

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

DATE/TIME:	9:30 a.m. June 7, 2013	DEPT. NO.:	14
JUDGE:	HON. EUGENE L. BALONON	CLERK:	P. MERCADO
MERCURY CASUALTY COMPANY, Petitioner and Plaintiff, vs. DAVE JONES, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Respondent and Defendant. CONSUMER WATCHDOG, Intervenor.		Case No.: 34-2013-80001426	
Nature of Proceedings:		MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE	

TENTATIVE RULING

The following shall constitute the Court's tentative ruling on the above matter, set for hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2013 in Department 14. The tentative ruling shall become the final ruling of the Court unless a party wishing to be heard so advises the clerk of this Department no later than 4:00 p.m. on the court day preceding the hearing, and further advises the clerk that such party has notified the other side of its intention to appear.

If a hearing is requested, oral argument shall not exceed 20 minutes per side.

Personal Insurance Federation of California, American Insurance Association, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, doing business as Association of California Insurance Companies, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, and Pacific Association of Domestic Insurance Companies (collectively, the Trades) have filed an application for leave to intervene in the above entitled matter.

The Trades represent numerous insurers in California that must obtain insurance rate approvals from Respondent. The Trades served counsel for all parties with the motion and proposed complaint in intervention on April 26, 2013. None of the parties opposes the Trades' motion to intervene: Respondent has filed a Statement of Non-Opposition; Intervenor Consumer Watchdog has filed a response, stating that it does not oppose the motion; and Petitioner Mercury Casualty Company has filed no opposition or other responsive pleadings.

The Court **GRANTS** the Trades' unopposed motion for leave to intervene pursuant to Insurance Code section 1861.10(a) and Code of Civil Procedure section 387(b).

The complaint in intervention shall be filed forthwith.

If this tentative ruling becomes the final ruling of the Court, counsel for the Trades shall prepare a formal order and judgment; submit it to counsel for all parties for approval as to form; and thereafter submit it to the Court for signature and entry of judgment in accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 3.1312.