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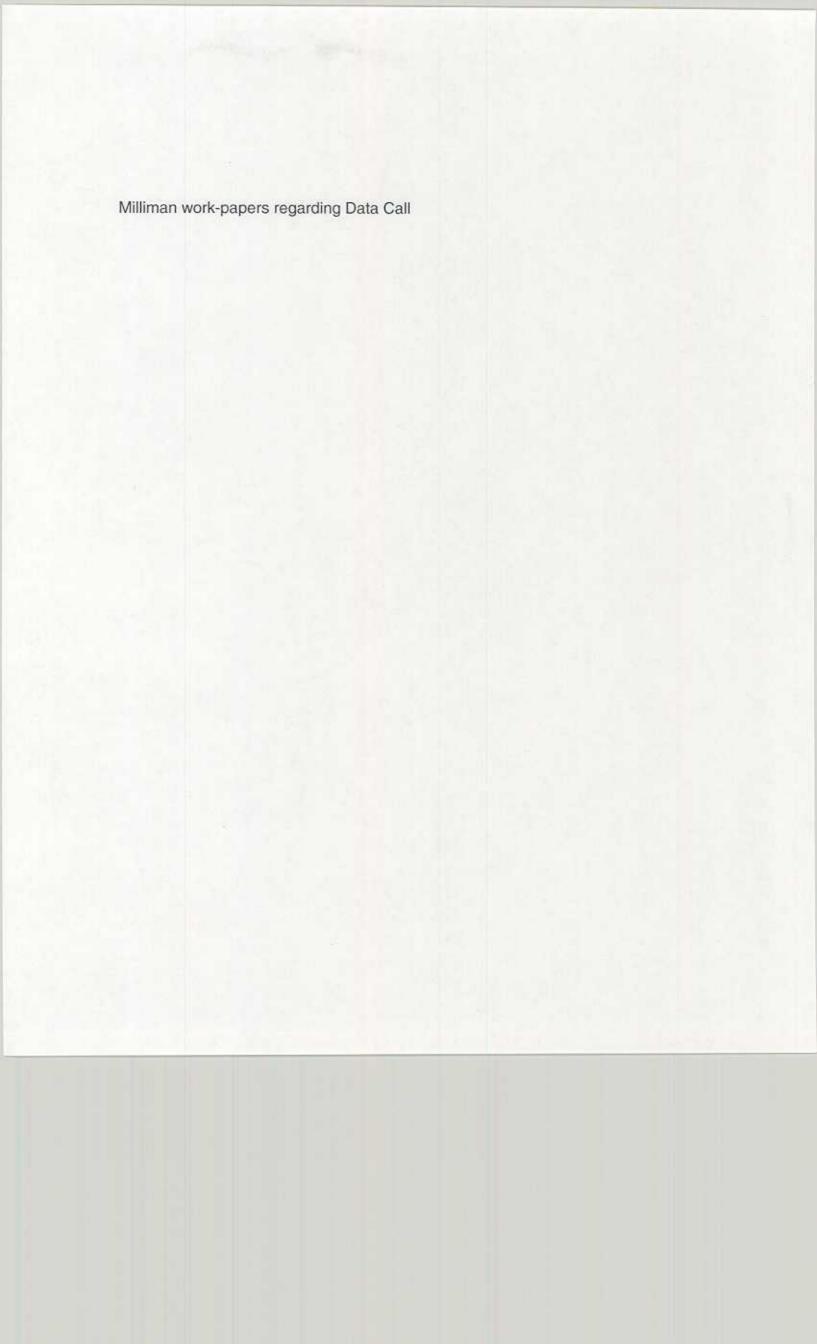
Dear Ms. Smith-Daley:

Enclosed are workpapers corresponding to the eight requests from Birney Birnbaum in his e-mail of 10/22/04.

Sincerely,

Tim D. Lee, F.S.A.

TDL/ma Enclosure



In past Credit Data Calls, carriers were asked to provide statewide experience data on experience forms CI-EX-L (Rev. 1992) and CI-EX-DIS (Rev. 1992). These two forms include a line for Earned Premiums at Presumptive Rate (EPPR). Forms CI-EP-L (Rev. 1992) and CI-EP-DIS (Rev. 1992) are used to convert actual earned premiums to the amount of premiums which would have been earned had all business been written at the presumptive rate in effect at the end of the reporting year. To do this conversion, a conversion ratio is calculated by dividing the presumptive premium rate by the actual premium rate.

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The introduction of the discount factor presents a dilemma of whether to request carriers to report EPPR before application of the discount factor or after application of the discount factor. Either scenario will require carriers to make adjustments to the past method of calculating and reporting EPPR. For example, reporting EPPR after application of the discount factor requires carriers to adjust all policies issued prior to the effective date of the change in presumptive rates, to reflect the appropriate discount factor. Requiring EPPR to be reported before application of the discount factor requires carriers to "back out" the discount factor from policies written after the effective date of the change in presumptive rates. Since it is important for all carriers to report EPPR on a consistent basis, and after obtaining input from several carriers in the credit market, TDI has determined that the best approach is to request carriers to report EPPR before application of the discount factor.

Appendix A contains detailed examples showing how carriers should convert actual earned premiums to earned premium at presumptive rates before application of the discount factor. Examples 1, 2 and 3 of Appendix A demonstrate how carriers can make the conversion using a seriatim valuation approach. If this approach is not possible, carriers may elect to make the conversion using an average term approach. This approach is demonstrated in Examples 4 and 5 of Appendix A. If a carrier utilizes the average term approach, it is preferable that the average term represents a weighted average based on original premium or face amount, as opposed to a straight average based on the number of certificates.

