EXHIBITS:

In the matter of application of APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, LEON BLACK, JOSHUA HARRIS, and MARC ROWAN for approval of a plan to acquire control of AVIVA LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY, AVIVA RE IOWA, INC., AVIVA RE IOWA II, INC., and AVIVA RE IOWA III, INC.

Iowa Insurance Division Conference Rooms 3 and 4 330 Maple Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
Wednesday, July 17, 2013
10:08 a.m.

NICK GERHART, Commissioner, Presiding JAMES ARMSTRONG, Deputy Insurance Commissioner JEANIE KUNKLE VAUDT, ESQ., Assistant Attorney General KIMBERLEE L. CROSS, Assistant Chief Examiner BEFORE:

Examiner
HAROLD N. SCHNEEBECK, ESQ.

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Also Present:

MATT HARGRAFEN, Company Regulation Counsel, Insurance Division

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COMMENTS BY: JIM BAKER, UNITE HERE 40

1. Affidavit of Richard C. Cohan, Jr. 4

5 Assistant Attorney General Jeanie Vaudt, and I

6 represent the Iowa Insurance Division.

7 My role in this proceeding under Iowa

8 Code Chapter 521A is assisting the presiding

9 officer and Iowa Insurance Commissioner Nick

10 Gerhart and to briefly explain the administrative

11 hearing process under Iowa law to those attending

12 who may be unfamiliar with it.

13 Today's proceeding is an administrative

contested case proceeding which will be conducted

15 under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act, Iowa

Code Chapter 17A, and the Iowa Insurance Division's 16

17 implementing rules which are found in Iowa

18 Administrative Code Volume 191, Chapter 3.

19 Notice of hearing in the matter of the

20 application of Apollo Global Management, LLC, Leon

21 Black, Joshua Harris, and Marc Rowan for approval

of a plan to acquire control of Aviva Life and

23 Annuity Company, Aviva Re Iowa, Inc., Aviva Re Iowa

24 II, Inc., and Aviva Re Iowa III, Inc., was issued

25 previously in conformance with Iowa Code APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT 5 Insurance Division. 1 Chapter 17A requirements. 1 2 This Notice included the following: 2 The Division's experience, technical Date, time, and location of the hearing, nature of 3 competence, and specialized knowledge may be used 3 4 the hearing, legal authority, issues presented, and 4 in evaluating the evidence presented. 5 5 statutes and rules involved. The decision in this matter when issued 6 6 will be final agency action for the purposes of Iowa administrative hearings are 7 generally less formal than Iowa District Court 7 Iowa Code Chapter 17A. 8 hearings. Commissioner Gerhart, as the presiding 8 And now I'm going to briefly address some 9 9 officer, will conduct the hearing. He will rule on housekeeping matters: All electronic devices 10 evidentiary issues and any motions submitted. He 10 should be turned off or muted during the hearing. 11 will issue any orders and rulings necessary to 11 If you must take or make a call during the hearing, 12 ensure the orderly conduct of the hearing. 12 please go out in the hall. 13 Commissioner Gerhart will generally 13 If anyone has a question as the hearing 14 conduct the hearing along the following lines: He 14 progresses, please raise your hand. We will then 15 may give an opening statement briefly describing

17 minutes to make opening statements, which they may use or decline to use. The parties will then 18 19 present their cases with the applicant's presenting 20 21 Witnesses will be sworn or affirmed by 22 the court reporter and will be subject to 23 examination and cross-examination. Witnesses may 24

the proceeding. He will give the parties a few

15 go off the record briefly and discuss it. Also, if 16 the hearing runs more than an hour, we will likely 17 take a short break approximately every 30 to 45 18 minutes so the court reporter and the parties can 19 have a chance to review their notes and collect 20 their thoughts. 21 I have several reminders also for 22 witnesses: Please remember to speak slowly and 23 clearly so that the court reporter can accurately

testify in person or telephonically, and members of 25 the public who are present are entitled to

24 pick up your testimony. Nodding or shaking your 25 head or answering with something unintelligible

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participate in this process.

A sign-in sheet has been distributed, and we ask that people who merely are here and wish to make public comment put their name on the sign-up sheet, and we will have public comment at the end of the presentation of all of the evidence.

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Please keep in mind that irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence will be excluded. Because the rules of evidence are more relaxed in administrative cases, relevant evidence will generally be admitted subject to objection. All objections must be timely made and stated on the record.

20 Documentary evidence may be received 21 through copies or excerpts if originals are not 22

23 Official notice may be taken of all facts 24 of which judicial notice may be taken and of other facts within the specialized knowledge of the Iowa

1 won't work. Should this occur either Commissioner 2 Gerhart or I will remind you and ask you to restate

3 your answer.

4 Also, please wait to answer a question

5 until the full question has been presented to you. 6 It is extremely difficult for the court reporter to 7 capture your testimony when the person asking the 8 question and the person answering the question are

9 speaking simultaneously.

10 If the court reporter can't hear you or otherwise is unable to capture your testimony, she 11 12 will ask you to repeat your answer.

13 Counsel for the parties are reminded that 14 if they wish to testify as fact witnesses, they 15 will be sworn and then they can do so. The court reporter and Commissioner Gerhart would also 16 17 greatly appreciate submission of premarked 18 exhibits.

19 Finally, the subject matter of this 20 hearing is important to the parties, and it's 21 important to the Division. We expect you to

22 conduct yourselves with the same decorum required

23 in district court proceedings. Should this become 24 a problem, and we don't expect that it will be, you

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will be asked to leave the hearing.

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call Mr. Kvalheim to testify.

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financial stability of the insurer or prejudice the

acquiring party has for the company are not unfair

Fourth, the plans or proposals which the

interests of its policyholders.

APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT 13 15 COMMISSIONER GERHART: Okay. 2013. The Form A was subsequently amended on 1 1 2 EXAMINATION 2 April 30th, 2013. Supplemental materials have also BY MR. THRALL: 3 3 been provided to the Iowa Insurance Division. On 4 Please state your full name and business 4 June 25th, 2013, the applicants provided a Q. 5 5 conformed Form A incorporating all amendments and address. 6 Grant Kvalheim, Athene Holding Ltd., 6 supplements as of that date to the Iowa Insurance Α. 7 Chesney House, First Floor, 96 Pitts Bay Road, 7 Division. 8 Pembroke HM08, Bermuda. 8 Q. Did the applicants provide a copy of the 9 9 Q. Form A Statement to the Iowa Domestic Insurers? Would you please state your title. 10 10 A. I have been President of Athene Holding Yes; by letter dated June 27th, 2013. Ltd., which I generally refer to after this as 11 Q. Did the applicants inform the Iowa 11 Athene, since 2011. 12 Domestic Insurers of their statutory responsibility 12 13 Q. And can you tell us your purpose for 13 to forward the Form A Statement to their respective 14 shareholders? 14 being here today? 15 Yes. Apollo Global Management, LLC, and 15 A. 16 its managing partners, Leon Black, Joshua Harris, 16 Q. After the applicants filed the Form A 17 and Marc Rowan, have applied for approval to 17 Statement with the Iowa Insurance Division, did the acquire Aviva Life and Annuity Company from Aviva 18 applicants receive notice of this public hearing? 18 19 plc. 19 Yes. We received a notice of the public 20 The application also covers three Iowa 20 hearing on June 25th, 2013. limited purpose subsidiary life insurance 21 Q. 21 And did the Iowa Domestic Insurers 22 companies, Aviva Re Iowa, Inc., Aviva Re Iowa II, 22 receive notice of this public hearing? 23 Inc., and Aviva Re Iowa III, Inc., and also one to-23 Yes. Notice was provided through counsel be-formed domestic life insurance company, 24 for the Iowa Domestic Insurers on June 25th, 2013. 24 25 Structured Annuity Reinsurance Company. I will 25 The Form A and the notice of the hearing were also 14 16 generally refer to the five Aviva companies 1 posted on the Iowa Insurance Division's website on 2 collectively as the Iowa Domestic Insurers. 2 June 25th, 2013. 3 3 Please describe for us your educational As of this date, is the information Q. Q. 4 4 contained in the Form A Statement complete, background. 5 5 A. I have an undergraduate degree in accurate, and up to date? economics from Claremont McKenna College and an MBA 6 To the best of my knowledge, yes, all of 6

graduate degree in finance from the University of Chicago. Q. Have the applicants authorized you to speak on their behalf? A. Yes, I am authorized to speak on their

Are you familiar with the proposed

transaction by which the applicants will acquire 14 15 control of the Iowa Domestic Insurers? Yes, I am personally familiar with the A.

16 17 proposed transaction.

18 Did you assist in preparing the applicants' Form A Statement provided by the 19 applicants to the Iowa Insurance Division? 20

A. Yes, I did.

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22 When was the Form A Statement filed by 23 the applicants with the Iowa Insurance Division?

24 The applicants filed the Form A Statement 25 with the Iowa Insurance Division on April 8th,

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7 the information contained within the Form A as 8 supplemented by subsequent correspondence, 9 communications, and related filings, is up to date 10 and accurate.

11 Q. Please describe the proposed transaction. 12 A. As a general matter, the applicants will

13 acquire control of the Iowa Domestic Insurers upon 14 Athene's acquisition of all of the issued and 15 outstanding capital stock of Aviva USA Corporation, the Iowa Domestic Insurers' parent company, from 16 17 Aviva plc. That acquisition will occur pursuant to 18 a stock purchase agreement dated as of 19 December 21st, 2012, between Athene and Aviva plc, 20 as amended.

21 Q. Who will be the ultimate controlling

22 person of the Iowa Domestic Insurers? 23 The applicants will be ultimate

24 controlling persons of the Iowa Domestic Insurers.

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Does the proposed transaction have to be

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Q. Does the proposed transaction have to be approved by the shareholders of Aviva plc?

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Q. Please provide us with some general 10 information about the history and business of the 11 applicants starting with Apollo Global Management, 12

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Apollo Global Management is a publicly A. traded company. It was founded in 1990. Apollo and its subsidiaries operate as a global investment manager raising, investigating, and managing private equity, credit, and real estate funds and have significant distressed investment experience.

19 20 As of December 31st, 2012, Apollo Global 21 Management and its subsidiaries had total assets

22 under management of approximately \$114 billion.

23 Please tell us about the other 24 applicants, Messrs. Black, Harris, and Rowan.

Leon Black, Joshua Harris, and Marc Rowan

the proposed transaction? 1

2 The applicants' primary purpose in 3 entering into the proposed transaction is to 4 acquire Aviva Life and Annuity Company, a leading 5 platform for issuing fixed and fixed indexed

6 annuities in the United States. 7 In connection with the acquisition,

8 Athene plans to transfer its U.S. headquarters from

9 South Carolina to Des Moines and to consolidate

10 annuity operations at Aviva Life and Annuity

11 Company's building in West Des Moines, and will

12 maintain a substantial presence in Iowa.

13 How were the nature, source, and amount 14 of consideration for the proposed transaction 15 determined?

16 Initially, pursuant to an auction 17 process, and subsequently through arm's-length 18 negotiations between the parties to the Stock 19 Purchase Agreement.

20 What is the amount of aggregate 21 consideration that Aviva plc will receive in 22 connection with the proposed transaction?

23 A. Approximately 1.55 billion, subject to 24 certain adjustments.

And how will the consideration be paid?

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are each managing partners of Apollo Global

2 Management and lead a team of over 600 employees.

Please provide us with some general information about the history and business of Athene.

Athene is a Bermuda company that was 6 7 formed in 2008 by James R. Belardi, former

8 President of SunAmerica Life Insurance Company and

Executive Vice President and Chief Investment

10 Officer of AIG Retirement Services, Inc., and Chip

11 Gillis, former head of Bear Stearns' Insurance

12 **Solutions Group.**

> Apollo Global Management, through its affiliates, indirectly controls a controlling block of Athene's voting equity. Athene's business, through its principal insurance company subsidiaries, is focused primarily on issuing or reinsuring fixed and equity indexed annuities.

19 Please provide us with some general information about Aviva USA Corporation. 20

21 Aviva USA Corporation is the holding company for Aviva plc's U.S. insurance operations 22 23 and owns or will own all of the Iowa Domestic 24 Insurers.

> Q. Why did the applicants want to enter into

1 Through a series of transactions that 2

will occur at approximately the same time on the

3 closing date. The specific transactions are set

4 forth in detail in my affidavit dated July 12,

5 2013, which is on file with the Iowa Insurance

6 Division and is part of the record in connection

7 with this hearing.

8 Will there be any specific acquisition

9 financing in connection with the purchase price?

