

SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP INC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q  
(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended: June 30, 2014  
or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 001-33067

SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New Jersey  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

22-2168890  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

40 Wantage Avenue  
Branchville, New Jersey  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07890  
(Zip Code)

(973) 948-3000  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).  Yes  No

As of June 30, 2014, there were 56,373,933 shares of common stock, par value \$2.00 per share, outstanding.

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| SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC.<br>CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  | Unaudited        |                      |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| (\$ in thousands, except share amounts)   | June 30,<br>2014 | December 31,<br>2013 |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                  |                      |
| Investments:  |                  |                      |
| Fixed income securities, held-to-maturity – at carrying value (fair value: \$385,502 – 2014; \$416,981 – 2013)            | \$364,938        | 392,879              |
| Fixed income securities, available-for-sale – at fair value (amortized cost: \$3,792,036 – 2014; \$3,675,977 – 2013)      | 3,890,200        | 3,715,536            |
| Equity securities, available-for-sale – at fair value (cost: \$166,214 – 2014; \$155,350 – 2013)                          | 211,348          | 192,771              |
| Short-term investments (at cost which approximates fair value)  | 166,488          | 174,251              |
| Other investments   | 106,125          | 107,875              |
| Total investments (Note 5)  | 4,739,099        | 4,583,312            |
| Cash  | 1,547            | 193                  |
| Interest and dividends due or accrued   | 37,747           | 37,382               |
| Premiums receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of: \$3,733 – 2014; \$4,442 – 2013                       | 589,617          | 524,870              |
| Reinsurance recoverables, net   | 558,758          | 550,897              |
| Prepaid reinsurance premiums  | 148,256          | 143,000              |
| Current federal income tax  | —                | 512                  |
| Deferred federal income tax   | 97,401           | 122,613              |
| Property and equipment – at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of: \$184,748 – 2014; \$179,192 – 2013 | 53,836           | 50,834               |
| Deferred policy acquisition costs   | 182,087          | 172,981              |
| Goodwill  | 7,849            | 7,849                |
| Other assets  | 74,388           | 75,727               |
| Total assets  | \$6,490,585      | 6,270,170            |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>   |                  |                      |
| Liabilities:  |                  |                      |
| Reserve for loss and loss expenses  | \$3,451,306      | 3,349,770            |
| Unearned premiums   | 1,100,864        | 1,059,155            |
| Notes payable   | 392,290          | 392,414              |
| Current federal income tax  | 10,150           | —                    |
| Accrued salaries and benefits   | 84,870           | 111,427              |
| Other liabilities   | 213,030          | 203,476              |
| Total liabilities   | \$5,252,510      | 5,116,242            |
| Stockholders' Equity:   |                  |                      |
| Preferred stock of \$0 par value per share:   | \$—              | —                    |
| Authorized shares 5,000,000; no shares issued or outstanding  |                  |                      |
| Common stock of \$2 par value per share:  |                  |                      |
| Authorized shares 360,000,000   |                  |                      |

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| Issued: 99,697,374 – 2014; 99,120,235 – 2013                              | 199,395     | 198,240      |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 298,352     | 288,182      |
| Retained earnings   | 1,234,462   | 1,202,015    |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 10)                          | 68,012      | 24,851       |
| Treasury stock – at cost<br>(shares: 43,323,441– 2014; 43,198,622 – 2013) | (562,146    | ) (559,360 ) |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 1,238,075   | 1,153,928    |
| Commitments and contingencies   |             |              |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity                                | \$6,490,585 | 6,270,170    |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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## SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)

|  | Quarter ended June 30, |         | Six Months ended June 30, |          |
|--|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|----------|
|  | 2014                   | 2013    | 2014                      | 2013     |
| Revenues:  |                        |         |                           |          |
| Net premiums earned  | \$463,625              | 426,252 | 920,120                   | 847,192  |
| Net investment income earned   | 36,774                 | 34,003  | 72,308                    | 66,873   |
| Net realized gains:  |                        |         |                           |          |
| Net realized investment gains  | 4,958                  | 5,709   | 13,139                    | 11,013   |
| Other-than-temporary impairments   | (419                   | ) (508  | ) (1,382                  | ) (2,427 |
| Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed income securities recognized in other comprehensive income | —                      | (47     | ) —                       | (77      |
| Total net realized gains   | 4,539                  | 5,154   | 11,757                    | 8,509    |
| Other income   | 1,911                  | 3,536   | 11,735                    | 6,320    |
| Total revenues   | 506,849                | 468,945 | 1,015,920                 | 928,894  |
| Expenses:  |                        |         |                           |          |
| Loss and loss expense incurred   | 297,795                | 279,594 | 618,341                   | 549,443  |
| Policy acquisition costs   | 155,173                | 143,728 | 304,439                   | 283,256  |
| Interest expense   | 5,425                  | 5,570   | 10,986                    | 11,401   |
| Other expenses   | 8,935                  | 3,852   | 17,549                    | 19,725   |
| Total expenses   | 467,328                | 432,744 | 951,315                   | 863,825  |
| Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax   | 39,521                 | 36,201  | 64,605                    | 65,069   |
| Federal income tax expense:  |                        |         |                           |          |
| Current  | 8,781                  | 6,221   | 15,319                    | 13,674   |
| Deferred   | 1,399                  | 2,858   | 1,971                     | 1,968    |
| Total federal income tax expense   | 10,180                 | 9,079   | 17,290                    | 15,642   |
| Net income from continuing operations  | 29,341                 | 27,122  | 47,315                    | 49,427   |
| Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax of \$(538) – 2013                            | —                      | —       | —                         | (997     |
| Net income   | \$29,341               | 27,122  | 47,315                    | 48,430   |
| Earnings per share:  |                        |         |                           |          |
| Basic net income from continuing operations  | \$0.52                 | 0.49    | 0.84                      | 0.89     |
| Basic net loss from discontinued operations  | —                      | —       | —                         | (0.02    |
| Basic net income   | \$0.52                 | 0.49    | 0.84                      | 0.87     |
| Diluted net income from continuing operations  | \$0.51                 | 0.48    | 0.83                      | 0.88     |
| Diluted net loss from discontinued operations  | —                      | —       | —                         | (0.02    |
| Diluted net income   | \$0.51                 | 0.48    | 0.83                      | 0.86     |
| Dividends to stockholders  | \$0.13                 | 0.13    | 0.26                      | 0.26     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.



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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(\$ in thousands)

|   | Quarter ended June<br>30, |           | Six Months ended<br>June 30, |           |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2014                      | 2013      | 2014                         | 2013      |
| Net income  | \$29,341                  | 27,122    | 47,315                       | 48,430    |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:  |                           |           |                              |           |
| Unrealized gains (losses) on investment securities:   |                           |           |                              |           |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during period   | 29,329                    | (59,353 ) | 50,755                       | (56,959 ) |
| Non-credit portion of other-than-temporary impairments recognized in other comprehensive income | —                         | 31        | —                            | 50        |
| Amount reclassified into net income:  |                           |           |                              |           |
| Held-to-maturity securities   | (144 )                    | (399 )    | (440 )                       | (865 )    |
| Non-credit other-than-temporary impairments   | 305                       | 3         | 305                          | 8         |
| Realized gains on available for sale securities   | (3,255 )                  | (3,438 )  | (7,954 )                     | (7,322 )  |
| Total unrealized gains (losses) on investment securities  | 26,235                    | (63,156 ) | 42,666                       | (65,088 ) |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans:  |                           |           |                              |           |
| Net actuarial gain  | —                         | —         | —                            | 28,600    |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:   |                           |           |                              |           |
| Net actuarial loss  | 248                       | 513       | 495                          | 1,709     |
| Prior service cost  | —                         | —         | —                            | 6         |
| Curtailement expense  | —                         | —         | —                            | 11        |
| Total defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans   | 248                       | 513       | 495                          | 30,326    |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)   | 26,483                    | (62,643 ) | 43,161                       | (34,762 ) |
| Comprehensive income (loss)   | \$55,824                  | (35,521 ) | 90,476                       | 13,668    |

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## SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Six Months ended June 30,

| (\$ in thousands)  | 2014        | 2013       |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Common stock:  |             |            |
| Beginning of year  | \$198,240   | 196,388    |
| Dividend reinvestment plan (shares: 29,949 – 2014; 33,514 – 2013)              | 60          | 67         |
| Stock purchase and compensation plans (shares: 547,190 – 2014; 682,661 – 2013) | 1,095       | 1,366      |
| End of period  | 199,395     | 197,821    |
| Additional paid-in capital:  |             |            |
| Beginning of year  | 288,182     | 270,654    |
| Dividend reinvestment plan   | 642         | 703        |
| Stock purchase and compensation plans  | 9,528       | 10,657     |
| End of period  | 298,352     | 282,014    |
| Retained earnings:   |             |            |
| Beginning of year  | 1,202,015   | 1,125,154  |
| Net income   | 47,315      | 48,430     |
| Dividends to stockholders (\$0.26 per share – 2014 and 2013)                   | (14,868     | ) (14,723  |
| End of period  | 1,234,462   | 1,158,861  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income:  |             |            |
| Beginning of year  | 24,851      | 54,040     |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)  | 43,161      | (34,762    |
| End of period  | 68,012      | 19,278     |
| Treasury stock:  |             |            |
| Beginning of year  | (559,360    | ) (555,644 |
| Acquisition of treasury stock (shares: 124,819 – 2014; 151,113 – 2013)         | (2,786      | ) (3,285   |
| End of period  | (562,146    | ) (558,929 |
| Total stockholders' equity   | \$1,238,075 | 1,099,045  |

Selective Insurance Group, Inc. also has authorized, but not issued, 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, without par value, of which 300,000 shares have been designated Series A junior preferred stock, without par value.