When returning the experience date to TDI, please indicate in your cover letter which approach (seriatim or average term) was utilized.

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Subject: credit call

Attached are drafts of instructions and examples for calculating earned premium at presumptive rate. Please mark up as you see fit. I will have Tammie work on the format of the examples after we have finalized them.

I may need to add some language after example 4 explaining that additional adjustments (similar to example 3) need to be made if a rate deviation was filed.

Let me know what you think. Thank you for your help. Jan

Appendix A

Examples 1, 2 and 3 assume that the carrier is able to use a seriatim approach to convert actual earned premium to earned premium at presumptive rate. If this type of approach is not possible, carriers will need to estimate the average term of the policies within each specific plan of benefits before making the conversion. Example 4 addresses this type of The right advanta character situation.

The following assumptions are applicable to examples 1, 2 and 3

- Type of policy: Single Premium Reducing Term
- Term: PAngapths m= iti_
- Actual Earned Premium: \$100

Example 1

The policy is issued in July 2000. There is no rate deviation. Discount Factor = 1/(1+(.045xn)/24) = 1/(1+(.045x24)/24) = .956942000 Earned Premium at Presumptive Rate before discount = Actual Earned Premium for 2000/Discount Factor = ₹ 100/.95694 = 104.50

Example 2

Policy is issued in 1999. Actual rate charged = .36 Presumptive rate in effect December 31, 2000, before discount = .30 2000 Earned Premium at Presumptive Rate before discount = Actual Earned Premium for 2000 x (Presumptive Rate in effect December 31, 2000, before discount/ Actual Rate Charged) = \$100x.3/.36 = 83.33

Example 3

Policy issued October, 2001, with 30% automatic upward rate deviation (as allowed by HB 2159). Discount Factor = 1/(1+(.045xn)/24) = 1/(1+(.045x24)/24) = .95694

Actual rate charged = 30 x 1.30 = 139 x 35614 = 5.37371 Presumptive rate in effect December 31, 2001, before discount = .30

2001 Earned Premium at Presumptive Rate before discount =

Actual Earned Premium x Presumptive rate in effect December 31, 2001, before discount/(Discount factor x Actual Rate charged) =

100x.3/(.95694x.39) = 80.3837321

Example 45

All Single Premium Reducing Term policies issued after the effective date of the change in presumptive rates. There is no rate deviation.

- Average term - 48 months

Aggregate Actual Earned Premium for all Single Premium Reducing Term 100 100

Discount Factor based on average term of 48 months = 1/(1+(.045xn)/24) = 1/(1+(.045x48)/24) = .91743200♥ Earned Premium at Presumptive Rate before discount = Aggregate Actual Earned Premium / Discount Factor 100/.91743 = 1090 for Angtern The following assumptions are appliedle to example 4 %, when a . Type of policy: Suight French (Reburning Far · Inforce: 10 polices . Average Dom boll police: 48 much: . Actual Erand Premin & 100 per puling Example 4 All phies are issued prior to the April 1 soon effective date of the change in granumative reter.

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DATA CALL EDIT CHECKS

EDIT #20 - For life exhibits, if "Earned Premiums at presumptive rate" is greater than 0 and the "Plan of Benefits" is equal to 01, 02, 03, 04, then "Earned Premiums at presumptive rate" divided by "Mean Insurance in force" should be between 0.0061 and 0.0106.

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EDIT #21 - For life exhibits, if "Earned Premiums at presumptive rate" is greater than 0 and the "Plan of Benefits" is equal to 05, 06, 07, 08, then "Earned Premiums at presumptive rate" divided by "Mean Insurance in force" should be between 0.0094 and 0.0158.

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07 & 08 mod 51	1.200	0.960	0.864	0.720	0.83333	0.0094	0.0158	0.0078	0.013

^{* 4/1/00 -} present Presumptive Rate divided by 7/30/92 - 3/31/00 Presumptive Rate

Data Call Questions

The following questions pertain to the data call instructions and edits:

- 1. Do we need to add any additional edits to incorporate the discount factor? No.
- 2. Do we need to add any additional edits to incorporate the automatic deviations that were used at the end of 2001? For example, the instructions for forms CI-EP-L and CI-EP-DIS describe how to calculate a conversion factor. Do we need an edit that indicates whether an automatic deviation was filed and if so, that the conversion factor is within the 30% range?
- What would prompt arge negative numbers for aggregate Earned Premium and incurred claims? For example, on the summary experience report, the total earned premium and incurred claims for all classes of business were negative for a few plans of benefits.
- 4. Experience Edit number 20. Explain the potential use of this edit. We cannot figure out where the current range of .0061 to .0106 came from. What is the new appropriate range?
- 5. Experience Edit number 21. Explain the potential use of this edit. We cannot figure out where the current range of .0001 to .0106 came from. What is the new appropriate range?
- Experience Edit number 27. Explain the use of this edit. Why is this edit only used for life exhibits?
- 7. Expense Edit number 31. (check reference lines to the annual statement.)
 One company indicated that the numbers on the data call didn't match the corresponding numbers on the annual statement CIEE because the annual statement includes general expenses for ordinary life, credit life and group life insurance. Is this correct? Please explain.

The following questions pertain to responses received from companies regarding the errors generated through the data call process:

1. This question pertains to the following response received by a company regarding differences in amounts reported on the CIEE and the Texas specific data call: "There was a difference of approximately 15% in the incurred compensation entered on the data call and that on the CIEE. The CIEE defines this figure to include experience refunds as well as front-end reimbursement. The CDC form does not include experience refunds in this figure." Is this correct? Please explain.