10 Athene does not currently expect that any specific acquisition financing will be required in 11 12 connection with the proposed transaction.

13 Please tell us about the applicants' 14 plans for the Iowa Domestic Insurers following the 15 proposed transaction starting with Aviva Life and

16 Annuity Company.

17 Aviva Life and Annuity Company has two main lines of business, fixed indexed annuity and

19 index universal life insurance. Under the

20 applicants' ownership, Aviva Life and Annuity

21 Company will continue to operate its annuity

22 business substantially as it has in the past, and

23 there are no present plans or proposals to change

24 the annuity business and operations in any

25 significant way other than to update its product 20

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As further described in the Form A Statement, immediately prior to the closing of the proposed transaction, Aviva Life and Annuity Company will cede a portion of certain in force and future annuities and funding agreements to an affiliated reinsurer.

Do the applicants have any plans or 10 proposals to change the life insurance business and operations of Aviva Life and Annuity Company in any 11 12

significant way? Yes, we do. Immediately prior to the

closing of the proposed transaction, Aviva Life and Annuity Company will sell, through a reinsurance transaction, its life insurance business. Thereafter, other than on a transition business,

Aviva Life and Annuity will cease writing life 18

19 insurance business. The completion of the sale of

Aviva Life and Annuity Company's life insurance 20

business is not a condition to the closing of 21

22 Athene's purchase of Aviva USA Corporation. Again,

23 my affidavit contains the specific details.

24 Please tell us about the applicants' 25 future plans for the three Iowa Domestic Insurers

Insurance Company) to Aviva London Assignment Corp. 1

2 The applicants anticipate following the closing of

3 the proposed transaction that Structured Annuity

4 Reinsurance Company will operate substantially as

5 described in the application for the company's

6 certificate of authority which Aviva Life and

7 **Annuity Company filed with the Iowa Insurance**

8 Division on July 2nd, 2013.

Do the applicants have any plans to have the Iowa Domestic Insurers declare any dividends or

distributions? The applicants have no current plans to

13 have the Iowa Domestic Insurers declare any 14 dividends or distributions following the closing of 15 the proposed transaction, except that there will be 16 a distribution of capital to Aviva Life and Annuity 17 Company upon dissolution of each Iowa limited

18 purpose subsidiary life insurance company. Under

19 Aviva plc's ownership, however, Aviva Life and Annuity Company is seeking the Iowa Insurance 20

21 Division's approval to pay a dividend and to make a

22 distribution of excess capital to Aviva USA

23 Corporation, in each case, immediately prior to the

24 closing of Athene's acquisition of Aviva USA

25 Corporation.

that are Iowa-domiciled limited purpose subsidiary

2 life insurance companies.

Prior to the proposed reinsurance transaction to effect the sale of Aviva Life and Annuity Company's life insurance business, Aviva Life and Annuity Company will recapture the business currently ceded to the three Iowadomiciled limited purpose subsidiary life insurance companies.

Following the closing of the proposed transaction and the settlement of the recapture transactions, the applicants' plan to dissolve Aviva Re Iowa, Inc., Aviva Re Iowa II, Inc., and Aviva Re Iowa III, Inc.

Please tell us about the applicants' future plans for Structured Annuity Reinsurance Company, the to-be formed Iowa Domestic Insurer.

17 18 Under Aviva USA Corporation's ownership, 19 Aviva Life and Annuity Company is seeking the Iowa Insurance Division's approval to form a new Iowa 20

21 domestic insurance company, Structured Annuity

22 Reinsurance Company, which will coinsure

23 100 percent of all structured settlement annuities

24 previously issued by Aviva Life and Annuity Company

(and its predecessor by merger, Aviva Life

1 Are there any plans to divest any portion 2 of the business of the Iowa Domestic Insurers?

3 Other than the transactions I have 4 previously discussed or as otherwise described in 5 my affidavit, no.

6 Are there any plans to merge the Iowa 7 Domestic Insurers with any other person or persons?

> A. No.

9 Q. Are there any plans to make any other 10 material change in the business operations,

11 corporate structure, or management of the Iowa

12 Domestic Insurers?

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13 Immediately following the closing of the 14 proposed transaction, the applicants intend to make 15 certain changes to the corporate ownership

structure of the Iowa Domestic Insurers. 16

17 Specifically, Athene intends to make Aviva USA

18 Corporation the onshore holding company of all

19 Athene's U.S.-domiciled subsidiaries.

20 Additionally, Aviva Life and Annuity Company's

21 direct parent will be Athene Annuity and Life

22 Assurance Company, a Delaware-domiciled life

insurance company and an existing subsidiary of 23

24 Athene.

> Q. Please discuss the competence,

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1 experience, and integrity of the individuals who 2 serve as directors and executive officers of Apollo

Global Management, LLC.

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The directors and executive officers of A. Apollo Global Management are individuals who have served insurance companies and/or financial service companies for years. Their competence, experience, and integrity have been proven by their service over time. Biographical information for these individuals has been provided to the Iowa Insurance Division for its review.

Who will serve as directors and executive officers of the Iowa Domestic Insurers following the proposed transaction?

The Iowa Domestic Insurers' Board of A. Directors and certain executive officers of the Iowa Domestic Insurers will be replaced with individuals currently serving as executive officers and/or directors of the applicants or Athene's U.S. subsidiaries. All newly appointed executive officers and directors have filed biographical affidavits with the Iowa Insurance Division.

Will the proposed transaction substantially lessen competition in insurance in the state of Iowa?

Annuity Reinsurance Company is in the process of 1

2 being formed and licensed in Iowa and is expected

3 to be formed and licensed prior to the closing of 4 the proposed transaction.

5 Other than Structured Annuity Reinsurance Company, are the Iowa Domestic Insurers' licenses 6 7 currently in good standing?

I have been informed that they are.

9 Are you generally familiar with the Q. 10 provisions with which the Iowa Domestic Insurers 11 must comply in order to qualify for their licenses?

Yes, I am.

13 Q. Do you believe that the Iowa Domestic 14 Insurers, other than Structured Annuity Reinsurance 15 Company, will be able to continue to satisfy those 16 requirements after closing?

A. Yes, I do.

17 Q. 18 To the extent that Structured Annuity 19 Reinsurance Company is licensed prior to closing, do you believe that the company will be able to 20 21 continue to satisfy the requirements to qualify for

23 A. Yes, I do.

its license after closing?

