnitors from any banks, depositories, obliges of the Bonds material men, supply houses, credit reporting agencies or other persons, who are hereby expressly authorized to furnish such information to the Surety.

If the Indemnitors become aware of any demand, notice or proceeding which may result in liability to the Surety under any Bond, the Indemnitors shall notify the Surety immediately thereof in writing. The Indemnitors will, at any time upon the request of the Surety, procure the discharge of the Surety from any Bond and from all liability by reason thereof. The Surety may, at any time, take such action as it deems necessary or proper to obtain its release from any and

all liability under any Bond. Upon such discharge or release, the Surety shall return to the Principal any portion of any premium paid which is unearned as a result of such discharge or release.

RESERVE FOR LOSS 3. If the Surety shall set up a reserve to cover any liability, claim asserted, suit or judgment under any such Bond, the Indemnitors will, immediately upon demand and whether or not the Surety shall have made any payment therefore, deposit with the Surety a sum of money equal to such reserve and any increase thereof as collateral security on such Bond, and such sum and any other money or property which shall have been or shall hereafter be pledged as collateral security on any such Bond shall be available, in the discretion of the Surety, as collateral security on all Bonds coming within the scope of this instrument or for any other indebtedness of the Indemnitors to the Surety; and any such collateral security shall be held subject to the terms of the Surety's regular form of receipt for collateral, which is by reference made a part hereof.

The Surety shall have the right to use the deposit, or any part thereof, in payment or settlement of any liability, loss or expense for which the Indemnitors would be obligated to indemnify the Surety under the terms of this Agreement. Surety shall have no obligation to invest, or to provide a return on, the deposit. The Indemnitors shall be entitled to the return of any unused portion of the deposit upon termination of the liability of the Surety on the Bonds and the performance by the Indemnitors of all obligations to the Surety under the terms of this Agreement. The Surety's demand shall be sufficient if sent by Registered or Certified Mail to the Indemnitors at the addresses stated herein, or at the addresses of the Indemnitors last known to the Surety, whether or not actually received.

CHANGE IN CONTRACT-LOANS-POSSESSION 4. If any such Bond be given in connection with a contract, the Surety in its sole discretion is hereby authorized, but not required, (a) to consent to any change in the contract or in the plans and specifications relating thereto; (b) to make or guarantee advances or loans for the purposes of the contract without any obligation to see to the application thereof, and the Indemnitors shall be obligated to indemnify the Surety in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for the amount of all such advances and loans, notwithstanding that the proceeds or any part thereof have not been so used by the Principal; (c) in the event of any default in the performance of the contract, or the breach of this Agreement or of any Bond connected therewith, or the failure to diligently prosecute the work under any contract or pay for labor and materials used in the prosecution of the contract, or in the event work has ceased or been suspended on any contract or contracts covered by any said Bonds, to take possession of the work under the contract, and, at the expense of the Indemnitors, to complete the contract or cause the same to be completed or to consent to the completion thereof, and to take any other action which the Surety may deem appropriate. In the event that the Surety takes possession of the work as above provided, the Indemnitors hereby release and discharge the Surety, in this connection, from all liability for all its actions and omissions except for deliberate malfeasance.

ASSIGNMENT 5. The Indemnitors hereby assign, transfer, pledge and convey to the Surety (effective as of the date of each such Bond, but only in the event of default, breach or failure as referred to in preceding Section 4), as collateral security, to secure the obligations hereunder and any other indebtedness and liabilities of the Indemnitors to the Surety, all of their rights under the contracts, referred to in such Bonds, including their right, title and interest in and to (1) all subcontracts let in connection therewith and such subcontractors' surety Bonds, (2) all machinery, plant, equipment, tools and materials which shall be upon the site or sites of the work or elsewhere for the purposes of the contracts, including al materials ordered for the contracts, and (3) any and all sums due or which may thereafter become due under such contracts and all sums due or to become due on all other contracts, bonded or unbonded, in which any or all of the Indemnitors have an interest.

FILING OR RECORDING 6. The Surety may at its option, file or record this Agreement or any other document executed by any or all of the Indemnitors, individually or jointly, in connection with application, issuance or execution of any Bond or Bonds, as a security Agreement or as part of a financing statement or as notice of its prior interest and assignment under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code or any other statute or regulation of any jurisdiction or agency, but that the filing or recording of such document shall be solely at the option of the Surety and that the failure to do so shall not release or impair any of the obligations of the Indemnitors under this Agreement.

ASSIGNMENT OF PROCEEDS 7. If any of the Bonds are executed in connection with a contract which by its terms or by law prohibits assignment of contract proceeds, or any part thereof, the Indemnitors covenant and agree to hold all money or other proceeds of the contract, whether received as payment or loan, as a trust for the benefit of the Surety and to use such money or other proceeds for the

purpose of performing the contract and discharging the obligation of the Bond, and for no other purpose, until the Bond is completely exonerated.