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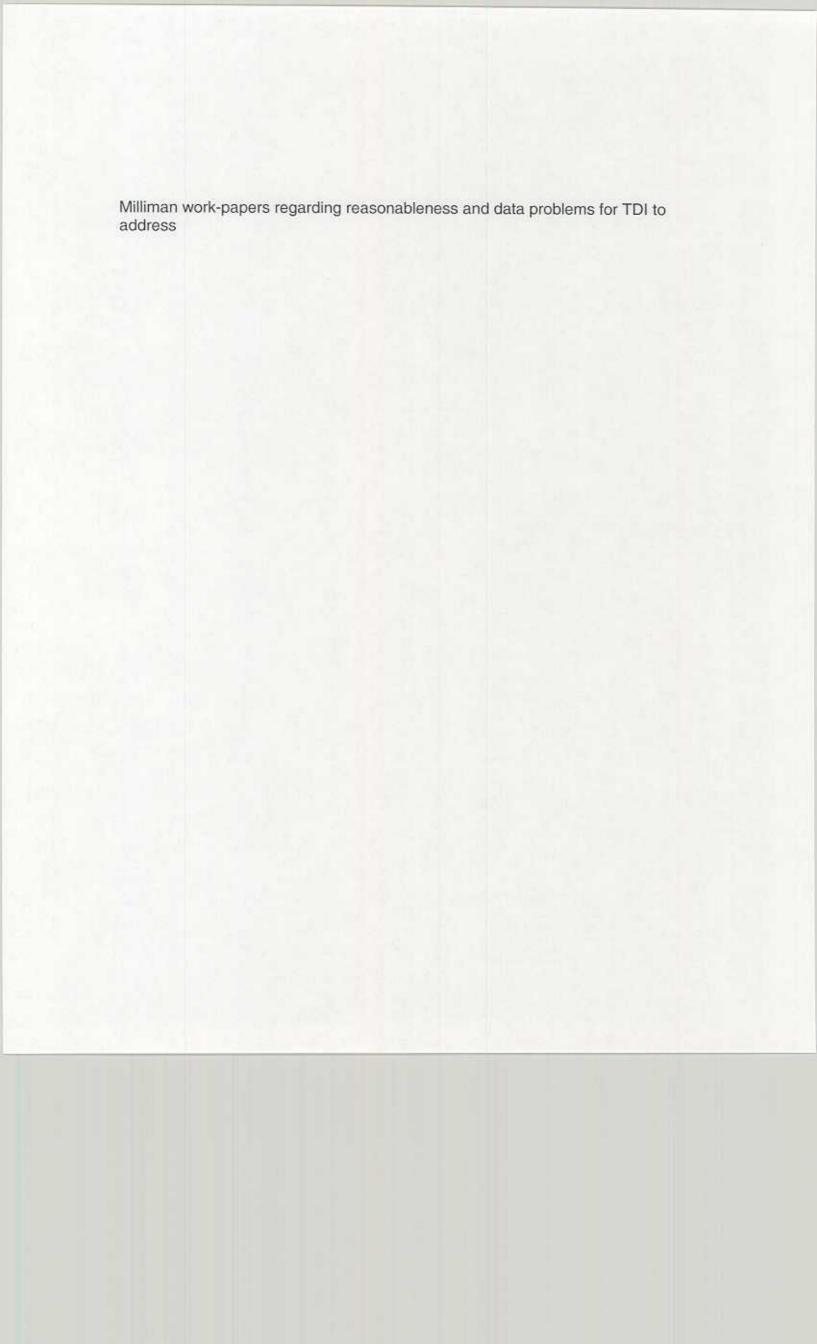
- 2. This question pertains to the credit life mean insurance in force. The CIEE calls for joint coverage to be included at two times the face, or outstanding balance, amount to reflect the joint coverage. The CDC does not call for this view of the coverage. Is this correct? Please explain.
- it don't former have LIEE 3. This question pertains to the credit data call summary error report and the differences between values contained on the CIEE and CDC summary. The response received states that the differences are due to the fact that credit call data includes non-contributory life, which was not included in the NAIC experience exhibit. Is this correct? Please explain.

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- This question pertains to the following response received by a company: "The reason why no commission is shown as earned when there is net written premium is due to the fact that the business is a single premium business as opposed to a monthly premium business. The reason why the beginning premium reserve for 1999 shows \$3,710, while the 1998 ending premium reserve shows \$0 is due to the fact that reserves are reported net of reinsurance." Is this correct? Please explain.
- 5. This question pertains to the following response received by a company: "The CIEE breaks out compensation into two categories: commissions and service fees and other incurred compensation. Part 1B of the CIEE asks for "total incurred compensation" which includes other incurred compensation. The Texas Credit Data Call asks only for commissions and services fees." Is this correct? Please explain. Change CDC Roundude Il wrong two
- 6. What are the implications for using different methodologies for determining reserves? For example, a comment regarding the difference between the two numbers stated that the reason for the difference was that the Earned Premium Reserve on the CIEE form uses the state stat method whereas the Earned Premium on the credit call uses the Rule of 78, Do we need to clarify which methodology should be used? Please explain.

The following questions pertain to the instructions for preparing the data call 17.

- General expenses Are current expense breakouts still valid?
- 2. Are expense examples still valid? Seem bo





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Subject: Credit Call

Tim,

As promised, here is the credit call data. The access file contains the raw data. The excel file contains the summary report - see tabs labeled "SectI - Life Rpt (PLANS 1-8)" and "SectII-Dis Rpt (PLANS 9-26)". I've also included a word document containing an explanation of some of the anomalies I noted from year to year.