24 And what is the basis for your views?

25 In my view, the acquisition will not

No, the acquisition will not substantially lessen competition in the state of

Iowa. According to A.M. Best 2011 year-end data,

4 the combined market share in Iowa of Athene and

5 Aviva USA Corporation for all statutory lines of

business would be exempt from the obligation to 6

7 make an anti-competition filing under the NAIC

Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Model 8

9 Act, indicating no substantial lessening of

10 competition in Iowa.

11 Are you familiar with the fact that Iowa 12 insurance law sets forth certain criteria for the 13 Insurance Commissioner to consider in reviewing a 14 proposed acquisition of this type?

> A. Yes, I am.

The first criterion the Commissioner considers in reviewing a proposed acquisition is whether, after the change of control, the domestic insurer will be able to satisfy the requirements for the issuance of a license to write the line or lines of insurance for which it is presently licensed. As far as you know, the Iowa Domestic

23 Insurers are currently licensed in the state of

24 Iowa; correct?

> A. That's correct, except that Structured

1 affect the Iowa Domestic Insurers' licenses in Iowa

2 because the insurers will continue to satisfy all

3 capital and surplus requirements after the closing,

4 will operate with a sound plan of operation, and

5 will continue to be managed by individuals with

6 relevant insurance industry experience.

7 The second criterion the Commissioner 8 considers in reviewing a proposed acquisition is

9 whether the effect of the merger or other 10 acquisition of control will not substantially

11 lessen competition in insurance in this state. Do

12 the applicants believe that the effect of the

13 proposed transaction would be to substantially

14 lessen competition in insurance in the state?

15 No, we do not. For the reasons I have already stated, the applicants do not believe that 16 17 the acquisition will substantially lessen

18 competition in the state of Iowa.

19 The third criterion the Commissioner 20 considers in reviewing a proposed acquisition is 21 whether the financial condition of the acquiring 22 parties will not jeopardize the financial stability 23 of the insurer or prejudice the interests of its 24 policyholders. Is there anything about the

25 financial condition of the applicants that would

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1 jeopardize the financial stability of the Iowa 2 Domestic Insurers or prejudice the interests of the Iowa Domestic Insurers' policyholders? 3

4 No. As demonstrated by the financial 5 statements of Apollo Global Management and 6 Messrs. Black, Harris, and Rowan, which were filed 7 as exhibits to the Form A, the applicants and their 8 affiliates are financially sound, and the 9 applicants' acquisition of the Iowa Domestic 10 Insurers will in no way jeopardize their financial 11 position or prejudice the interests of their 12 policyholders.

Further, following the acquisition, Athene is currently estimated to have approximately 5 billion of capital on a combined Bermuda statutory basis. Also, as discussed with the Iowa Insurance Division, Athene is willing to enter into a capital maintenance agreement pursuant to which Athene will maintain the capital and surplus of Aviva Life and Annuity Company above an agreed-upon level.

22 The fourth criterion the Commissioner 23 considers in reviewing a proposed acquisition is 24 whether the plan for proposals which the acquiring 25 parties have to liquidate the insurer, sell its

Are you familiar with the individuals who 1 2 serve and will serve as directors and executive 3 officers of the applicants which will control the 4 Iowa Domestic Insurers after closing and with the 5 proposed new directors and officers of the Iowa

> A. Yes, I am.

Domestic Insurers?

7 8 Q. Do you believe they have the sufficient 9 competence, experience, and integrity to control 10 the operations of the Iowa Domestic Insurers such 11 that the interests of the policyholders of the Iowa 12 Domestic Insurers and of the public will not be 13 jeopardized by the acquisition of control? 14 Yes, I do. For the reasons I have

already stated, it's our view that the competence, experience, and integrity of those individuals who will control the operations of the Iowa Domestic Insurers after the closing will be sufficient such that the interests of policyholders of the Iowa Domestic Insurers and of the public will not be jeopardized by the acquisition of control. If the Iowa Insurance Division approves the proposed transaction, when is the acquisition

scheduled to close?

We anticipate the closing of the

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assets or consolidate or merge it with any person

2 or to make any other material change in its

3 business or corporate structure or management are

4 not unfair or unreasonable to policyholders of the

5 insurer and are not contrary to the public

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Do the applicants have any plans that would be unfair or unreasonable to policyholders of the Iowa Domestic Insurers or contrary to the public interest?

No. The applicants do not have any current plans to liquidate the Iowa Domestic Insurers, sell their assets, or consolidate or merge them with any person, or to make any other material change in their business or corporate structures or management in each case that would be unfair or unreasonable to their policyholders or contrary to the public interest.

18 19 The fifth criterion considered by the Commissioner in reviewing a proposed acquisition is 20 21 whether the competence, experience, and integrity of the applicants are sufficient to indicate that 23 the interests of the policyholder of the insurer and of the public will not be jeopardized by the 24

acquisition of control.

acquisition will occur on or about October 1st, 2 2013, assuming that all necessary regulatory 3 approvals have been received by that date.

4 Since the last submission to the Iowa 5 Insurance Division, have there been any material 6 changes with respect to the information in any of 7 the Form A submissions or the supplements thereto?

8 No. To the best of my knowledge, all of the information contained within the Form A as 10 supplemented by subsequent correspondence, 11 communications, and related filings is up to date 12 and accurate, and since the last submission to the 13 Iowa Insurance Division there have not been any 14 material changes with respect to such information.

15 Is there anything else you would like to 16 add?

17 Yes. I would like to thank the Iowa 18 Insurance Division for its prompt attention to this 19 matter and for its diligence in this process in reviewing the Form A. We look forward to 20 21 continuing to work with the Iowa Insurance Division 22 following the closing of the transaction.

