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## **VIA SERFF**

The Honorable Jessica K. Altman Insurance Commissioner Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Insurance Department 1311 Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120

Attention: Mark Lersch, Director, Bureau of Property & Casualty Insurance
Michael McKenney, Actuarial Supervisor, Bureau of Property & Casualty Insurance

RE: PCRB Filing C-377, April 1, 2020 Loss Cost Filing

Dear Commissioner Altman:

On behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau (PCRB), we hereby submit Filing C-377 (the Filing), which contains workers compensation loss costs and rating values proposed to be **effective 12:01 a.m., April 1, 2020** with respect to new and renewal policies having effective dates on or after that date.

This filing proposes an overall average change in collectible loss costs of -10.08% compared to the approved loss costs contained in Filing C-374, the April 1, 2019 Loss Cost Filing, prior to application of the assessment for the Office of the Small Business Advocate and loadings for the Pennsylvania Construction Classification Premium Adjustment Program, Merit Rating Plan off-balance and Certified Safety Committee credits.

In preparing for this submission, the PCRB has carefully considered current Pennsylvania experience and has applied a variety of actuarial analytical techniques. The Filing reflects all initial and continuing effects of Act 44 of 1993, Act 57 of 1996, House Bill 1846 of 2014, the additional costs due to the Protz decision and the anticipated savings of the House Bill 1840 of 2017, the Protz Adjustment legislation. A detailed discussion of the considerations, methods, and exhibits is provided in the accompanying Actuarial Memorandum.

The PCRB respectfully requests a timely review of these filings, allowing implementation on a new and renewal basis **effective April 1, 2020**. A timely review will allow adequate advance notice of final loss costs and related rating values to all participants in the Pennsylvania marketplace. Toward that objective, the PCRB will be pleased to answer any questions or provide any available supplementary information which you or your staff may require.

Please direct all questions to Brent Otto, Vice President of Actuarial Services and Chief Actuary, or to Kenneth Creighton, Director of Actuarial Services.

Sincerely,

William V. Taylor President