Please look over the summary and let me know if something jumps out at you which doesn't seem quite right - hopefully that won't happen!

Thanks for your help. Jan 5/2 205 7317





99-02 Experience Annual Report_jan april 26 (explanation of anomalies.dc 2000 - 2002 raw data tables.m

Plan of Benefits	Class of Business	Experience	Year	Explanation
ν. *	u.	Mean Insurance in Force	2002	Mean Insurance in Force increased from 338K in 2001 to 4.78M in 2002. This Increase is due to Central States entering the market for this COB in 2002 - reported 4M MIF in 2002.
4	⋖	Mean Insurance in Force	2001-	MIF decreased from 50M in 2001 to 1.29M in 2002 - due specifically to Standard Guarantee - confirmed that these numbers are correct.
4+8	В	Mean Insurance in Force	2000-	Changed from 2.3M in 2000 to 81K in 2001 to 21M in 2002 – due to Central National – went from 2.3M to 81K then to ~1M. Sharon Hooey confirmed that these numbers were correct. The remainder of the increase in 2002 is due to 4 new companies entering this COB.
4+3	止	Mean Insurance in Force	2001-	MIF decreased from 49M in 2001 to 3.4M in 2002 due to USAA. Company stated that business was bought by another carrier – they have had no new business since 99. In addition, this was primarily loan coverage with duration of 1 to 1 ½ years. USAA said that the difference was reasonable.
5	L	Mean Insurance In Force	2002	MIF increased from 131K in 2001 to 4.6M in 2002. Due to Central States entering the market - reported 4.5M MIF in 2002.
7	A	Earned Premium at Presumptive	2000-	Decreased from 12.5M in 2000 to 2.3M in 2001 – due to American Bankers – stated that some COB were incorrectly documented in previous years. In addition, they lost a relationship in does significant amount of premium between 2000 and 2002. This same relationship in does not exist in actual earned premium because EPP is calculated heteroclassing.
	ш	Earned Premium at Presumptive	2000-	Decreased from 12.5M in 2000 to 2.3M in 2001 – due to American Bankers – stated that some COB were incorrectly documented in previous years. In addition, they lost a significant amount of premium between 2000 and 2002. This same relationship in does not exist in actual earned premium because EPP is calculated hefore discount.
91	m	Commissions* and Service Fees	2002	Decreased from 347K in 2001 to -7.2M in 2002 – due to Balboa. Balboa stated that these are "contingent commissions" and the decrease is reasonable and due to an increased loss ratio.

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Credit Life Insurance Experience