23 MR. THRALL: And I have no further 24 questions for this witness.

25 COMMISSIONER GERHART: Well, thank you

33 35 lifetime income because we believe that carries a 1 for the testimony. 1 2 I do have some questions --2 lower risk profile to the underwriter. 3 3 THE WITNESS: Okay. COMMISSIONER GERHART: Okay. 4 COMMISSIONER GERHART: -- and then I'll 4 My next question really is around 5 turn it over to the Division if they have any. I 5 suitability and compliance. As you know, Iowa has believe Jim may have some questions as well. 6 been a leader in suitability issues, compliance 6 7 As I know you're aware of, some certain 7 issues. Is it your intention to keep the programs 8 regulators have had some discussions about private 8 that Aviva has built to this point and build upon 9 9 equity firms in general purchasing insurance those? What's your intention in that area? 10 THE WITNESS: As you'd be aware, we need 10 companies across the country, and what I hear is 11 the concern is the insurance business is a very 11 to come up with a combined management team when 12 long-term business, and private equity firms are 12 making an acquisition. In the area of compliance, 13 focused on short-term returns. 13 we will maintain the Aviva personnel in that 14 How would you respond to some of these 14 function COMMISSIONER GERHART: And I'd like to --15 concerns that have been raised across the country? 15 16 THE WITNESS: Thanks for the question, 16 just for the record I want to see if you would 17 Commissioner. 17 attest to the following, and it's that you and the 18 We welcome the debate that has been 18 acquiring parties understand and will comply with 19 brought about. The point that we like to -- the 19 the laws and regulations and bulletins and other context in which private equity involvement has 20 practices of the Iowa Insurance Division, 20 been raised is the implication that the money or 21 especially around our investment laws. 21 the capital committed is of a short-term nature. 22 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. 22 23 23 There is not a dollar of private equity money COMMISSIONER GERHART: Okay. 24 invested in Athene. So that while Apollo has its 24 I don't have any other questions, Jim. 25 historical basis in the private equity business, of 25 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. 34 36 What is Athene's philosophy of managing its 114 billion of assets under management at the 1 2 end of last year, 45 billion was private equity, 69 2 capital at its insurance entities? 3 3 billion was credit funds, like a PIMCO or a THE WITNESS: We have set minimal capital 4 BlackRock, and the money that's been invested into 4 ratios for our insurance entities of a 400 RBC for 5 our onshore insurance entities. We think that is 5 Athene by sophisticated institutional investors is permanent capital. There is no time fuse on any of 6 adequate capitalization and a higher level of 6 7 7 the money that is invested into Athene. capitalization than we know a number of our 8 8 COMMISSIONER GERHART: From your competitors operate to. 9 testimony you just gave, it sounds like Athene has 9 In addition, as you're aware, we have been in the annuity business for some time, whether 10 strong capital at our parent company; and if the 10 it's the reinsurance end -- I think you said '09 11 11 domestic insurance companies need support, we will 12 was when Mr. Belardi formed the Bermuda company? 12 give it to them. 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, mid-2009. 13 I think it's worth noting that the 14 COMMISSIONER GERHART: And then you did 14 acquisitions that we have completed today have all 15 mention your philosophy of product design. Could 15 been funded 100 percent with equity. We have not you elaborate on your philosophy of product design? 16 borrowed any money in our previous acquisitions, 16 17

The reason for my question is, again, we've seen 17 don't intend to do so for this one. some trends in the industry with some pretty 18 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. 19 aggressive product designs, so I would be THE WITNESS: So we have a conservative interested to hear what your philosophy is. 20 capital structure. 21 MR. ARMSTRONG: At the other insurance THE WITNESS: Thanks again for that 22 company that you had purchased, has the quality of question. Our philosophy, I think, is going 23 investments improved based upon the NAIC SDL ratings? somewhat the other way. Our annuity products are 24 25 more focused on accumulation than on guaranteed THE WITNESS: I think it's comparable. I

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COMMISSIONER GERHART: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. BAKER: Commissioner Gerhart, my name

Des Moines, but they're not current employees.

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MR. ARMSTRONG: Were there any contracts

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is Jim Baker, Research Coordinator with UNITE HERE, 1

2 the North American hospitality union.

3 Is it loud enough?

4 COMMISSIONER GERHART: Why don't you come

5 a little closer just so the court reporter can

hear, if you don't mind. 6

7 MR. BAKER: Our 275,000 members work

8 primarily in the hotel, gaming, and food service

9 and laundry industries. UNITE HERE monitors

10 developments in private equity and pension

11 security, and we are a frequent participant in

12 public forums regarding financial solvency and

13 financial policy, including from time to time

14 providing testimony at NAIC proceedings on matters

15 we believe are of interest to our members.

16 We are also an active member of Americans

17 for Financial Reform, a nonprofit coalition of more

than 250 civil rights, consumer, labor, and 18

19 investor groups formed in the wake of the 2008

20 financial crisis to advocate for common sense

financial reforms. 21

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22 We appreciate this opportunity to provide

23 testimony about the application by Apollo Global

24 Management and its key principals to purchase Aviva

25 USA, and we respectfully request that our written

defense policyholders have against radical changes 1

2 in the risk profile of the assets underlying their

3 annuities is state insurance commissioners who must

4 approve transactions such as the one that is the

subject of today's hearing.

6 Recently there has been news and

7 controversy about private equity firms acquiring

8 annuity companies that might give policyholders

9 cause for concern. Most notably, Benjamin Lawsky,

10 superintendent of the New York Department of

11 Financial Services, raised serious concerns in an

12 April speech questioning whether the model of

13 aggressive risk taking and high leverage that

14 typifies most private equity firms is a natural fit

15 for the insurance business, where a failure can put

16 policyholders at significant risk and wondered

17 whether the three- to five-year investment horizons

18 typical of most private equity firms may result in an incentive to increase investment risk and

20 leverage in order to boost short-term returns.

21 And in May, the Wall Street Journal

22 reported that Mr. Lawsky had subpoenaed several

23 alternative investment managers, including Apollo,

24 seeking, among other things, information on the 25 asset quality of investments backing annuity

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testimony be made part of the record.

2 The transaction being contemplated today

is part of a larger trend of private equity

4 companies acquiring blocks of fixed annuity

5 contracts as a relatively cheap and stable source

of financing for their operations. The applicant's 6

7 insurance holding company, Athene Holdings, has

made a string of such purchases since its inception 8

9 in 2009. If the Aviva USA acquisition is

consummated, Athene Holdings will become the second 10

11 largest underwriter of fixed annuities in the U.S.

12 with total assets in excess of \$60 billion. Given

13 the complexity of insurance accounting and

14 reporting, consumers typically rely on financial

15 advisors and rating agencies when deciding from

which company to purchase their annuity. Unlike 16

17 more liquid savings vehicles like mutual funds,

18 annuity contracts often have steep surrender

penalties. At year-end 2012, Athene reported that 19

68 percent of its liabilities were subject to 20

21 surrender charges.

