STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Proposed Amendments to CAARP Simplified Rules and Rates Manual

PURPOSE OF THE REGULATION

Pursuant to California Insurance Code Section 11620 California Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner will hold a public hearing regarding the recommendation of the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan ("CAARP" or "Plan") to amend the Simplified Rules and Rates Manual.

NECESSITY OF REGULATION

The Plan currently does not include increased limit factors for \$25,000 property damage liability coverage if required by law. The Plan received a request from Plan participants to add this factor to the rating manual allow them to easily rate the risk when necessary. The proposed regulation will add this factor to Rule 53.

IDENTIFICATION OF STUDIES

The proposed amendments rely upon the expertise and experience of CAARP's Advisory Committee. No data, studies, information or reports were submitted for this proceeding.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS, PROCEDURES, TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

Adoption of the proposed changes would not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

The Commissioner invites public comments on the proposed changes and reasonable alternatives which would be as effective to carry out the proposed changes.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS

The Commissioner has initially determined that the proposed changes will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. The Commissioner invites interested parties to comment on whether the proposed changes will have a significant adverse economic impact on business.

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