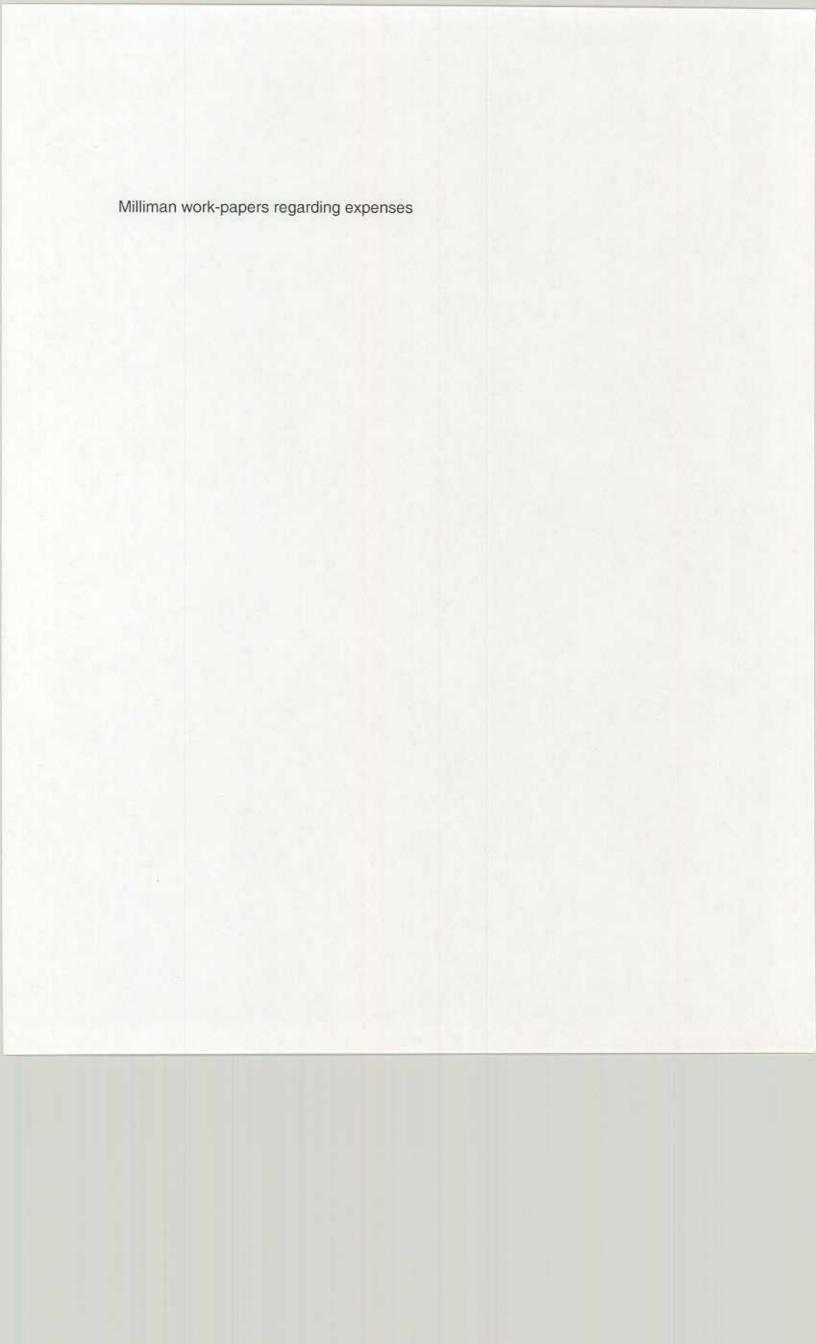
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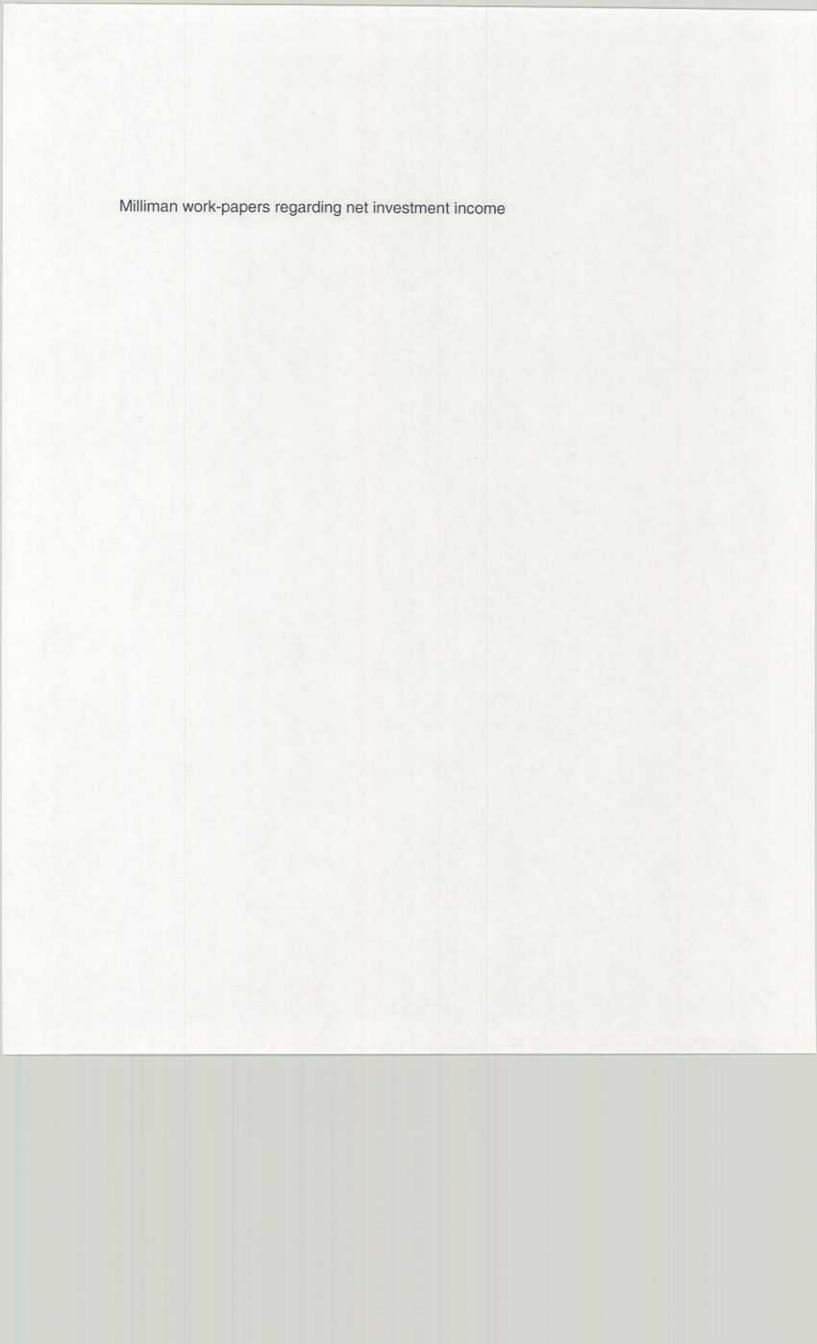
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