22 Because of this inability to quickly

23 liquidate a contract, annuity holders are like

24 sitting ducks when a company undergoes a merger or

other significant transformation. The only line of

1 reserves. Shortly thereafter, the NAIC established

2 a new working group to examine the role of hedge 44

3 funds and private equity firms in the annuity

4 business. Meanwhile, the Federal Advisory

5 Committee on Insurance at the Treasury's Federal

6 Insurance Office is reportedly also working on a

7 white paper on the topic.

8 Moody's Investor Services called the New

9 York DFS investigation, quote, unquote, credit

10 positive and added that private equity buyers of

insurance annuity companies have a somewhat higher 11

12 risk -- a somewhat bigger appetite compared with

13 others in the industry for high yield and/or

14 alternative investments. Moody's also warned that

15 reinsurance arrangements involving affiliates of

private equity owners may tolerate a significantly 16

17 higher level of the high-risk assets and that

18 private equity buyers may be motivated by financial

19 rather than strategic considerations are often

20 focused on an intermediate-term exit and may seek

21 to extract dividends from the life insurer and

22 employ more aggressive capital management.

23 Is this the case with Apollo and Athene?

24 We believe this is a critical question

25 and one unfortunately that cannot be answered

simply by relying on the public portions of the 1

2 materials submitted by the applicant with its

- 3 Form A. Apollo has requested, and the Commissioner
- 4 has granted, permission to keep its business plan
- 5 confidential, making it difficult for policyholders
- 6 or the public to evaluate possible ramifications of
- 7 the proposed transaction. However, Athene's record
- 8 of activity since its inception appears to follow
- 9 the model that Mr. Lawsky and Moody's has warned us
- 10 about. Athene's actions reveal a strategy that
- 11 relies substantially on rapid growth, increasing
- the risk profile of the assets underlying the
- 13 annuity contracts, increasing leverage, and
- 14 lowering capital as a percentage of invested
- 15 assets.
- 16 The asset mix at Athene Annuity and Life
- 17 Assurance has changed dramatically between 2010 and
- 2012 with a sell-off of government bonds and 18
- 19 agency-backed residential mortgage-backed
- securities and a corresponding increase in 20
- 21 nonagency residential mortgage-backed securities,
- 22 collateralized loan obligations, commercial
- 23 mortgage-backed securities, and private equity
- 24 limited partnership interests.
- 25 On March 31st, 2011, just weeks before

- didn't." 1
- 2 Indeed, an analysis of Liberty and
- 3 Athene's changing asset portfolio mix between 2010
- 4 to 2012 seems to support Dodd's assertion that the
- 5 insurer, since its purchase by Apollo, has been
- 6 increasing the risk profile of its assets. At
- 7 year-end 2010, a few months before Liberty's sale
- 8 to Athene, the insurer had an asset mix that was
- 9 fairly typical for the industry, with one
- 10 exception. Liberty had 22.5 percent of its assets
- 11 in agency- backed mortgage securities, which was
- 12 more than twice the industry average of
- 13 9.3 percent. But in two other higher risk
- 14 categories, nonagency mortgage-backed securities
- 15 and alternative investments, or Schedule BA assets,
- 16 Liberty's portfolio was fairly typical. Liberty's
- 17 nonagency mortgage-backed securities were
- 18 12 percent of the total portfolio, compared to an
- 19 industry average of 11.1 percent. Liberty's
- 20 Schedule BA assets, which include private equity
- 21 partnership interests, CLOs, and other so-called
- 22 alternative assets, were only .4 percent of total
- 23 assets, compared to 2.1 percent for the life
- 24 industry as a whole.
- 25 But almost immediately after the sale to

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- its sale to Athene was final, Liberty Life
- 2 Insurance of South Carolina reported total assets
- of \$5.1 billion, 78 percent of which was in -- were 3
- 4 in corporate bonds. Eighty-six percent of that
- 5 bond portfolio was classified as NAIC 1, the safest
- classification. Less than half a percent, or 6
- 7 .4 percent specifically, of Liberty's total assets
- 8 were, quote, unquote, other assets listed on
- 9 schedule BA. In a 2013 Bloomberg article, former
- Liberty investment manager Pete Dodd described 10
- 11 Liberty's portfolio as, quote, unquote, squeaky
- 12 clean.
- 13 A little more than two years after Dodd
- 14 was laid off and Athene took over managing the
- 15 investments, the unit's holdings include securities
- backed by subprime mortgages, time-share vacation 16
- 17 homes, and a railroad in Kazakhstan, according to
- 18 the Bloomberg article.
- 19 Says Dodd: "When you look at the business
- model these guys," meaning Athene, "use, where 20
- 21 they're substantially increasing the risk in the
- bond portfolio, sooner or later, in my opinion, 22
- 23 that has to come home to roost. All the upside
- 24 would go to Athene if it worked out. And the
- 25 downside would go to the annuity holders if it

- 1 Apollo, the asset mix began to change. The insurer
- 2 sold off almost all of its government bonds and
- 3 agency mortgage-backed securities and began buying
- 4 nonagency mortgage-backed securities, both
- 5 residential and commercial, and alternative
- 7 insurer's non-agency RMBS and CMBS had shot up to
- 8 31.3 percent of total assets, and Schedule BA

Schedule BA assets. By year-end 2012, the

- 9 assets were now 10.2 percent of total assets. A
- 10 substantial amount of those Schedule BA assets were
- CLOs or limited partnership interests in private 11
- 12 equity or real estate funds sponsored by Apollo
- 13 Global Management or its affiliates. And that's in
- 14 Exhibit 2.