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| SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC.<br>UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW<br>(\$ in thousands) | Six Months ended June 30, |              |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|
|  | 2014                      | 2013         |
| Operating Activities   |                           |              |
| Net income   | \$47,315                  | 48,430       |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:                      |                           |              |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 18,912                    | 23,103       |
| Sale of renewal rights   | (8,000                    | ) —          |
| Loss on disposal of discontinued operations  | —                         | 997          |
| Stock-based compensation expense   | 6,102                     | 6,189        |
| Undistributed (gains) losses of equity method investments  | (138                      | ) 419        |
| Net realized gains   | (11,757                   | ) (8,509     |
| Retirement income plan curtailment expense   | —                         | 16           |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |                           |              |
| Increase in reserve for loss and loss expenses, net of reinsurance recoverables                        | 93,675                    | 69,790       |
| Increase in unearned premiums, net of prepaid reinsurance and advance premiums                         | 36,997                    | 65,225       |
| Decrease in net federal income taxes   | 12,634                    | 3,171        |
| Increase in premiums receivable  | (64,747                   | ) (84,135    |
| Increase in deferred policy acquisition costs  | (9,106                    | ) (9,555     |
| Increase in interest and dividends due or accrued  | (361                      | ) (1,066     |
| Decrease in accrued salaries and benefits  | (26,557                   | ) (6,173     |
| Decrease in accrued insurance expenses   | (16,872                   | ) (5,478     |
| Other-net  | (5,425                    | ) (4,526     |
| Net adjustments  | 25,357                    | 49,468       |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 72,672                    | 97,898       |
| Investing Activities   |                           |              |
| Purchase of fixed income securities, available-for-sale  | (339,362                  | ) (530,402   |
| Purchase of equity securities, available-for-sale  | (111,886                  | ) (42,546    |
| Purchase of other investments  | (6,039                    | ) (4,393     |
| Purchase of short-term investments   | (764,692                  | ) (1,116,873 |
| Sale of subsidiary   | —                         | 1,225        |
| Sale of fixed income securities, available-for-sale  | 19,557                    | 6,851        |
| Sale of short-term investments   | 772,455                   | 1,144,853    |
| Redemption and maturities of fixed income securities, held-to-maturity                                 | 28,595                    | 48,186       |
| Redemption and maturities of fixed income securities, available-for-sale                               | 222,568                   | 286,905      |
| Sale of equity securities, available-for-sale  | 111,996                   | 42,206       |
| Distributions from other investments   | 7,726                     | 6,077        |
| Purchase of property and equipment   | (6,628                    | ) (6,761     |
| Sale of renewal rights   | 8,000                     | —            |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (57,710                   | ) (164,672   |
| Financing Activities   |                           |              |
| Dividends to stockholders  | (13,914                   | ) (13,668    |
| Acquisition of treasury stock  | (2,786                    | ) (3,285     |
| Net proceeds from stock purchase and compensation plans  | 3,091                     | 3,769        |
| Proceeds from issuance of notes payable, net of debt issuance costs                                    | —                         | 178,435      |

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| Repayment of notes payable                                | —       | (100,000 | ) |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | 955     | 1,467    |   |
| Repayments of capital lease obligations                   | (954    | ) —      |   |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities       | (13,608 | ) 66,718 |   |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash                           | 1,354   | (56      | ) |
| Cash, beginning of year                                   | 193     | 210      |   |
| Cash, end of period                                       | \$1,547 | 154      |   |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. Organization

Selective Insurance Group, Inc., through its subsidiaries, (collectively referred to as “we,” “us,” or “our”) offers standard and excess and surplus lines (“E&S”) property and casualty insurance products. Selective Insurance Group, Inc. (referred to as the “Parent”) was incorporated in New Jersey in 1977 and its main offices are located in Branchville, New Jersey. The Parent’s common stock is publicly traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “SIGI.”

We classify our business into three operating segments:

Our Standard Insurance Operations segment, which is comprised of both commercial lines (“Commercial Lines”) and personal lines (“Personal Lines”) business, sells property and casualty insurance products and services in the standard market, including flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program’s (“NFIPs”) write-your-own (“WYO”) program;

Our E&S Insurance Operations segment sells Commercial Lines property and casualty insurance products and services to insureds who have not obtained coverage in the standard market; and

Our Investments segment, which invests the premiums collected by our Standard and E&S Insurance Operations and amounts generated through our capital management strategies, which may include the issuance of debt and equity securities.

NOTE 2. Basis of Presentation

These interim unaudited consolidated financial statements (“Financial Statements”) include the accounts of the Parent and its subsidiaries, and have been prepared in conformity with: (i) U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”); and (ii) the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) regarding interim financial reporting. The preparation of the Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported financial statement balances, as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions between the Parent and its subsidiaries are eliminated in consolidation.

These Financial Statements reflect all adjustments that, in our opinion, are normal, recurring, and necessary for a fair presentation of our results of operations and financial condition. The Financial Statements cover the second quarters ended June 30, 2014 (“Second Quarter 2014”) and June 30, 2013 (“Second Quarter 2013”) and the six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 (“Six Months 2014”) and June 30, 2013 (“Six Months 2013”). The Financial Statements do not include all of the information and disclosures required by GAAP and the SEC for audited annual financial statements. Results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. Consequently, the Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (“2013 Annual Report”) filed with the SEC.

NOTE 3. Adoption of Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2013-11, Income Taxes, Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force) (“ASU 2013-11”). ASU 2013-11 applies to all entities with unrecognized tax benefits that also have tax loss or tax credit carryforwards in the same tax jurisdiction as of the reporting date. An unrecognized tax benefit is the difference between a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and the benefit that is more likely than not sustainable under examination. Under ASU 2013-11, an entity must net an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, against deferred tax assets for a net operating loss (“NOL”) carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward except when:

• An NOL carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward is not available as of the reporting date under the governing tax law to settle taxes that would result from the disallowance of the tax position; or

The entity does not intend to use the deferred tax asset for this purpose. If either of these conditions exists, an entity should present an unrecognized tax benefit in the financial statements as a liability and should not net the unrecognized tax benefit with a deferred tax asset.

ASU 2013-11 was effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2013. The adoption of this guidance did not impact our financial condition or results of operation.

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## Pronouncements to be effective in the future

In January 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-01, Accounting for Investments in Qualified Affordable Housing Projects ("ASU 2014-01"). ASU 2014-01 applies to all reporting entities that invest in flow-through limited liability entities that manage or invest in affordable housing projects that qualify for a low-income housing tax credit. ASU 2014-01 permits reporting entities to make an accounting policy election to account for their investments in qualified affordable housing projects using a newly defined "proportional amortization method" if certain conditions are met. Under the proportional amortization method, an entity amortizes the initial cost of the investment in proportion to the tax credits and other tax benefits received and recognizes the net investment performance in the income statement as components of income tax expense (benefit). For those investments in qualified affordable housing projects not accounted for using the proportional amortization method, the investment is required to be accounted for as an equity method investment or a cost method investment.

ASU 2014-01 is effective for public business entities for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of this guidance will not have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12, Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period ("ASU 2014-12"). ASU 2014-12 applies to all reporting entities that grant their employees share-based payments in which the terms of the award provide that a performance target that affects vesting could be achieved after the requisite service period. That is the case when an employee is eligible to retire or otherwise terminate employment before the end of the period in which a performance target could be achieved and still be eligible to vest in the award if and when the performance target is achieved. ASU 2014-12 is intended to resolve the diverse accounting treatment of these types of awards in practice. Many reporting entities were accounting for these types of performance targets as non-vesting conditions that affect the grant-date fair value of the award while other entities treated these performance targets as performance conditions that do not affect the grant-date fair value of the award. ASU 2014-12 clarifies that these types of performance targets should be treated as performance conditions that do not impact the grant-date fair value of the award.

This guidance is effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. The implementation of ASU 2014-12 will not affect us, as we are currently recording expense consistent with the requirements of this accounting update.

## NOTE 4. Statements of Cash Flow

Supplemental cash flow information for Six Months 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

| (\$ in thousands)  | Six Months ended June 30, |        |
|--|---------------------------|--------|
|  | 2014                      | 2013   |
| Cash paid during the period for:   |                           |        |
| Interest   | \$11,113                  | 10,295 |
| Federal income tax   | 3,699                     | 11,000 |
| Non-cash items:  |                           |        |
| Tax-free exchange of fixed income securities, available-for-sale ("AFS") | 9,180                     | 13,615 |
| Tax-free exchange of fixed income securities, held-to-maturity ("HTM")   | 15                        | 10,710 |
| Stock split related to equity securities, AFS                            | 334                       | —      |
| Assets acquired under capital lease arrangements                         | 2,124                     | 1,898  |

At June 30, 2014, included in "Other assets" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets was \$8.5 million of cash received from the NFIP, which is restricted to pay flood claims under the WYO program.