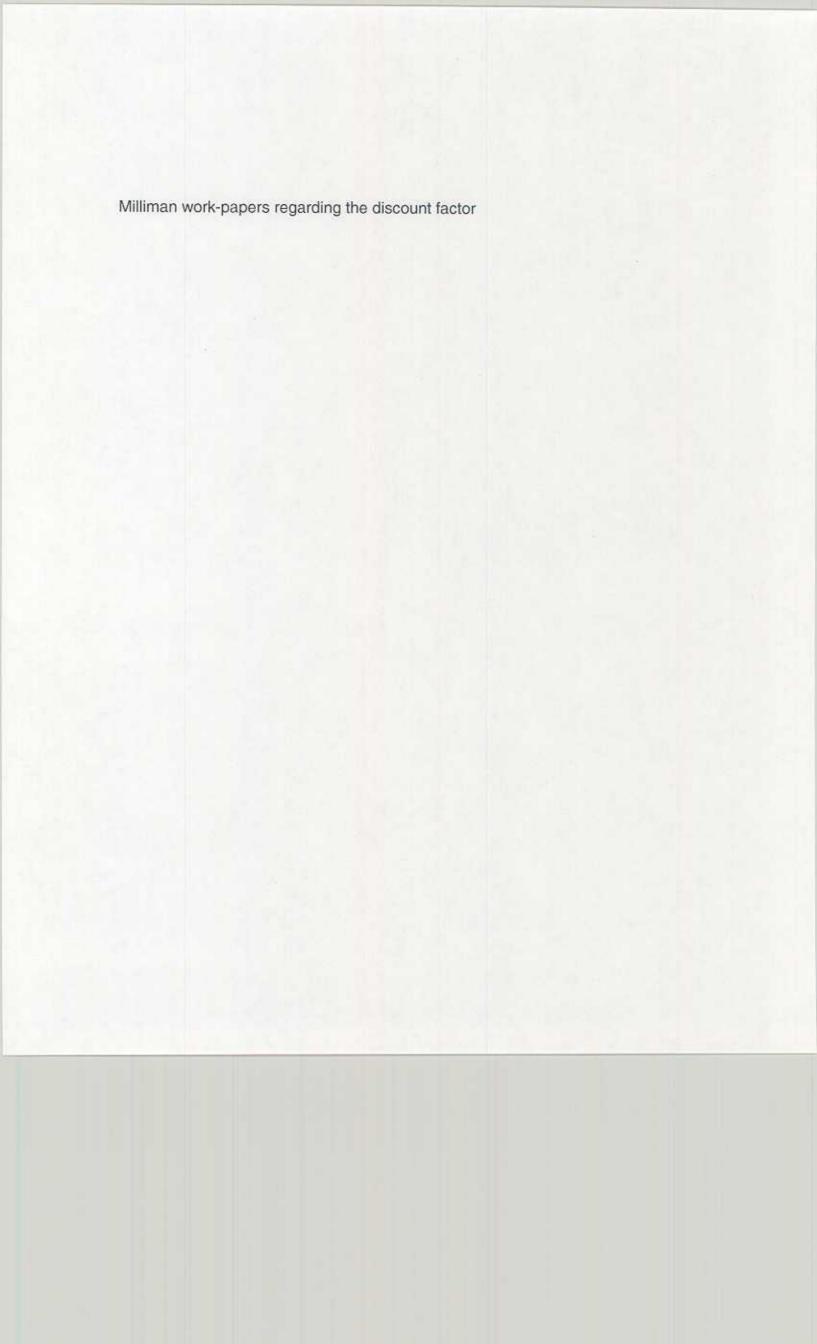
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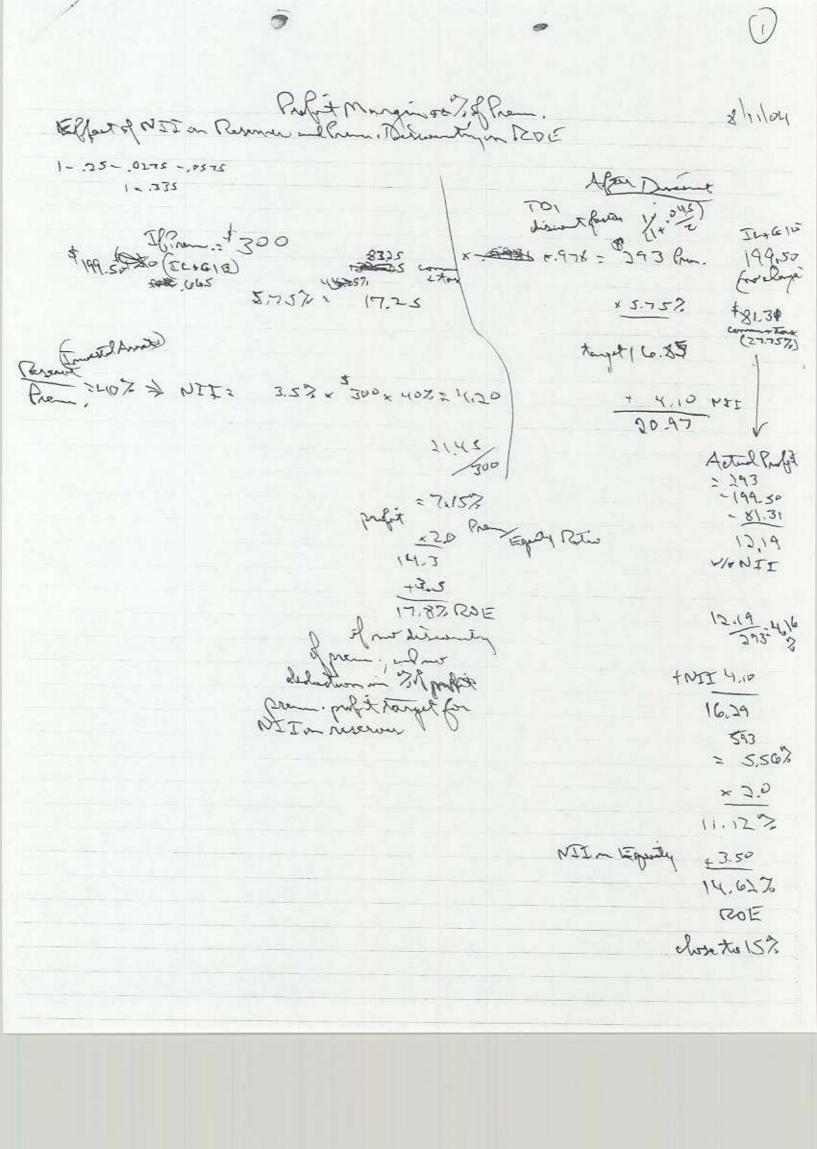
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Profit = 12.19