CLAIMS-PAYMENTS 8. The Surety shall have the exclusive right to decide and determine whether any claim, liability, suit or judgment made or brought against the Surety or the Indemnitors or any one of them on any such Bond shall or shall not be paid, compromised, resisted, defended, tried or appealed, and the Surety's decision thereon, if made in good faith shall be final and binding upon the Indemnitors, unless the Indemnitors shall request the Surety to litigate such claim or demand, or to defend such suit, or to appeal from such judgment, and shall deposit with the Surety, at the time of such request, cash or collateral satisfactory to the Surety in kind and amount, to be used in paying any judgment or judgments rendered or that may be rendered, with interest, costs, expenses and attorneys fees, including those of the Surety. An itemized statement of payments made by the Surety for any of the purposes specified herein, sworn to by an officer of the Surety, or the voucher or vouchers for such payments, shall be prima facie evidence of the liability of the Indemnitors to reimburse the Surety for such payments, with interest.

CHANGES IN BONDS 9. The Indemnitors hereby authorize the Surety in its sole discretion to do the following: (a) from time to time to make or consent to any change in, or issue any substitute for or renewal of, any such Bond, or in any contract referred to in any such Bond, and this instrument shall apply to such substituted or changed Bond or renewal; (b) if any such Bond be given in an action or proceeding in any court, to recognize any attorney of record in such action or proceeding for any party thereto at the date of the execution of such Bond as the authorized representative of such party until the Surety shall have been fully discharged from liability under such Bond; (c) to take such steps as the Surety may deem necessary or proper to obtain release from liability from any such Bond.

NOTICE TO INDEMNITORS 10. The Indemnitors hereby waive notice of the execution of any such Bonds or of any act, fact or information coming to the notice or knowledge of the Surety concerning or affecting its rights or liabilities under any such Bond or rights or liabilities of the Indemnitors hereunder, notice of all such being hereby expressly waived.

PROTECTION TO REINSURER AND CO-SURETY 11. If the Surety shall procure any other company or companies to execute or join with it in executing, or to reinsure, any such Bonds, this instrument shall inure to the benefit of such other company or companies, its or their successors and assigns, so as to give to it or them a direct right of action against the Indemnitors to enforce this instrument and, in that event, the word "Surety", wherever used herein, shall be deemed to include such company or companies, as their respective interests may appear.

SEVERABILITY OF INDEMNITORS 12. The liability of the Indemnitors hereunder shall not be affected by the failure of any party to sign any such Bond nor by any claim that other indemnity or security was to have been obtained nor by the release of any indemnity, or Indemnitor, nor the return or exchange of any collateral that may have been obtained; and if any party signing this instrument is not bound for any reason this obligation shall still be binding upon each and every other party.

SUITS 13. Separate suits may be brought hereunder as causes of action accrue, and suit may be brought against any or all of the Indemnitors; and suit or suits upon one or more causes of action, or against one or more of the Indemnitors, shall not prejudice or bar subsequent suits against any other or all of the Indemnitors on the same or any other cause or causes of action, whether theretofore or thereafter accruing.

The Surety is hereby expressly authorized to settle any claim based upon this Agreement with any one or more of the Indemnitors individually, and such settlement or compromise shall not affect the liability of any of the rest of the Indemnitors. If any proceeding is brought against the Surety in which the Surety desires to join any one of the Indemnitors by reason of the undertakings in this Agreement, each of the Indemnitors agrees that he will, upon written notice of the Surety to do so voluntarily appear in such proceedings and accept service of process and other papers either personally or by an attorney of the Indemnitors' choice. If any of the Indemnitors fail upon such notice from the Surety so to appear, such Indemnitors hereby designate the Secretary of the State or territory in which such proceedings are pending as his agent for the service of process in any such proceedings.

With respect to any action brought by the Surety on this Agreement in a jurisdiction in which one or more of the Indemnitors reside, are domiciled, are doing business or are found, each of the Indemnitors not in the jurisdiction hereby designates each of the Indemnitors in such jurisdiction as his agent to receive on his behalf service of process in such action.

PRIOR BONDS 14. The Indemnitors waive any defense that this instrument was executed subsequent to the date of any such Bond, admitting and covenanting that such Bond was executed pursuant to the Indemnitors' request and in reliance on the Indemnitors' promise to execute this instrument.

DECLINE EXECUTION 15. The Surety, at its option, may decline to execute or participate in or procure the execution of any such Bonds, without incurring any liability whatever to the Indemnitors. If the Surety shall execute a bid or proposal Bond, or any similar undertaking, it may nevertheless decline to execute any and all Bonds that may be required in connection with any award made on the proposal for which the Bond or undertaking is given, and the Principal shall have the right to procure from another surety any Bonds that may be required in connection with any award under the proposal for which the Bond or undertaking is given.