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## NOTE 5. Investments

(a) The amortized cost, net unrealized gains and losses, carrying value, unrecognized holding gains and losses, and fair value of HTM fixed income securities as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

June 30, 2014

| (\$ in thousands)                               | Amortized Cost | Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) | Carrying Value | Unrecognized Holding Gains | Unrecognized Holding Losses | Fair Value |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Foreign government                              | \$5,292        | 90                            | 5,382          | 137                        | —                           | 5,519      |
| Obligations of state and political subdivisions | 327,898        | 2,942                         | 330,840        | 15,884                     | —                           | 346,724    |
| Corporate securities                            | 21,893         | (347)                         | 21,546         | 2,972                      | (5)                         | 24,513     |
| Asset-backed securities (“ABS”)                 | 3,260          | (583)                         | 2,677          | 608                        | —                           | 3,285      |
| Commercial mortgage-backed securities (“CMBS”)  | 5,015          | (522)                         | 4,493          | 968                        | —                           | 5,461      |
| Total HTM fixed income securities               | \$363,358      | 1,580                         | 364,938        | 20,569                     | (5)                         | 385,502    |

December 31, 2013

| (\$ in thousands)                               | Amortized Cost | Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) | Carrying Value | Unrecognized Holding Gains | Unrecognized Holding Losses | Fair Value |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Foreign government                              | \$5,292        | 131                           | 5,423          | 168                        | —                           | 5,591      |
| Obligations of state and political subdivisions | 348,109        | 4,013                         | 352,122        | 17,634                     | —                           | 369,756    |
| Corporate securities                            | 28,174         | (346)                         | 27,828         | 2,446                      | —                           | 30,274     |
| ABS   | 3,413          | (655)                         | 2,758          | 657                        | —                           | 3,415      |
| CMBS  | 5,634          | (886)                         | 4,748          | 3,197                      | —                           | 7,945      |
| Total HTM fixed income securities               | \$390,622      | 2,257                         | 392,879        | 24,102                     | —                           | 416,981    |

Unrecognized holding gains and losses of HTM securities are not reflected in the Financial Statements, as they represent fair value fluctuations from the later of: (i) the date a security is designated as HTM; or (ii) the date that an other-than-temporary impairment (“OTTI”) charge is recognized on an HTM security, through the date of the balance sheet. Our HTM securities had an average duration of 1.9 years as of June 30, 2014.

(b) The cost/amortized cost, unrealized gains and losses, and fair value of AFS securities as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were as follows:

June 30, 2014

| (\$ in thousands)                                | Cost/Amortized Cost | Unrealized Gains | Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|--|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| U.S. government and government agencies          | \$149,537           | 9,474            | (202)             | 158,809    |
| Foreign government                               | 27,046              | 983              | (1)               | 28,028     |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 1,080,039           | 30,696           | (3,681)           | 1,107,054  |

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| Corporate securities  | 1,730,192   | 56,587  | (4,186  | ) 1,782,593 |
| ABS   | 131,434     | 945     | (210    | ) 132,169   |
| CMBS <sup>1</sup>   | 170,298     | 3,246   | (1,073  | ) 172,471   |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities (“RMBS <sup>2</sup> ”) | 503,490     | 9,534   | (3,948  | ) 509,076   |
| AFS fixed income securities                                   | 3,792,036   | 111,465 | (13,301 | ) 3,890,200 |
| AFS equity securities   | 166,214     | 45,137  | (3      | ) 211,348   |
| Total AFS securities  | \$3,958,250 | 156,602 | (13,304 | ) 4,101,548 |

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December 31, 2013

| (\$ in thousands)                                | Cost/<br>Amortized<br>Cost | Unrealized<br>Gains | Unrealized<br>Losses | Fair<br>Value |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| U.S. government and government agencies          | \$163,218                  | 10,661              | (504)                | ) 173,375     |
| Foreign government                               | 29,781                     | 906                 | (72)                 | ) 30,615      |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 946,455                    | 25,194              | (20,025)             | ) 951,624     |
| Corporate securities                             | 1,707,928                  | 44,004              | (17,049)             | ) 1,734,883   |
| ABS  | 140,430                    | 934                 | (468)                | ) 140,896     |
| CMBS <sup>1</sup>                                | 172,288                    | 2,462               | (3,466)              | ) 171,284     |
| RMBS <sup>2</sup>                                | 515,877                    | 7,273               | (10,291)             | ) 512,859     |
| AFS fixed income securities                      | 3,675,977                  | 91,434              | (51,875)             | ) 3,715,536   |
| AFS equity securities                            | 155,350                    | 37,517              | (96)                 | ) 192,771     |
| Total AFS securities                             | \$3,831,327                | 128,951             | (51,971)             | ) 3,908,307   |

<sup>1</sup> CMBS includes government guaranteed agency securities with a fair value of \$23.7 million at June 30, 2014 and \$30.0 million at December 31, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> RMBS includes government guaranteed agency securities with a fair value of \$41.8 million at June 30, 2014 and \$55.2 million at December 31, 2013.

Unrealized gains and losses of AFS securities represent fair value fluctuations from the later of: (i) the date a security is designated as AFS; or (ii) the date that an OTTI charge is recognized on an AFS security, through the date of the balance sheet. These unrealized gains and losses are recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(c) The following tables summarize, for all securities in a net unrealized/unrecognized loss position at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the fair value and gross pre-tax net unrealized/unrecognized loss by asset class and by length of time those securities have been in a net loss position:

| June 30, 2014                                    | Less than 12 months |                                   | 12 months or longer |                                   |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (\$ in thousands)                                | Fair Value          | Unrealized<br>Losses <sup>1</sup> | Fair Value          | Unrealized<br>Losses <sup>1</sup> |
| AFS securities                                   |                     |                                   |                     |                                   |
| U.S. government and government agencies          | \$—                 | —                                 | 13,284              | (202)                             |
| Foreign government                               | —                   | —                                 | 2,997               | (1)                               |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 54,331              | (187)                             | ) 246,340           | (3,494)                           |
| Corporate securities                             | 55,362              | (186)                             | ) 170,034           | (4,000)                           |
| ABS  | 14,992              | (28)                              | ) 14,215            | (182)                             |
| CMBS   | 4,939               | (4)                               | ) 58,286            | (1,069)                           |
| RMBS   | 2,761               | (13)                              | ) 169,064           | (3,935)                           |
| Total fixed income securities                    | 132,385             | (418)                             | ) 674,220           | (12,883)                          |
| Equity securities                                | 170                 | (3)                               | ) —                 | —                                 |
| Subtotal   | \$132,555           | (421)                             | ) 674,220           | (12,883)                          |

|                   | Less than 12 months |  | 12 months or longer                 |               |                                   |                                    |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (\$ in thousands) | Fair<br>Value       | Unrealized<br>Gains<br>(Losses) <sup>1</sup> | Unrecognized<br>Losses <sup>2</sup> | Fair<br>Value | Unrealized<br>Losses <sup>1</sup> | Unrecognized<br>Gains <sup>2</sup> |
| HTM securities    |                     |  |                                     |               |                                   |                                    |

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| Corporate securities | 1,482     | 3    | (5   | ) —       | —       | —     |
| ABS                  | —         | —    | —    | 2,496     | (583    | ) 564 |
| Subtotal             | \$1,482   | 3    | (5   | ) 2,496   | (583    | ) 564 |
| Total AFS and HTM    | \$134,037 | (418 | ) (5 | ) 676,716 | (13,466 | ) 564 |

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| December 31, 2013<br>(\$ in thousands)           | Less than 12 months |                                | 12 months or longer |                                |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | Fair Value          | Unrealized Losses <sup>1</sup> | Fair Value          | Unrealized Losses <sup>1</sup> |
| AFS securities                                   |                     |                                |                     |                                |
| U.S. government and government agencies          | \$ 16,955           | (500)                          | ) 507               | (4)                            |
| Foreign government                               | 2,029               | (30)                           | ) 2,955             | (42)                           |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 442,531             | (19,120)                       | ) 13,530            | (905)                          |
| Corporate securities                             | 511,100             | (15,911)                       | ) 14,771            | (1,138)                        |
| ABS  | 68,725              | (468)                          | ) —                 | —                              |
| CMBS   | 100,396             | (2,950)                        | ) 6,298             | (516)                          |
| RMBS   | 268,943             | (10,031)                       | ) 2,670             | (260)                          |
| Total fixed income securities                    | 1,410,679           | (49,010)                       | ) 40,731            | (2,865)                        |
| Equity securities                                | 1,124               | (96)                           | ) —                 | —                              |
| Subtotal   | \$ 1,411,803        | (49,106)                       | ) 40,731            | (2,865)                        |

| (\$ in thousands)                                | Less than 12 months |                                |                                 | 12 months or longer |                                |                                 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Fair Value          | Unrealized Losses <sup>1</sup> | Unrecognized Gains <sup>2</sup> | Fair Value          | Unrealized Losses <sup>1</sup> | Unrecognized Gains <sup>2</sup> |
| HTM securities                                   |                     |                                |                                 |                     |                                |                                 |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | \$ 65               | (5)                            | ) 5                             | 441                 | (20)                           | ) 14                            |
| ABS  | —                   | —                              | —                               | 2,490               | (655)                          | ) 621                           |
| Subtotal   | 65                  | (5)                            | ) 5                             | 2,931               | (675)                          | ) 635                           |
| Total AFS and HTM                                | \$ 1,411,868        | (49,111)                       | ) 5                             | 43,662              | (3,540)                        | ) 635                           |

<sup>1</sup> Gross unrealized losses include non-OTTI unrealized amounts and OTTI losses recognized in AOCI. In addition, this column includes remaining unrealized gain or loss amounts on securities that were transferred to an HTM designation in the first quarter of 2009 for those securities that are in a net unrealized/unrecognized loss position.

<sup>2</sup> Unrecognized gains represent fair value fluctuations from the later of: (i) the date a security is designated as HTM; or (ii) the date that an OTTI charge is recognized on an HTM security.

As evidenced by the table below, our net unrealized/unrecognized loss positions improved by \$38.7 million as of June 30, 2014 compared to December 31, 2013 as follows:

| June 30, 2014    |                  |                              | December 31, 2013 |                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Number of Issues | % of Market/Book | Unrealized/Unrecognized Loss | Number of Issues  | % of Market/Book | Unrealized/Unrecognized Loss |
| 288              | 80% - 99%        | \$ 13,325                    | 556               | 80% - 99%        | \$ 51,835                    |
| —                | 60% - 79%        | —                            | 1                 | 60% - 79%        | 176                          |
| —                | 40% - 59%        | —                            | —                 | 40% - 59%        | —                            |
| —                | 20% - 39%        | —                            | —                 | 20% - 39%        | —                            |
| —                | 0% - 19%         | —                            | —                 | 0% - 19%         | —                            |
|                  |                  | \$ 13,325                    |                   |                  | \$ 52,011                    |

We have reviewed the securities in the tables above in accordance with our OTTI policy, as described in Note 2. “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” in Item 8. “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.” of our 2013 Annual Report.