4.16% < Target 5.75%

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"Larry Baber" <ldb41@earthlink.net>

To "Tim Lee" <tim.lee@milliman.com>

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08/06/2004 08:55 AM

Please respond to ldb41@earthlink.net

Subject Discount factor analysis

Tim, attached is my analysis of the discount factors where I have developed discount factors assuming the annual premium was paid every year of the term and discounted back to time zero. I then divided the discounted premiums by the single premium for the term to arrive at a discount factor. These discount factors were compared to the TDI discount factors where I found them to be approximately the same except off by one year.

This leads me to believe it is correct to omit the investment income component entirely from the formula and use the TDI discount factor for all terms.

Call if you would like to discuss further.

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Discount Factor Analysis xls

DISCOUNT FACTOR ANALYSIS

i =	0.045 Premium <u>Year</u>	Annual remium	Discount Factor to Time 0	1	Discounted Premium	Sum of Discounted Premiums	Resulting Discount Factor*	Term in months
0	1	\$ 0.30	1.000000	\$	0.30000	\$ 0.30000	1.000000	12
1	2	\$ 0.30	0.956938	\$	0.28708	\$ 0.58708	0.978469	. 24
2	3	\$ 0.30	0.917431	\$	0.27523	\$ 0.86231	0.958123	36
3	4	\$ 0.30	0.881057	\$	0.26432	\$ 1.12663	0.938857	48
4	5	\$ 0.30	0.847458	\$	0.25424	\$ 1.38087	0.920577	60

^{*} Resulting Discount Factor is the Sum of the Discounted Premiums divided by n times the Annual Premium

Example: For a three year term

Sum of Discounted Premiums = \$0.86231

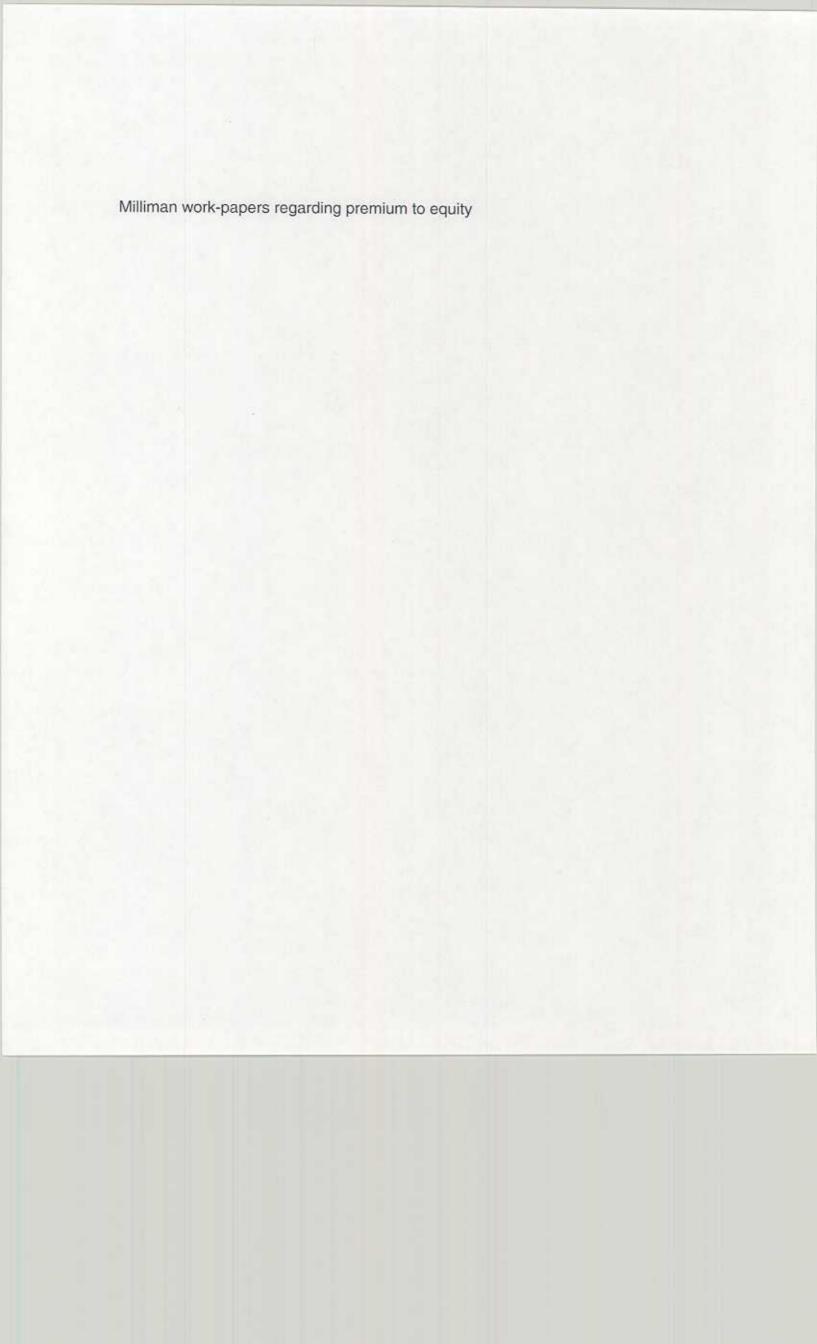
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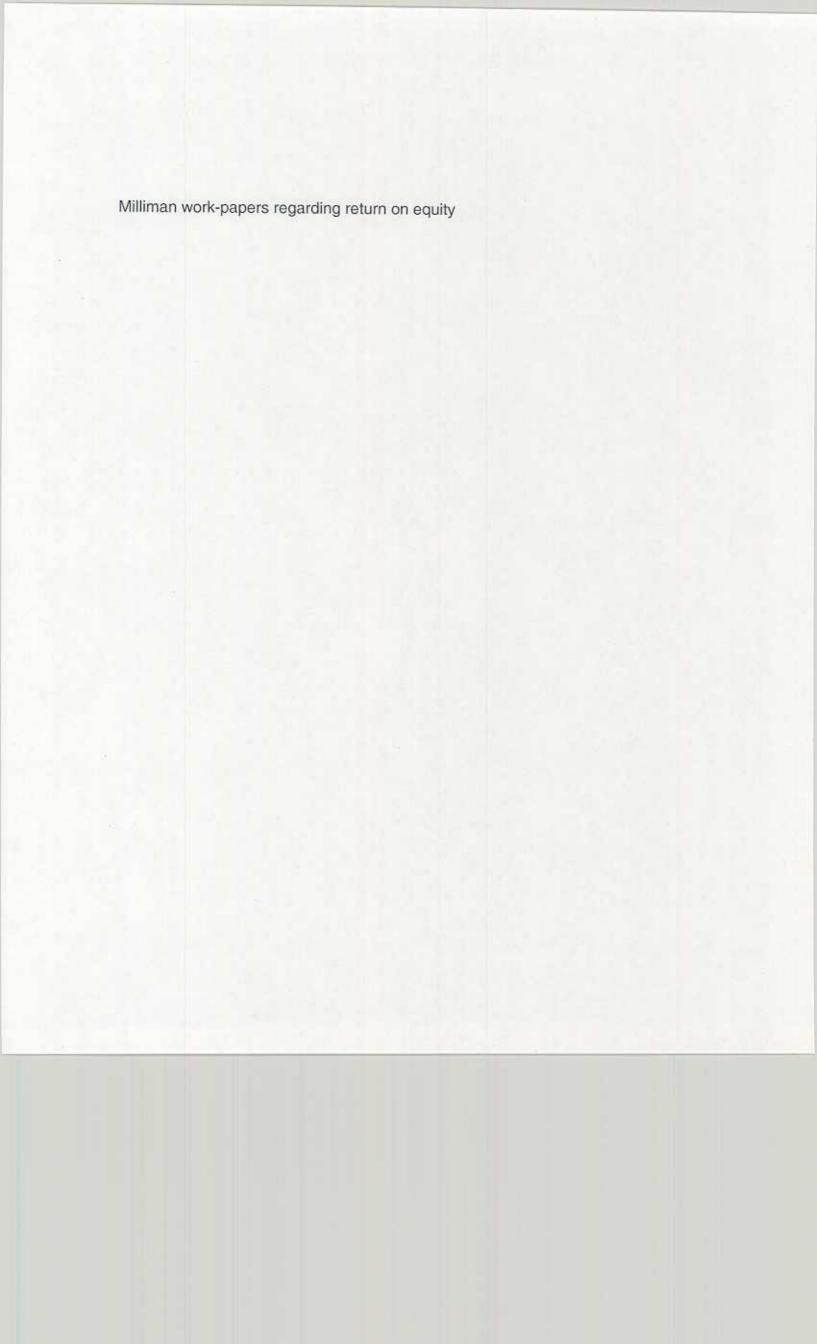
Annual Premium = \$0.30