DEFINITIONS 16. As used in this Agreement, words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular. The masculine pronoun shall be read as feminine or neuter as circumstances require. The word "person" shall mean and include individuals, partnerships, corporations and associations.

The terms "contract" shall include all documents comprising the contract documents including general and special conditions, specifications and drawings.

The word "Bond" shall mean a contract of suretyship, guaranty or indemnity, an agreement or consent to provide such a contract and the continuation, extension, alteration, renewal or substitution of such a contract, agreement or consent.

NOMINEE 17. The Indemnitors hereby irrevocably nominate, constitute, appoint and designate the Surety or its designee as their Attorney in Fact with the right, but not the obligation, to exercise all of the rights of Indemnitors assigned, transferred and set over to the Surety in this Agreement, and in the name of the Indemnitors or any of them to make, execute and deliver any and all additional or other assignments, documents or papers, including but not limited to the execution of instruments referred to in Section 5, and the endorsement of checks or other instruments representing payment of contract monies, deemed necessary and proper by the Surety in order to give full effect not only to the intent and meaning of the within assignments, but also to the full protection intended to be herein given to the Surety under all other provisions of this Agreement. The Indemnitors hereby ratify and affirm all acts and actions taken and done by the Surety or its designee as such Attorney in Fact.

WAIVE EXEMPTIONS 18. The Indemnitors hereby waive and abandon, so far as their respective obligations under this agreement are concerned, all rights to claim any of the property, including the respective homesteads, as exempt from levy, execution, sale or other legal process under the laws of any country, state, province, territory or possession.

TERMINATION 19. The obligation of the Indemnitors hereunder shall be continuous; provided, however, that any of the Indemnitors may give the Surety not less than thirty days written notice by registered mail of his desire to terminate this agreement but any such notice of termination shall not operate to modify, bar, discharge, limit, affect or impair his liability hereunder on or by reason of any such Bond executed prior to the termination of such thirty days, or with respect to Bonds executed after the date of such termination (i) upon the award of a contract to the Principal on a bid or proposal with respect to which the Surety has executed a bid or proposal Bond or similar undertaking prior to such date, or (ii) which the Surety has become obligated, prior to such date, to execute. Further, such notice of termination shall operate only with respect to those of the Indemnitors upon whose behalf such notice of termination shall have been given.

CHANGES 20. This Agreement may not be changed or modified orally. No change or modification shall be effective unless specifically agreed in writing.

SEVERABILITY AND ELECTION OF REMEDY 21. All rights and remedies of the Surety under this Agreement shall be cumulative, and the exercise of or failure to exercise, any right or remedy at any time shall not be an election of remedy or a waiver of any other right or remedy. Failure of the Surety to pursue any remedy against any one or more of the Indemnitors shall not release or waive any right against any other of the Indemnitors.

The Surety is not required to exhaust its remedies or rights against the Principal or to await receipt of any dividends from the legal representatives of the Principal before asserting its rights under this Agreement against the Indemnitors.

The rights, powers and remedies given to the Surety by this Agreement shall be and are an addition to, and not in lieu of, any and all other rights, powers, and remedies which the Surety may have or acquire against the Indemnitors or others whether by the terms of any other agreement, by operation of law or otherwise

In the event any part of this indemnity Agreement shall be void under the law of the place governing the construction hereof, then such part only shall be considered as deleted and the remainder of this Agreement shall endure in full force and effect.

OTHER INDEMNITY 22. The Indemnitors shall continue to remain bound under this Agreement even though the Surety may, from time to time and with or without

notice to or knowledge of the Indemnitors, have heretofore accepted or released, or shall hereafter accept or release, other Agreements of indemnity or collateral in connection with the execution of the Bonds from the Indemnitors or from others.

23. THE INDEMNITORS HAE READ THIS AGREEMENT OF INDEMNITY CAREFULLY. THERE ARE NO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH IN ANY WAY LESSEN THE OBLIGATIONS AS ABOVE SET FORTH. THE INDEMNITORS FURTHER AGREE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER TO THE SURETY SUCH FURTHER INSTRUMENTS AS THE SURETY DEEMS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

24. In compliance with Public Law 91-508 this constitutes notice that an investigation may be made as to the character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living of any non-business applicant or indemnitor. Information as to nature and scope of any investigation requested will be furnished upon written request.

<TABLE> <CAPTION> IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Indemnitors, intending to be legally bound hereby, have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_. <S> \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_ Address \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Address Address \_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL(S) ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATE OF COUNTY OF \_ day of \_ \_ , before me personally came me known and known to me to be the individual(s) who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that  $\_\_$  he  $\_\_$  executed same. (Notary Public) PARTNER(S) ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATE OF COUNTY OF On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, before me personally came me known, and stated that \_\_\_ he \_\_\_ is (are) partner(s) in the firm of \_\_\_\_\_ and acknowledged that  $\_$  he  $\_$  executed the foregoing instrument as the act of the said firm.

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