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- 15 The 2012 asset mix of the insurer
- 16 formally known as Liberty Life looks very similar
- 17 to the asset mix reported by the company's parent,
- 18 Athene Holdings. That's in Exhibit 3, which is a
- 19 May presentation by Athene. At year-end 2012,
- 20 Athene Holdings reported that 14.9 percent of its
- 21 assets were nonagency residential mortgage-backed 22 securities, 10.1 percent were collateralized loan
- 23 obligations, 8.4 percent were commercial
- 24 mortgage-backed securities, and 5.5 percent were
- 25 alternative investments, mostly partnership

APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT 49 51 are able to inflate their reported regulatory risk-1 interests in private equity and real estate funds 1 2 sponsored by Apollo affiliates. These assets 2 based capital ratios, since the reinsured portion 3 3 classes figured prominently in the recent financial of the liabilities is considered a risk transfer, 4 crisis and attendant failures or rescues of 4 but the assets underlying those ceded contracts 5 5 numerous financial institutions. Indeed, Athene is remain on the ceding company's books. 6 well aware of these risks. Athene Holdings has As of March 31st, 2013, Athene Annuity 6 7 told investors that a key part of its, quote, 7 and Life Assurance reported \$8.8 billion in 8 unquote, strategy and philosophy is to capture 8 aggregate life contract reserves, of which \$7.1 9 9 excess spread and generate investment alpha through billion, or 81 percent, was subject to a 10 opportunistic portfolio allocation and by taking 10 co-insurance agreement with Athene Re called the, 11 complexity and illiquidity risk, instead of credit 11 quote, unquote, Modco reserve. According to A.M. 12 12 Best, Athene's absolute capital dropped in 2011 13 In December 2012, Moody's Investor 13 relative to investment assets due to the 14 Service downgraded Aviva Life and Annuity in part 14 reinsurance agreement with Athene Life Re, which is

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15 because of, in quotes, the expectation that the 16 business and financial profile of the company will 17 weaken under Athene's ownership compared to the company's current credit profile as a subsidiary of 18 19 Aviva. Moody's also expects that Aviva Life's 20 capitalization and investment portfolio will be managed more aggressively than under Aviva plc. 21 22 Athene and Apollo employ a complex 23 structure known as an offshore captive reinsurer, 24 which has the effect of artificially inflating its 25 risk-based capital ratio while lowering its actual

15 accounted for on a Modco basis keeping the assets 16 on Athene Annuity's books with the liability and 17 asset risk transferred to Athene Life Re. 18 This type of risk transfer using captive 19 reinsurers is not uncommon. A recent report by the 20 New York State Department of Financial Services 21 calls this type of transaction, quote, unquote, 22 shadow insurance. 23 In a typical -- and this is a quote: In 24 a typical shadow insurance transaction, an 25 insurance company creates a captive insurance

capital as a percentage of invested assets and 2 thereby increasing its leverage. 3 In its May 2013 presentation to 4 investors -- again, that's Exhibit 3 -- Athene 5 Holdings reported that the company is targeting a 7 to 10 percent capital to reserves ratio, which 6 7 translates into leverage of 10 times to 14 times. 8 The company also revealed that it viewed its 9 current capital ratio of 15 percent as, quote, 10 unquote, substantial current excess capital. Even 11 at that excess ratio, it should be pointed out 12 Athene reported a not-too-shabby return on equity 13 of 30 percent. Perhaps to explain such returns, 14 Athene lauded its asset management skill and its 15 experience, quote, unquote, in the nuances of insurance regulatory regimes and its ability to 16 17 structure efficient portfolios and optimize 18 regulatory capital. 19 According to A.M. Best, Athene Annuity cedes a 75 percent quota share of its in-force 20 21 block of annuities and all new business to Apollo's reinsurance subsidiary, Athene Life Re based in 22 23 Bermuda, retaining only 25 percent of the 24 liabilities on its own books. Typically, when

insurers enter transactions of this nature, they

2 owned by the insurer's parent. The company then 3 reinsures a block of existing policy claims through 4 the shell company and diverts the reserves that are 5 previously set aside to pay policyholders to other 6 purposes, since the reserve and collateral 7 requirements for the captive shell company are 8 typically lower. Sometimes the parent company even 9 effectively pays a commission to itself from the 10 shell company when the transaction is complete. 11 This financial alchemy, however, does not 12 actually transfer the risk for those insurance 13 policies because, in many instances, the parent 14 company is ultimately still on the hook for paying 15 claims if the shell company's weaker reserves are 16 exhausted, called a parental guarantee. That means 17 that when the time finally comes for a policyholder 18 to collect promised benefits after years of paying 19 premiums, such as when there's a death in the 20 family, there is a smaller reserve buffer available 21 at the insurance company to ensure the policyholder 22 receives the benefits to which they're legally 23 entitled. 24 According to Apollo's Form A, the company 25 intends to continue its Modco co-insurance

subsidiary, which is essentially a shell company

APOLLO GLOBAL MANAGEMENT 53 received approximately \$20 million in fees from 1 agreement with Athene Life Re, ceding to the 1 2 captive reinsurer 80 percent of the annuity 2 Athene, which on an asset base of \$16.2 billion 3 3 liabilities acquired from Aviva USA and will file a amounts to .12 percent per quarter, or .49 percent 4 Form D seeking the Division's approval of the new 4 per year. If that rate were to remain constant, 5 5 Athene Holdings or its various subsidiaries, Modco agreement. It's not clear from the publicly 6 following the Aviva transaction, would be paying 6 available documents what back-up financial 7 arrangements may be in place to support the 7 Athene Asset Management \$296 million in asset 8 reinsurance transactions; in other words, whether 8 management fees per year. In addition to those 9 9 fees, Apollo Global Management earns additional Apollo relies on back-up letters of credit from 10 banks or other financial institutions or whether 10 fees from Athene in the form of management fees for 11 some kind of parental guarantee is in force. 11 those assets that are invested directly in Apollo 12 The organization chart from the 12 vehicles (approximately \$6.5 billion of Athene's 13 applicants' Form A shows that a hundred percent of 13 reserves were invested in Apollo-controlled funds 14 the stock of Athene Life Re of Bermuda is owned by 14 as of March 31st, 2013) and advisory fees, which 15 Athene Holdings. The applicants' Form A further 15 are currently paid to Apollo in the form of 16 describes Athene Life Re as, quote, unquote, a 16 additional equity interests in Athene. Apollo wholly owned subsidiary of Athene Holdings. 17 17 Global Management's chief financial officer told 18 While it is unknown what assets Athene 18 investors that the value of Athene interests --19 Life Re holds based on the public portions of the 19 Athene equity interests that Apollo has received as materials submitted by the applicant with its Form 20 of the end of the first quarter of 2013 was also 20 21 about \$20 million. 21 A, we believe these assets as well as the overall 22 22 organizational structure of Athene Holdings and Finally, Apollo Global Management stands 23 Athene Life Re should be carefully scrutinized to 23 to earn a considerable amount of carried interest 24 determine to what extent the Modco co-insurance 24 from its Athene investment. According to Mark 25 agreement constitutes a risk transfer and whether 25 Spilker, Apollo Global Management's president, the

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any other financial backstop may be in place to protect policyholders.