At June 30, 2014, we had 288 securities in an aggregate unrealized/unrecognized loss position of \$13.3 million, compared to 557 securities in an aggregate unrealized/unrecognized loss position of \$52.0 million at December 31, 2013. This improvement was driven by a lower interest rate environment, as interest rates on the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note fell by 50 basis points in Six Months 2014. This interest rate movement had a positive impact on our fixed income securities portfolio's valuation, thus decreasing the number of securities in a loss position and the corresponding dollar amount of unrealized losses.

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At June 30, 2014, \$12.9 million of the aggregate unrealized/unrecognized losses related to securities that have been in a loss position for more than 12 months, while at December 31, 2013, these losses amounted to only \$2.9 million. Despite these securities being in a loss position, the nature of the loss is interest-rate related as opposed to credit-related concerns, as was evidenced by the fact that the severity of impairment on these securities improved from an average of 6% of its amortized cost at year end to an average of 2% of its amortized cost at the end of the second quarter. This movement is reflective of the overall interest rate decline experienced during the year.

For a discussion regarding the impact of interest rate movements on our fixed income securities portfolio, refer to Item 7A. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk." in our 2013 Annual Report.

We do not intend to sell any securities in an unrealized/unrecognized loss position, nor do we believe we will be required to sell these securities, and therefore we have concluded that they are temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2014. This conclusion reflects our current judgment as to the financial position and future prospects of the entity that issued the investment security and underlying collateral. If our judgment about an individual security changes in the future, we may ultimately record a credit loss after having originally concluded that one did not exist, which could have a material impact on our net income and financial position in future periods.

(d) Fixed income securities at June 30, 2014, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") are included in the maturity tables using the estimated average life of each security. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations, with or without call or prepayment penalties.

Listed below are HTM fixed income securities at June 30, 2014:

| (\$ in thousands)                     | Carrying Value | Fair Value |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Due in one year or less               | \$113,394      | 115,199    |
| Due after one year through five years | 230,116        | 245,500    |
| Due after five years through 10 years | 21,428         | 24,803     |
| Total HTM fixed income securities     | \$364,938      | 385,502    |

Listed below are AFS fixed income securities at June 30, 2014:

| (\$ in thousands)                     | Fair Value  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Due in one year or less               | \$401,681   |
| Due after one year through five years | 2,007,460   |
| Due after five years through 10 years | 1,404,203   |
| Due after 10 years                    | 76,856      |
| Total AFS fixed income securities     | \$3,890,200 |

(e) The following table summarizes our other investment portfolio by strategy and the remaining commitment amount associated with each strategy:

| Other Investments<br>(\$ in thousands) | Carrying Value   |                      | June 30,<br>2014        |
|--|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|  | June 30,<br>2014 | December 31,<br>2013 | Remaining<br>Commitment |
| Alternative Investments                |                  |                      |                         |
| Secondary private equity               | \$23,575         | 25,618               | 7,230                   |
| Private equity                         | 21,388           | 20,192               | 9,917                   |
| Energy/power generation                | 17,802           | 17,361               | 6,984                   |
| Mezzanine financing                    | 13,243           | 12,738               | 14,470                  |
| Real estate                            | 11,039           | 11,698               | 10,131                  |

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| Distressed debt               | 9,947     | 11,579  | 2,971  |
| Venture capital               | 7,089     | 7,025   | 350    |
| Total alternative investments | 104,083   | 106,211 | 52,053 |
| Other securities              | 2,042     | 1,664   | 597    |
| Total other investments       | \$106,125 | 107,875 | 52,650 |

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For a description of our seven alternative investment strategies, as well as information regarding redemption, restrictions, and fund liquidations, refer to Note 5. "Investments" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

The following table sets forth gross summarized financial information for our other investments portfolio, including the portion not owned by us. The investments are carried under the equity method of accounting. The last line of the table below reflects our share of the aggregate income, which is the portion included in our Financial Statements. As the majority of these investments report results to us on a one quarter lag, the summarized financial statement information for the three and six-month periods ended March 31 is as follows:

| Income Statement Information<br>(\$ in millions)                | Quarter ended March 31, |       | Six Months ended March 31, |       |
|---|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
|   | 2014                    | 2013  | 2014                       | 2013  |
| Net investment income   | \$22.8                  | 46.8  | \$85.7                     | 255.0 |
| Realized gains (losses)   | 74.2                    | (22.1 | ) 197.6                    | 599.7 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation<br>(depreciation)         | 207.6                   | 378.8 | 842.4                      | (18.9 |
| Net income  | \$304.6                 | 403.5 | \$1,125.7                  | 835.8 |
| Selective's insurance subsidiaries' other<br>investments income | \$3.6                   | 3.9   | \$8.8                      | 7.5   |

(f) We have pledged certain AFS fixed income securities and short-term investments as collateral related to: (i) our outstanding borrowing of \$58 million with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis ("FHLBI"); and (ii) our reinsurance obligations related to our 2011 acquisition of our E&S book of business. In addition, certain securities were on deposit with various state and regulatory agencies to comply with insurance laws. We retain all rights regarding all securities pledged as collateral.

The following table summarizes the market value of these securities at June 30, 2014:

| (\$ in millions)                                 | FHLBI<br>Collateral | Reinsurance<br>Collateral | State and<br>Regulatory<br>Deposits | Total |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| U.S. government and government agencies          | \$22.9              | —                         | 26.0                                | 48.9  |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | —                   | 5.7                       | —                                   | 5.7   |
| Corporate securities                             | —                   | 5.3                       | —                                   | 5.3   |
| ABS  | —                   | 2.0                       | —                                   | 2.0   |
| CMBS   | 1.9                 | —                         | —                                   | 1.9   |
| RMBS   | 36.8                | 3.2                       | —                                   | 40.0  |
| Total fixed income securities                    | \$61.6              | 16.2                      | 26.0                                | 103.8 |
| Short-term investments                           | —                   | 0.2                       | —                                   | 0.2   |
| Total pledged as collateral                      | \$61.6              | 16.4                      | 26.0                                | 104.0 |

(g) The components of pre-tax net investment income earned for the periods indicated were as follows:

| (\$ in thousands)       | Quarter ended June 30, |          | Six Months ended June 30, |          |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
|                         | 2014                   | 2013     | 2014                      | 2013     |
| Fixed income securities | \$33,781               | 30,298   | \$64,809                  | \$60,387 |
| Equity securities       | 1,736                  | 1,874    | 3,185                     | 3,081    |
| Short-term investments  | 14                     | 29       | 33                        | 81       |
| Other investments       | 3,553                  | 3,869    | 8,771                     | 7,471    |
| Investment expenses     | (2,310                 | ) (2,067 | ) (4,490                  | ) (4,147 |
|                         | \$36,774               | 34,003   | 72,308                    | 66,873   |

Net investment income  
earned

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(h) The following tables summarize OTTI by asset type for the periods indicated:

| Second Quarter 2014<br>(\$ in thousands)     | Gross     | Included in Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income ("OCI") | Recognized in<br>Earnings  |
|--|-----------|--|----------------------------|
| AFS securities                               |           |  |                            |
| Equity securities                            | \$419     | —  | 419                        |
| Total AFS Securities                         | 419       | —  | 419                        |
| OTTI losses                                  | \$419     | —  | 419                        |
| <br>Second Quarter 2013<br>(\$ in thousands) | <br>Gross | <br>Included in OCI                                  | <br>Recognized in Earnings |
| HTM fixed income securities                  |           |  |                            |
| ABS  | \$(44)    | ) (47  | ) 3                        |
| Total HTM fixed income securities            | (44       | ) (47  | ) 3                        |
| Equity securities                            | 429       | —  | 429                        |
| Total AFS securities                         | 429       | —  | 429                        |
| Other investments                            | 123       | —  | 123                        |
| OTTI losses                                  | \$508     | (47  | ) 555                      |
| <br>Six Months 2014<br>(\$ in thousands)     | <br>Gross | <br>Included in OCI                                  | <br>Recognized in Earnings |
| AFS securities                               |           |  |                            |
| Equity securities                            | \$1,382   | —  | 1,382                      |
| Total AFS Securities                         | 1,382     | —  | 1,382                      |
| OTTI losses                                  | \$1,382   | —  | 1,382                      |
| <br>Six Months 2013<br>(\$ in thousands)     | <br>Gross | <br>Included in OCI                                  | <br>Recognized in Earnings |
| HTM fixed income securities                  |           |  |                            |
| ABS  | \$(44     | ) (47  | ) 3                        |
| Total HTM fixed income securities            | (44       | ) (47  | ) 3                        |
| AFS fixed income securities                  |           |  |                            |
| RMBS   | (22       | ) (30  | ) 8                        |
| Total AFS fixed income securities            | (22       | ) (30  | ) 8                        |
| Equity securities                            | 646       | —  | 646                        |
| Total AFS securities                         | 624       | (30  | ) 654                      |
| Other investments                            | 1,847     | —  | 1,847                      |
| OTTI losses                                  | \$2,427   | (77  | ) 2,504                    |

The OTTI charges in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 relate to equity securities for which we have the intent to sell. The majority of the OTTI charges in Six Months 2013 related to an investment in a limited liability company within our other investments portfolio that had sustained significant losses for which we did not anticipate recovery. For a discussion of our evaluation for OTTI of fixed income securities, short-term investments, equity securities, and other investments, refer to Note 2. "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in Item 8. "Financial

Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

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The following tables set forth, for the periods indicated, credit loss impairments on fixed income securities for which a portion of the OTTI charge was recognized in OCI, and the corresponding changes in such amounts:

| (\$ in thousands)  | Quarter ended June 30,    |       |
|--|---------------------------|-------|
|  | 2014                      | 2013  |
| Balance, beginning of period   | \$7,488                   | 7,486 |
| Addition for the amount related to credit loss for which an OTTI was not previously recognized   | —                         | —     |
| Reductions for securities sold during the period   | (1,954                    | ) —   |
| Reductions for securities for which the amount previously recognized in OCI was recognized in earnings because of intention or potential requirement to sell before recovery of amortized cost | —                         | —     |
| Reductions for securities for which the entire amount previously recognized in OCI was recognized in earnings due to a decrease in cash flows expected   | —                         | —     |
| Additional increases to the amount related to credit loss for which an OTTI was previously recognized  | —                         | 2     |
| Accretion of credit loss impairments previously recognized due to an increase in cash flows expected to be collected   | —                         | —     |
| Balance, end of period   | \$5,534                   | 7,488 |
| (\$ in thousands)  | Six Months ended June 30, |       |
|  | 2014                      | 2013  |
| Balance, beginning of period   | \$7,488                   | 7,477 |
| Addition for the amount related to credit loss for which an OTTI was not previously recognized   | —                         | —     |
| Reductions for securities sold during the period   | (1,954                    | ) —   |
| Reductions for securities for which the amount previously recognized in OCI was recognized in earnings because of intention or potential requirement to sell before recovery of amortized cost | —                         | —     |
| Reductions for securities for which the entire amount previously recognized in OCI was recognized in earnings due to a decrease in cash flows expected   | —                         | —     |
| Additional increases to the amount related to credit loss for which an OTTI was previously recognized  | —                         | 11    |
| Accretion of credit loss impairments previously recognized due to an increase in cash flows expected to be collected   | —                         | —     |
| Balance, end of period   | \$5,534                   | 7,488 |

(i) The components of net realized gains, excluding OTTI charges, for the periods indicated were as follows:

| (\$ in thousands)           | Quarter ended June 30, |       | Six Months ended June 30, |        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------|
|                             | 2014                   | 2013  | 2014                      | 2013   |
| HTM fixed income securities |                        |       |                           |        |
| Gains                       | \$3                    | 3     | 3                         | 3      |
| Losses                      | (3                     | ) (12 | ) (14                     | ) (49  |
| AFS fixed income securities |                        |       |                           |        |
| Gains                       | 780                    | 967   | 938                       | 1,918  |
| Losses                      | (31                    | ) (46 | ) (143                    | ) (299 |
| AFS equity securities       |                        |       |                           |        |
| Gains                       | 4,362                  | 4,800 | 12,679                    | 10,471 |
| Losses                      | (153                   | ) (3  | ) (324                    | ) (171 |
| Other investments           |                        |       |                           |        |
| Gains                       | —                      | —     | —                         | —      |

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|---|---------|--------|---------|----------|---|
| Losses                                    | —       | —      | —       | (860     | ) |
| Total other net realized investment gains | 4,958   | 5,709  | 13,139  | 11,013   |   |
| Total OTTI charges recognized in earnings | (419    | ) (555 | )(1,382 | ) (2,504 | ) |
| Total net realized gains                  | \$4,539 | 5,154  | 11,757  | 8,509    |   |

Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are determined on the basis of the cost of the specific investments sold. The \$5.0 million and \$13.1 million in net realized gains in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014, respectively, were primarily related to the sale of AFS equity securities due to the rebalancing of our high dividend yield strategy holdings within our equity portfolio.

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Of the \$5.7 million and \$11.0 million in net realized gains in Second Quarter and Six Months 2013, \$4.7 million related to the sale of a private equity security due to the acquisition of this investment by a third party. In addition, \$5.6 million in net realized gains in Six Months 2013 were related to the sale of AFS equity securities due to the rebalancing of our high dividend yield strategy holdings within our equity portfolio.

Proceeds from the sale of AFS securities were \$68.7 million in Second Quarter 2014 and \$131.6 million in Six Months 2014, and \$42.2 million and \$49.1 million in the same periods a year ago.

## NOTE 6. Fair Value Measurements

The following table presents the carrying amounts and estimated fair values of our financial instruments as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

| (\$ in thousands)            | June 30, 2014   |            | December 31, 2013 |            |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                              | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount   | Fair Value |
| <b>Financial Assets</b>      |                 |            |                   |            |
| Fixed income securities:     |                 |            |                   |            |
| HTM                          | \$364,938       | 385,502    | 392,879           | 416,981    |
| AFS                          | 3,890,200       | 3,890,200  | 3,715,536         | 3,715,536  |
| Equity securities, AFS       | 211,348         | 211,348    | 192,771           | 192,771    |
| Short-term investments       | 166,488         | 166,488    | 174,251           | 174,251    |
| <b>Financial Liabilities</b> |                 |            |                   |            |
| Notes payable:               |                 |            |                   |            |
| 2.90% borrowings from FHLBI  | 13,000          | 13,165     | 13,000            | 13,319     |
| 1.25% borrowings from FHLBI  | 45,000          | 45,338     | 45,000            | 45,259     |
| 7.25% Senior Notes           | 49,895          | 55,527     | 49,916            | 50,887     |
| 6.70% Senior Notes           | 99,395          | 110,926    | 99,498            | 98,247     |
| 5.875% Senior Notes          | 185,000         | 174,714    | 185,000           | 146,298    |
| Total notes payable          | \$392,290       | 399,670    | 392,414           | 354,010    |

The fair values of our financial assets and liabilities are generated using various valuation techniques and are placed into the fair value hierarchy considering the following: (i) the highest priority is given to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1); (ii) the next highest priority is given to quoted prices in markets that are not active or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets in markets that are not active and other inputs that can be derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets (Level 2); and (iii) the lowest priority is given to unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and that reflect our assumptions about the exit price, including assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset (Level 3). An asset or liability's classification within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of significant input to its valuation. Transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy are recognized at the end of the reporting period.

For a discussion of the techniques used to value the majority of our financial assets and liabilities, refer to Note 2. "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

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The following tables provide quantitative disclosures of our financial assets that were measured at fair value at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

June 30, 2014

| Description<br>(\$ in thousands)                 | Assets<br>Measured at<br>Fair Value<br>at 6/30/2014 | Fair Value Measurements Using<br>Quoted Prices<br>in                                   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
|  |   | Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets/<br>Liabilities<br>(Level 1) <sup>1</sup> | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) <sup>1</sup> | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| Measured on a recurring basis:                   |   |  |  |  |
| AFS:   |   |  |  |  |
| U.S. government and government agencies          | \$ 158,809  | 52,552   | 106,257  | —  |
| Foreign government                               | 28,028  | —  | 28,028   | —  |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 1,107,054   | —  | 1,107,054  | —  |
| Corporate securities                             | 1,782,593   | —  | 1,782,593  | —  |
| ABS  | 132,169   | —  | 132,169  | —  |
| CMBS   | 172,471   | —  | 172,471  | —  |
| RMBS   | 509,076   | —  | 509,076  | —  |
| Total AFS fixed income securities                | 3,890,200   | 52,552   | 3,837,648  | —  |
| Equity securities                                | 211,348   | 208,448  | —  | 2,900  |
| Total AFS Securities                             | 4,101,548   | 261,000  | 3,837,648  | 2,900  |
| Short-term investments                           | 166,488   | 166,488  | —  | —  |
| Total assets measured at fair value              | \$4,268,036   | 427,488  | 3,837,648  | 2,900  |

<sup>1</sup>There were no transfers of securities between Level 1 and Level 2.

December 31, 2013

| Description<br>(\$ in thousands)                 | Assets<br>Measured at<br>Fair Value<br>at 12/31/13 | Fair Value Measurements Using<br>Quoted Prices<br>in                               |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  | Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets/Liabilities<br>(Level 1) <sup>1</sup> | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) <sup>1</sup> | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| Measured on a recurring basis:                   |  |  |  |  |
| AFS:   |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. government and government agencies          | \$ 173,375   | 52,153   | 121,222  | —  |
| Foreign government                               | 30,615   | —  | 30,615   | —  |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 951,624  | —  | 951,624  | —  |
| Corporate securities                             | 1,734,883  | —  | 1,734,883  | —  |
| ABS  | 140,896  | —  | 140,896  | —  |
| CMBS   | 171,284  | —  | 171,284  | —  |
| RMBS   | 512,859  | —  | 512,859  | —  |
| Total AFS fixed income securities                | 3,715,536  | 52,153   | 3,663,383  | —  |
| Equity securities                                | 192,771  | 189,871  | —  | 2,900  |
| Total AFS Securities                             | 3,908,307  | 242,024  | 3,663,383  | 2,900  |



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| Short-term investments              | 174,251     | 174,251 | —         | —     |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$4,082,558 | 416,275 | 3,663,383 | 2,900 |

<sup>1</sup> There were no transfers of securities between Level 1 and Level 2.