Resulting Discount Factor = \$0.86231 0.958123 (3)x\$0.30

			(CurrentTDI
		Discounted	Discount	Discount
Pr	emium	Premium	Factor	Factor
\$	0.30	\$ 0.30000	1.000000	0.977995
\$	0.60	\$0.58708	0.978469	0.956938
S	0.90	\$ 0.86231	0.958123	0.936768
S	1.20	\$1.12663	0.938857	0.917431
S	1.50	\$1,38087	0.920577	0.898876

The discount method I used produces factors that are very close to the TDI factors only one year off. In other words, my 2-year factor is approximately the same as the TDI 1-year factor, my 3-year compares to the TDI 2-year,





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Servick + C FIF 1500/3503 = 43%.
Notinghouse 2021/8362 = 24%.
ABLIC-Comban And 1502/5770 = 26%.
Vorumes 532/1682 : 32%. Voyans 532/1682 = 327.

Baharan 2560/8714 = 29%

CUNA -2435/10145 = N/A

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Brad Smith (Dallas)

08/04/2004 08:58 AM

To Tim Lee/HOUS/M&R@MRUS

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Subject Re: Market ROEs

See below. Tim Lee

> Tim Lee (Houston)

08/04/04 08:47 AM

To Brad Smith/DALI/M&R@MRUS

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Subject Re: Market ROEs

Thanks. I assume when you say 12% "unleveraged", you mean without debt (paying cash) or surplus strain? Yes. Is that 12% after tax? Yes.

Tim Lee, FSA Milliman USA Houston, TX (713) 658-8451 fax (713) 658-9656 Brad Smith

Brad Smith (Dallas)

08/03/2004 05:28 PM

To Tim Lee/HOUS/M&R@MRUS

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Subject Re: Market ROEs

I think many companies target a 15 % (leveraged) ROE and typically accept a 12% unleveraged ROE in pricing and acquisition of blocks of business. Call if you would like to discuss further.

Tim Lee

Tim Lee (Houston)

To Brad Smith/DALI/M&R@MRUS

08/03/2004 09:24 AM

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Subject Market ROEs

Brad, we are working on a presumptive rate project for Credit insurance for the Texas Dept. of Ins. In developing an assumption for a reasonable percentage of premium profit margin, the industry has used an approach in the past that builds off of an assumed after-tax ROE for the insurance industry. Do you have a sense for what current target after-tax (or pre-tax) ROEs are in the insurance industry? I don't know that Credit would be any different from Ordinary Life, Health, or P&C.