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Athene's regulated insurance subsidiaries make substantial payments to an Apollo-controlled company for asset management services. There are at least three layers of fees that Athene pays to affiliates of Apollo Global Management.

8 In addition to the captive reinsurance 9 transactions and the ownership by Athene Annuity 10 and Life Assurance Company of various Apollo-

11 controlled real estate and private equity limited

12 partnership interests, there is another set of 13

related party transactions we believe regulators should scrutinize.

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All of Athene's assets are managed by Athene Asset Management, which in turn is owned by Apollo Global Management and certain of Athene's management team. The insurance companies pay a quarterly fee to Athene Asset Management for

investment management services. 20 2.1 It is not known how much the Athene

22 insurance companies have paid in fees to Athene 23 Asset Management since the inception of both

24 companies in 2009, but for the quarter ended

March 31st, 2013, alone, Athene Asset Management

1 current plan for Athene is an eventual IPO. At the

2 end of the first quarter 2013, the book value of

3 Apollo Global Management's unrealized equity --

4 unrealized carried interest in Athene was

5 \$111 million. Obviously, that value will rise

6 dramatically if the Aviva deal is consummated, as

7 it will more than triple the size of the company.

8 Athene Annuity and Life Assurance Company

9 has not undergone a comprehensive regulatory

10 examination since 2010, and that exam relied on

11 year-end 2009 data before the insurer (then known

12 as Liberty Life Insurance Company) had been

13 purchased by Athene Holdings. The insurer

14 apparently has not undergone a comprehensive

15 evaluation since it has come under the control of

16 Apollo and Athene.

17 According to Athene Annuity and Life

18 Assurance Company's quarterly statement for

19 March 31st, 2013, the most recent comprehensive

20 exam by any state regulator was conducted by the

21 South Carolina Department of Insurance in 2010,

22 which relied on Liberty Insurance's balance sheet

data as of December 31st, 2009. 23

24 If the Aviva deal is consummated, Athene

25 Annuity and Life Assurance Company's assets will

57 59 have increased by more than 1500 percent since the Are three layers of fees that Athene pays 1 1 date of its last exam. 2 2 to Apollo negotiated at arm's length, and are they 3 Given this history of rapid growth, the 3 in line with the fees that could be obtained by 4 changing asset mix more heavily weighted toward 4 third-party assets managers? Will Apollo continue 5 5 riskier asset classes like nonagency RMBSs and to earn fees even after Athene's planned IPO? Or CMBSs, CLOs, and private equity limited 6 are there advisory termination fees embedded in the 6 7 partnerships, and a practice of making quarterly 7 contracts between Apollo and Athene which would 8 asset management payments to a nonregulated Apollo-8 result in a substantial amount of the IPO proceeds 9 9 controlled company, we believe it is imperative going to Apollo Global Management rather than to 10 10 that the Commissioner conduct a thorough Athene? 11 examination of the proposed acquisition. In 11 Finally, we note that the interest in the 12 particular, we encourage the Commissioner to seek 12 topic of private equity ownership of annuity 13 answers and ask the following questions: 13 companies by the New York Department of Insurance, 14 What is the appropriate level of capital 14 the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance and the 15 needed to support the annuity contracts going 15 new NAIC Working Group. All of these inquiries are 16 forward? Is Athene's stated 7 to 10 percent 16 in their very early stages, and, therefore, there 17 capital to reserve ratio and 10 times to 14 times 17 is much we don't know about how these private leverage ratio appropriate? Is the hundred million 18 equity players operate, whether their imperatives 18 19 dollars in capital support so far pledged by Apollo 19 for returning capital to investors over relatively 20 Global Management to support the Aviva acquisition 20 short time horizons of three to five years is sufficient? 21 compatible with the long-term stewardship of 21 22 Is Athene's modus operandi of reinsuring 22 policyholder reserves, and what long-term measures 23 three-quarters of its annuity reserves via an 23 may be needed to protect policyholders from 24 offshore captive appropriate and in the best 24 potential risks. 25 25 interests of policyholders? What kind of financial In the meantime, the NAIC's Financial

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support, for example, back-up letters of credit and

2 parental guarantees, are in place or will be in

- place to ensure that such transactions really do 3
- 4 transfer the risk to third parties? If it is found
- 5 these transactions are primarily undertaken to
- reduce the company's tax burden and/or to 6
- 7 artificially inflate the insurer's reported RBC
- 8 ratio, what types of restrictions or procedures can
- be put in place to protect policyholders from the
- 10 increased risk and leverage this would represent?

11 Will the assets backing the annuities

12 have an appropriate risk profile? Is the strategy

- 13 of taking, quote, unquote, complexity and
- 14 illiquidity risk compatible with the goal of
- 15 managing assets over a long time horizon?

Given the long-term duration of the 16

17 liabilities and the fact that most policyholders

- 18 are subject to substantial surrender penalties,
- what can be done to ensure that Apollo and its 19
- principals take the long view and behave as 20
- 21 long-term stewards of retirement savings of tens of
- 22 thousands of annuitants?
- 23 Do Athene's holdings of various
- 24 Apollo-affiliated investments give rise to actual
- or potential conflicts of interest?

- 1 Analysis Working Group chaired by Pennsylvania's 2 Deputy Insurance Commissioner Steve Johnson has put
- 3 forward some very practical suggestions for how
- 4 regulators can begin to deal with this phenomenon
- 5 in the context of merger applications such as the
- 6 one being considered today. 7

We would very much like you to encourage

- 8 you to consider implementing some or all of these
- 9 proposals, especially the following: 10

Obtaining pro forma results under

- 11 specific stress scenarios; requiring the acquirer
- 12 to enter into a capital maintenance agreement
- 13 supporting the net worth of the target operations;
- 14 requiring more information regarding cash flows and
- 15 reserves as well as insurer reserve methodologies;
- 16 limiting the investment strategy used with respect
- 17 to any assets held in trust to ensure they meet the
- 18 asset liability matching and any state insurance
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- law requirements; ongoing, that is post-merger,
- 20 financial analysis of the insurer and its
- 21 affiliates, including annual targeted examinations
- 22 to ensure that the insurers investment strategy
- 23 provides a prudent approach to investing
- 24 policyholder funds; ongoing stress tests; a review
- 25 of the agreements with affiliates and nonaffiliates

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MR. ARMSTRONG: The record closed.

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