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There have been no changes in the fair value of securities measured using Level 3 prices during Six Months 2014. The following table provides a summary of these changes during 2013:  
December 31, 2013

| (\$ in thousands)                                    | Government | Corporate | ABS      | CMBS     | Equity   | Receivable for Proceeds Related to Sale of Selective HR Solutions ("Selective HR") | Total     |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--|-----------|
| Fair value, December 31, 2012                        | \$19,789   | 2,946     | 6,068    | 7,162    | 3,607    | 2,705  | 42,277    |
| Total net (losses) gains for the period included in: |            |           |          |          |          |  |           |
| OCI <sup>1</sup>                                     | (537       | ) (7      | ) (74    | ) 772    | 3,935    | —  | 4,089     |
| Net income <sup>2,3</sup>                            | (76        | ) —       | —        | 361      | —        | (1,480   | ) (1,195  |
| Purchases  | —          | —         | —        | —        | —        | —  | —         |
| Sales  | —          | —         | —        | —        | —        | —  | —         |
| Issuances  | —          | —         | —        | —        | —        | —  | —         |
| Settlements  | (1,847     | ) (168    | ) —      | (2,420   | ) —      | (225   | ) (4,660  |
| Transfers into Level 3                               | —          | —         | —        | —        | —        | —  | —         |
| Transfers out of Level 3                             | (17,329    | ) (2,771  | ) (5,994 | ) (5,875 | ) (4,642 | ) (1,000   | ) (37,611 |
| Fair value, December 31, 2013                        | \$—        | \$—       | \$—      | \$—      | \$2,900  | \$—  | \$2,900   |

<sup>1</sup> Amounts are reported in "Unrealized holding (losses) gains arising during period" on the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income in our 2013 Annual Report.

<sup>2</sup> Amounts are reported in "Net realized gains" for realized gains and losses and "Net investment income earned" for amortization of securities on the Consolidated Statements of Income in our 2013 Annual Report.

<sup>3</sup> For the receivable related to the sale of Selective HR, amounts in "Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax" relate to an impairment charge and amounts in "Other income" relate to interest accretion on the Consolidated Statements of Income in our 2013 Annual Report.

As discussed in Note 2. "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." in our 2013 Annual Report, the fair value of our Level 3 fixed income securities is typically obtained through non-binding broker quotes based on unobservable inputs, which we review for reasonableness. There were no fixed income securities measured using Level 3 inputs at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013. However, in 2013, fixed income securities with a fair value of \$32.0 million were transferred out of Level 3 during the year due to the availability of Level 2 pricing at December 31, 2013 that was not available previously.

Equity securities with fair values of \$2.9 million were measured using Level 3 inputs at June 30, 2014 and at December 31, 2013. An equity security with a fair value of \$4.6 million was transferred out of Level 3 during 2013 due to the availability of Level 2 pricing at the date of transfer. In addition, the receivable related to the sale of Selective HR was settled during 2013 and as a result was also transferred out of Level 3.



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The following tables provide quantitative information regarding our financial assets and liabilities that were disclosed at fair value at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

| June 30, 2014                                    |           | Fair Value Measurements Using   |         |   |  |
|--|-----------|---|---------|---|--|
|  |           | Quoted Prices   |         |   |  |
|  |           | in  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Active  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Markets for   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Identical   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Assets/   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Liabilities   |         |   |  |
|  |           | (Level 1)   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Significant   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Other   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Observable  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Inputs  |         |   |  |
|  |           | (Level 2)   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Significant   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Unobservable  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Inputs  |         |   |  |
|  |           | (Level 3)   |         |   |  |
| (\$ in thousands)                                |           | Assets/<br>Liabilities<br>Disclosed at<br>Fair Value at<br>6/30/2014  |         |   |  |
| Financial Assets                                 |           |   |         |   |  |
| HTM:   |           |   |         |   |  |
| Foreign government                               | \$5,519   | —   | 5,519   | — |  |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 346,724   | —   | 346,724 | — |  |
| Corporate securities                             | 24,513    | —   | 24,513  | — |  |
| ABS  | 3,285     | —   | 3,285   | — |  |
| CMBS   | 5,461     | —   | 5,461   | — |  |
| Total HTM fixed income securities                | \$385,502 | —   | 385,502 | — |  |
| Financial Liabilities                            |           |   |         |   |  |
| Notes payable:                                   |           |   |         |   |  |
| 2.90% borrowings from FHLBI                      | \$13,165  | —   | 13,165  | — |  |
| 1.25% borrowings from FHLBI                      | 45,338    | —   | 45,338  | — |  |
| 7.25% Senior Notes                               | 55,527    | —   | 55,527  | — |  |
| 6.70% Senior Notes                               | 110,926   | —   | 110,926 | — |  |
| 5.875% Senior Notes                              | 174,714   | 174,714   | —       | — |  |
| Total notes payable                              | \$399,670 | 174,714   | 224,956 | — |  |
| December 31, 2013                                |           | Fair Value Measurements Using   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Quoted Prices   |         |   |  |
|  |           | in  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Active  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Markets for   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Identical   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Assets/   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Liabilities   |         |   |  |
|  |           | (Level 1)   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Significant   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Other   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Observable  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Inputs  |         |   |  |
|  |           | (Level 2)   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Significant   |         |   |  |
|  |           | Unobservable  |         |   |  |
|  |           | Inputs  |         |   |  |
|  |           | (Level 3)   |         |   |  |
| (\$ in thousands)                                |           | Assets/<br>Liabilities<br>Disclosed at<br>Fair Value at<br>12/31/2013 |         |   |  |
| Financial Assets                                 |           |   |         |   |  |
| HTM:   |           |   |         |   |  |
| Foreign government                               | \$5,591   | —   | 5,591   | — |  |
| Obligations of states and political subdivisions | 369,756   | —   | 369,756 | — |  |
| Corporate securities                             | 30,274    | —   | 30,274  | — |  |
| ABS  | 3,415     | —   | 3,415   | — |  |
| CMBS   | 7,945     | —   | 7,945   | — |  |
| Total HTM fixed income securities                | \$416,981 | —   | 416,981 | — |  |
| Financial Liabilities                            |           |   |         |   |  |
| Notes payable:                                   |           |   |         |   |  |
| 2.90% borrowings from FHLBI                      | \$13,319  | —   | 13,319  | — |  |
| 1.25% borrowings from FHLBI                      | 45,259    | —   | 45,259  | — |  |

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|                     |           |         |         |   |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---|
| 7.25% Senior Notes  | 50,887    | —       | 50,887  | — |
| 6.70% Senior Notes  | 98,247    | —       | 98,247  | — |
| 5.875% Senior Notes | 146,298   | 146,298 | —       | — |
| Total notes payable | \$354,010 | 146,298 | 207,712 | — |

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## NOTE 7. Reinsurance

The following table contains a listing of direct, assumed, and ceded reinsurance amounts for premiums written, premiums earned, and loss and loss expenses incurred for the periods indicated. For more information concerning reinsurance, refer to Note 8. "Reinsurance" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

| (\$ in thousands)               | Quarter ended June 30, |           | Six Months ended June 30, |            |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|
|                                 | 2014                   | 2013      | 2014                      | 2013       |
| Premiums written:               |                        |           |                           |            |
| Direct                          | \$572,314              | 551,190   | 1,130,205                 | 1,080,006  |
| Assumed                         | 5,837                  | 4,378     | 13,687                    | 12,860     |
| Ceded                           | (98,328                | ) (93,391 | )(187,319                 | ) (180,565 |
| Net                             | \$479,823              | 462,177   | 956,573                   | 912,301    |
| Premiums earned:                |                        |           |                           |            |
| Direct                          | \$544,913              | 504,081   | 1,081,613                 | 998,147    |
| Assumed                         | 10,385                 | 8,951     | 20,570                    | 21,414     |
| Ceded                           | (91,673                | ) (86,780 | )(182,063                 | ) (172,369 |
| Net                             | \$463,625              | 426,252   | 920,120                   | 847,192    |
| Loss and loss expense incurred: |                        |           |                           |            |
| Direct                          | \$332,707              | 338,954   | 691,056                   | 704,600    |
| Assumed                         | 7,377                  | 6,420     | 14,856                    | 15,494     |
| Ceded                           | (42,289                | ) (65,780 | )(87,571                  | ) (170,651 |
| Net                             | \$297,795              | 279,594   | 618,341                   | 549,443    |

The growth in direct premiums written ("DPW") for our ten insurance subsidiaries ("Insurance Subsidiaries") in both Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to Second Quarter and Six Months 2013 reflects pure price increases and retention that we have achieved in our Standard Insurance Operations.

Direct premiums earned increases in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 were consistent with the fluctuation in DPW for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2014 as compared to the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013.

The ceded premiums and losses related to our participation in the NFIP, under which 100% of our flood premiums, losses, and loss expenses are ceded to the NFIP, are as follows:

| Ceded to NFIP<br>(\$ in thousands)   | Quarter ended June 30, |           | Six Months ended June 30, |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|
|                                      | 2014                   | 2013      | 2014                      | 2013       |
| Ceded premiums written               | \$(65,775              | ) (62,461 | )(123,078                 | ) (119,168 |
| Ceded premiums earned                | (59,213                | ) (56,450 | )(117,499                 | ) (111,777 |
| Ceded loss and loss expense incurred | (26,712                | ) (51,725 | )(34,091                  | ) (127,901 |

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## NOTE 8. Segment Information

The disaggregated results of our three operating segments are used by senior management to manage our operations. These segments are evaluated based on the following:

Our Standard Insurance Operations segment and our E&S Insurance Operations segment are evaluated based on statutory underwriting results (net premiums earned, incurred loss and loss expenses, policyholders dividends, policy acquisition costs, and other underwriting expenses), and statutory combined ratios; and

Our Investments segment is evaluated based on after-tax net investment income and net realized gains and losses.

In computing the results of each segment, we do not make adjustments for interest expense or net general corporate expenses. While we do not fully allocate taxes to all segments, we do allocate taxes to our Investments segment as we manage that segment on after-tax results. We do not maintain separate investment portfolios for the segments and therefore, do not allocate assets to the segments.

In the first quarter of 2014, we sold the renewal rights to our \$38 million self-insured group, or "SIG," book of business within the Standard Insurance Operations segment. We decided to opportunistically sell this very small and specialized book of pooled business as a significant portion of the business was produced outside of our standard lines footprint, and proved difficult to grow. As this was a renewal rights sale, we will continue to service policies that were in force at the date of the sale. We continue to remain active in the municipal and public school marketplace for individual risks that procure traditional insurance programs rather than pooling arrangements. The proceeds from this sale, which amounted to \$8 million, are included in "Miscellaneous income" within the table below as a component of the Standard Insurance Operations revenue.

