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In the Matter of the Withdrawal of)	Docket 97A-223-INS
PARTNERS LIFE INSURANCE)	ORDER
COMPANY (NAIC No. 90760),)	
Petitioner.)	
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On December 24, 1997, the Office of Administrative
Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Lewis D. Kowal,
submitted "Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge"
("Recommended Decision"), a copy of which is attached and
incorporated by this reference. The Director of the Arizona
Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Decision and
enters the following order:

- The recommend findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted.
- 2. The Petitioner may file its Articles of Dissolution with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- 3. The Petitioner will file its 1997 Annual Statement with the Department, together with all applicable fees, unless Petitioner files its Articles of Dissolution with the Arizona Corporation Commission on or before December 31, 1997.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The aggrieved party may request a rehearing with respect to this Order by filing a written petition with the Office of Administrative Hearings within 30 days of the date of

this Order, setting forth the basis for such relief pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-114(B).

The final decision of the Director may be appealed to the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. §20-166. A party filing an appeal must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092.10.

DATED this 30 day of December, 1997

John A. Greene Director of Insurance

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 30th day of December, 1997 to:

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IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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PARTNERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC No. 90760),

Petitioner.

No. 97A-223-INS

RECOMMENDED DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

HEARING: December 22, 1997

<u>APPEARANCES</u>: Thomas Wimberley for Petitioner; Kurt Regner for the Arizona Department of Insurance

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lewis D. Kowal

On December 22, 1997, a hearing took place to consider the application of Partners Life Insurance Company (the "Petitioner"), to withdraw from the insurance business and for the release of its statutory deposit pursuant to A.R.S. §20-588 and A.A.C. R20-6-303. During the hearing, Petitioner withdrew its request for the release of its statutory deposit and refund of the \$100.00 deposit to the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund.

Based upon the entire record in this matter, the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Petitioner has surrendered its certificate of authority to the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department").
- 2. The Petitioner has filed with the Department certified copies of Resolutions of the Petitioner's Board of Directors and of the Petitioner's shareholder(s) authorizing Petitioner to withdraw from the insurance business by dissolution.

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- 3. The Petitioner has no insurance obligations owing to it, whether by policies written direct or by reinsurance ceded to it.
- 4. The Petitioner has filed its certified financial statement as of October 31, 1997 with the Department.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

The undersigned Administrative Law Judge recommends that:

- 1. The Petitioner may file its Articles of Dissolution with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- 2. The Petitioner file its 1997 Annual Statement with the Department, together with all applicable fees, unless Petitioner files its Article of Dissolution with the Arizona Corporation Commission on or before December 31, 1997.

Done this day, December 24, 1997.

Lewis D. Kowal

Administrative Law Judge

Original transmitted by mail this <u>A</u> day of <u>Delember</u>, 1997, to:

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