The following summaries present revenues from continuing operations (net investment income and net realized gains on investments in the case of the Investments segment) and pre-tax income from continuing operations for the individual segments:

| Revenue by Segment<br>(\$ in thousands)                 | Quarter ended June 30, |         | Six Months ended June 30, |         |
|---|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
|   | 2014                   | 2013    | 2014                      | 2013    |
| Standard Insurance Operations:                          |                        |         |                           |         |
| Net premiums earned:                                    |                        |         |                           |         |
| Commercial automobile                                   | \$83,472               | 76,706  | 165,688                   | 151,053 |
| Workers compensation                                    | 68,992                 | 64,855  | 138,405                   | 130,939 |
| General liability                                       | 111,591                | 99,766  | 220,409                   | 197,469 |
| Commercial property                                     | 61,226                 | 54,937  | 121,412                   | 108,352 |
| Businessowners' policies                                | 21,279                 | 18,625  | 42,148                    | 37,165  |
| Bonds   | 4,734                  | 4,775   | 9,490                     | 9,539   |
| Other   | 3,213                  | 2,993   | 6,396                     | 5,985   |
| Total Standard Commercial Lines                         | 354,507                | 322,657 | 703,948                   | 640,502 |
| Personal automobile                                     | 38,022                 | 38,526  | 76,248                    | 76,919  |
| Homeowners  | 33,576                 | 31,702  | 66,874                    | 62,837  |
| Other   | 2,946                  | 3,320   | 6,240                     | 6,828   |
| Total Standard Personal Lines                           | 74,544                 | 73,548  | 149,362                   | 146,584 |
| Total Standard Insurance Operations net premiums earned | 429,051                | 396,205 | 853,310                   | 787,086 |
| Miscellaneous income                                    | 1,908                  | 3,528   | 11,727                    | 6,248   |
| Total Standard Insurance Operations revenue             | 430,959                | 399,733 | 865,037                   | 793,334 |
| E&S Insurance Operations:                               |                        |         |                           |         |
| Net premiums earned                                     | 34,574                 | 30,047  | 66,810                    | 60,106  |
| Investments:  |                        |         |                           |         |

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| Net investment income                     | 36,774    | 34,003  | 72,308    | 66,873  |
| Net realized investment gains             | 4,539     | 5,154   | 11,757    | 8,509   |
| Total investment revenues                 | 41,313    | 39,157  | 84,065    | 75,382  |
| Total all segments                        | 506,846   | 468,937 | 1,015,912 | 928,822 |
| Other income                              | 3         | 8       | 8         | 72      |
| Total revenues from continuing operations | \$506,849 | 468,945 | 1,015,920 | 928,894 |

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| Income from Continuing Operations before Federal Income Tax<br>(\$ in thousands)   | Quarter ended June 30, |                        | Six Months ended June 30, |                           |      |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------|
|  | 2014                   | 2013                   | 2014                      | 2013                      |      |
| <b>Standard Insurance Operations:</b>  |                        |                        |                           |                           |      |
| Commercial Lines underwriting gain   | \$15,703               | 9,743                  | \$12,073                  | 15,845                    |      |
| Personal Lines underwriting (loss) gain  | (5,582 )               | (2,975 )               | (7,942 )                  | 2,998                     |      |
| Total Standard Insurance Operations underwriting gain, before federal income tax   | 10,121                 | 6,768                  | 4,131                     | 18,843                    |      |
| GAAP combined ratio  | 97.6                   | % 98.3                 | 99.5                      | % 97.6                    |      |
| Statutory combined ratio   | 97.3                   | % 97.0                 | 99.2                      | % 96.9                    |      |
| <b>E&amp;S Insurance Operations:</b>   |                        |                        |                           |                           |      |
| Underwriting (loss) gain   | (37 )                  | (2,285 )               | 938                       | (2,199 )                  |      |
| GAAP combined ratio  | 100.1                  | % 107.6                | 98.6                      | % 103.7                   |      |
| Statutory combined ratio   | 99.9                   | % 106.8                | 98.8                      | % 102.6                   |      |
| <b>Investments:</b>  |                        |                        |                           |                           |      |
| Net investment income  | 36,774                 | 34,003                 | 72,308                    | 66,873                    |      |
| Net realized investment gains  | 4,539                  | 5,154                  | 11,757                    | 8,509                     |      |
| Total investment income, before federal income tax   | 41,313                 | 39,157                 | 84,065                    | 75,382                    |      |
| Tax on investment income   | 10,941                 | 10,107                 | 22,516                    | 19,312                    |      |
| Total investment income, after federal income tax  | 30,372                 | 29,050                 | 61,549                    | 56,070                    |      |
| <b>Reconciliation of Segment Results to Income from Continuing Operations, before Federal Income Tax (\$ in thousands)</b> |                        |                        |                           |                           |      |
|  |                        | Quarter ended June 30, |                           | Six Months ended June 30, |      |
|  |                        | 2014                   | 2013                      | 2014                      | 2013 |
| Standard Insurance Operations underwriting gain, before federal income tax   | \$10,121               | 6,768                  | \$4,131                   | 18,843                    |      |
| E&S Insurance Operations underwriting (loss) gain, before federal income tax   | (37 )                  | (2,285 )               | 938                       | (2,199 )                  |      |
| Investment income, before federal income tax   | 41,313                 | 39,157                 | 84,065                    | 75,382                    |      |
| Total all segments   | 51,397                 | 43,640                 | 89,134                    | 92,026                    |      |
| Interest expense   | (5,425 )               | (5,570 )               | (10,986 )                 | (11,401 )                 |      |
| General corporate and other expenses   | (6,451 )               | (1,869 )               | (13,543 )                 | (15,556 )                 |      |
| Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax   | \$39,521               | 36,201                 | \$64,605                  | 65,069                    |      |

## NOTE 9. Retirement Plans

The following table shows the net periodic benefit cost related to the Retirement Income Plan for Selective Insurance Company of America ("Retirement Income Plan") and the life insurance benefits provided to eligible Selective Insurance Company of America retirees (referred to as the "Retirement Life Plan"). For more information concerning these plans, refer to Note 15. "Retirement Plans" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

| (\$ in thousands)                               | Retirement Income Plan      |      | Retirement Life Plan        |      |
|---|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
|   | Quarter ended June 30, 2014 | 2013 | Quarter ended June 30, 2014 | 2013 |
| <b>Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost:</b> |                             |      |                             |      |
| <b>Net Periodic Benefit Cost:</b>               |                             |      |                             |      |

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|   |         |          |     |    |
|---|---------|----------|-----|----|
| Service cost                                    | \$1,626 | 1,857    | —   | —  |
| Interest cost                                   | 3,253   | 3,051    | 73  | 69 |
| Expected return on plan assets                  | (3,918  | ) (3,985 | ) — | —  |
| Amortization of unrecognized net actuarial loss | 368     | 772      | 13  | 17 |
| Total net periodic cost                         | \$1,329 | 1,695    | 86  | 86 |

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| (\$ in thousands)                               | Retirement Income Plan         |          | Retirement Life Plan           |      |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------|
|   | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 | 2013     | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 | 2013 |
| Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost:        |                                |          |                                |      |
| Net Periodic Benefit Cost:                      |                                |          |                                |      |
| Service cost                                    | \$3,253                        | 4,306    | —                              | —    |
| Interest cost                                   | 6,507                          | 6,354    | 146                            | 139  |
| Expected return on plan assets                  | (7,837                         | ) (7,833 | ) —                            | —    |
| Amortization of unrecognized prior service      | —                              | 10       | —                              | —    |
| Amortization of unrecognized net actuarial loss | 735                            | 2,594    | 26                             | 35   |
| Curtailment expense                             | —                              | 16       | —                              | —    |
| Total net periodic cost                         | \$2,658                        | 5,447    | 172                            | 174  |

|                                       | Retirement Income Plan         |        | Retirement Life Plan           |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
|                                       | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 | 2013   | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 | 2013   |
| Weighted-Average Expense Assumptions: |                                |        |                                |        |
| Discount rate                         | 5.16                           | % 4.66 | 4.85                           | % 4.42 |
| Expected return on plan assets        | 6.92                           | 7.40   | —                              | —      |
| Rate of compensation increase         | 4.00                           | 4.00   | —                              | —      |

We presently anticipate contributing \$9.8 million to the Retirement Income Plan in 2014, \$5.4 million of which has been funded as of June 30, 2014.

## NOTE 10. Comprehensive Income

The components of comprehensive income, both gross and net of tax, for Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

## Second Quarter 2014

| (\$ in thousands)                                  | Gross    | Tax      | Net      |   |
|--|----------|----------|----------|---|
| Net income   | \$39,521 | 10,180   | 29,341   |   |
| Components of OCI:                                 |          |          |          |   |
| Unrealized gains on investment securities:         |          |          |          |   |
| Unrealized holding gains during the period         | 45,122   | 15,793   | 29,329   |   |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |          |          |          |   |
| HTM securities                                     | (221     | ) (77    | ) (144   | ) |
| Non-credit OTTI                                    | 469      | 164      | 305      |   |
| Realized gains on AFS securities                   | (5,008   | ) (1,753 | ) (3,255 | ) |
| Net unrealized gains                               | 40,362   | 14,127   | 26,235   |   |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans: |          |          |          |   |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |          |          |          |   |
| Net actuarial loss                                 | 381      | 133      | 248      |   |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans  | 381      | 133      | 248      |   |
| Other comprehensive income                         | 40,743   | 14,260   | 26,483   |   |
| Comprehensive income                               | \$80,264 | 24,440   | 55,824   |   |

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## Second Quarter 2013

(\$ in thousands)

|  | Gross     | Tax       | Net       |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net income   | \$36,201  | 9,079     | 27,122    |
| Components of OCI:                                 |           |           |           |
| Unrealized losses on investment securities:        |           |           |           |
| Unrealized holding losses during the period        | (91,314   | ) (31,961 | ) (59,353 |
| Non-credit OTTI recognized in OCI                  | 47        | 16        | 31        |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |           |           |           |
| HTM securities                                     | (614      | ) (215    | ) (399    |
| Non-credit OTTI                                    | 6         | 3         | 3         |
| Realized gains on AFS securities                   | (5,288    | ) (1,850  | ) (3,438  |
| Net unrealized losses                              | (97,163   | ) (34,007 | ) (63,156 |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans: |           |           |           |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |           |           |           |
| Net actuarial loss                                 | 789       | 276       | 513       |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans  | 789       | 276       | 513       |
| Other comprehensive loss                           | (96,374   | ) (33,731 | ) (62,643 |
| Comprehensive loss                                 | \$(60,173 | ) (24,652 | ) (35,521 |

## Six Months 2014

(\$ in thousands)

|  | Gross     | Tax      | Net      |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| Net income   | \$64,605  | 17,290   | 47,315   |
| Components of OCI:                                 |           |          |          |
| Unrealized gains on investment securities:         |           |          |          |
| Unrealized holding gains during the period         | 78,086    | 27,331   | 50,755   |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |           |          |          |
| HTM securities                                     | (677      | ) (237   | ) (440   |
| Non-credit OTTI                                    | 469       | 164      | 305      |
| Realized gains on AFS securities                   | (12,237   | ) (4,283 | ) (7,954 |
| Net unrealized gains                               | 65,641    | 22,975   | 42,666   |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans: |           |          |          |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |           |          |          |
| Net actuarial loss                                 | 761       | 266      | 495      |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans  | 761       | 266      | 495      |
| Other comprehensive income                         | 66,402    | 23,241   | 43,161   |
| Comprehensive income                               | \$131,007 | 40,531   | 90,476   |

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## Six Months 2013

(\$ in thousands)

|  | Gross    | Tax       | Net       |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net income   | \$63,534 | 15,104    | 48,430    |
| Components of OCI:                                 |          |           |           |
| Unrealized losses on investment securities:        |          |           |           |
| Unrealized holding losses during the period        | (87,630  | ) (30,671 | ) (56,959 |
| Non-credit OTTI recognized in OCI                  | 77       | 27        | 50        |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |          |           |           |
| HTM securities                                     | (1,331   | ) (466    | ) (865    |
| Non-credit OTTI                                    | 13       | 5         | 8         |
| Realized gains on AFS securities                   | (11,264  | ) (3,942  | ) (7,322  |
| Net unrealized losses                              | (100,135 | ) (35,047 | ) (65,088 |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans: |          |           |           |
| Net actuarial gains                                | 44,000   | 15,400    | 28,600    |
| Amounts reclassified into net income:              |          |           |           |
| Net actuarial loss                                 | 2,629    | 920       | 1,709     |
| Prior service cost                                 | 10       | 4         | 6         |
| Curtailed expense                                  | 16       | 5         | 11        |
| Defined benefit pension and post-retirement plans  | 46,655   | 16,329    | 30,326    |
| Other comprehensive loss                           | (53,480  | ) (18,718 | ) (34,762 |
| Comprehensive income                               | \$10,054 | (3,614    | ) 13,668  |

The balances of, and changes in, each component of AOCI (net of taxes) as of June 30, 2014 are as follows:

| June 30, 2014                  | Net Unrealized (Loss) Gain on Investment Securities |                |              |                         |   | Defined Benefit | Total AOCI |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|------------|
| (\$ in thousands)              | OTTI<br>Related                                     | HTM<br>Related | All<br>Other | Investments<br>Subtotal | Pension and<br>Post-Retirement<br>Plans |                 |            |
| Balance, December 31, 2013     | \$(1,599  | ) 1,467        | 51,635       | 51,503                  | (26,652                                 | )               | 24,851     |
| OCI before reclassifications   | —   | —              | 50,755       | 50,755                  | —                                       |                 | 50,755     |
| Amounts reclassified from AOCI | 305   | (440           | ) (7,954     | ) (8,089                | ) 495                                   |                 | (7,594     |
| Net current period OCI         | 305   | (440           | ) 42,801     | 42,666                  | 495                                     |                 | 43,161     |
| Balance, June 30, 2014         | \$(1,294  | ) 1,027        | 94,436       | 94,169                  | (26,157                                 | )               | 68,012     |

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The reclassifications out of AOCI are as follows:

| (\$ in thousands)   | Quarter ended June 30, |          | Six Months ended June 30, |           | Affected Line Item in the Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Income |
|---|------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|--|
|   | 2014                   | 2013     | 2014                      | 2013      |  |
| <b>OTTI related</b>   |                        |          |                           |           |  |
| Amortization of non-credit OTTI losses on HTM securities      | —                      | 6        | —                         | 13        | Net investment income earned   |
| Realized loss on disposal of non-credit OTTI securities       | 469                    | —        | 469                       | —         | Net realized gains   |
|   | 469                    | 6        | 469                       | 13        | Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax         |
|   | (164                   | ) (3     | ) (164                    | ) (5      | ) Total federal income tax expense                                   |
|   | 305                    | 3        | 305                       | 8         | Net income   |
| <b>HTM related</b>  |                        |          |                           |           |  |
| Unrealized losses (gains) on HTM disposals                    | 51                     | (70      | ) 75                      | (151      | ) Net realized gains   |
| Amortization of net unrealized gains on HTM securities        | (272                   | ) (544   | ) (752                    | ) (1,180  | ) Net investment income earned                                       |
|   | (221                   | ) (614   | ) (677                    | ) (1,331  | ) Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax       |
|   | 77                     | 215      | 237                       | 466       | Total federal income tax expense                                     |
|   | (144                   | ) (399   | ) (440                    | ) (865    | ) Net income   |
| <b>Realized gains and losses on AFS and OTTI</b>              |                        |          |                           |           |  |
| Realized gains on AFS disposals and OTTI                      | (5,008                 | ) (5,288 | ) (12,237                 | ) (11,264 | ) Net realized gains   |
|   | (5,008                 | ) (5,288 | ) (12,237                 | ) (11,264 | ) Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax       |
|   | 1,753                  | 1,850    | 4,283                     | 3,942     | Total federal income tax expense                                     |
|   | (3,255                 | ) (3,438 | ) (7,954                  | ) (7,322  | ) Net income   |
| <b>Defined benefit pension and post-retirement life plans</b> |                        |          |                           |           |  |
| Net actuarial loss  | 88                     | 158      | 175                       | 558       | Loss and loss expense incurred                                       |
|   | 293                    | 631      | 586                       | 2,071     | Policy acquisition costs   |
|   | 381                    | 789      | 761                       | 2,629     | Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax         |
| <b>Prior service cost</b>                                     |                        |          |                           |           |  |
|   | —                      | —        | —                         | 7         | Loss and loss adjustment expenses                                    |
|   | —                      | —        | —                         | 3         | Policy acquisition costs   |
|   | —                      | —        | —                         | 10        | Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax         |

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|  |        |          |          |          |  |
|--|--------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Curtailment expense                                    | —      | —        | —        | 16       | Policy acquisition costs                                     |
|  | —      | —        | —        | 16       | Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax |
| Total defined benefit pension and post-retirement life | 381    | 789      | 761      | 2,655    | Income from continuing operations, before federal income tax |
|  | (133   | ) (276   | ) (266   | ) (929   | ) Total federal income tax expense                           |
|  | 248    | 513      | 495      | 1,726    | Net income   |
| Total reclassifications for the period                 | (2,846 | ) (3,321 | ) (7,594 | ) (6,453 | ) Net income   |

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Note 11. Litigation

In the ordinary course of conducting business, we are named as defendants in various legal proceedings. Most of these proceedings are claims litigation involving our Insurance Subsidiaries as either: (i) liability insurers defending or providing indemnity for third-party claims brought against insureds; or (ii) insurers defending first-party coverage claims brought against them. We account for such activity through the establishment of unpaid loss and loss expense reserves. We expect that the ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such ordinary course claims litigation, after consideration of provisions made for potential losses and costs of defense, will not be material to our consolidated financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

Our Insurance Subsidiaries are also from time to time involved in other legal actions, some of which assert claims for substantial amounts. These actions include, among others, putative class actions seeking certification of a state or national class. Such putative class actions have alleged, for example, improper reimbursement of medical providers paid under workers compensation and personal and commercial automobile insurance policies. Our Insurance Subsidiaries also are involved from time to time in individual actions in which extra-contractual damages, punitive damages, or penalties are sought, such as claims alleging bad faith in the handling of insurance claims. We believe that we have valid defenses to these cases. We expect that the ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such lawsuits, after consideration of provisions made for estimated losses, will not be material to our consolidated financial condition. Nonetheless, given the large or indeterminate amounts sought in certain of these actions, and the inherent unpredictability of litigation, an adverse outcome in certain matters could, from time to time, have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations or cash flows in particular quarterly or annual periods.



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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

Forward-Looking Statements

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we discuss and make statements regarding our intentions, beliefs, current expectations, and projections regarding our company's future operations and performance. Such statements are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are often identified by words such as "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "will," "should," and "intends" and their negatives. We caution prospective investors that such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Risks and uncertainties are inherent in our future performance. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed under Item 1A. "Risk Factors" below in Part II "Other Information." These risk factors may not be exhaustive. We operate in a continually changing business environment and new risk factors emerge from time to time. We can neither predict such new risk factors nor can we assess the impact, if any, of such new risk factors on our businesses or the extent to which any factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this report. In light of these risks, uncertainties, and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this report might not occur. We make forward-looking statements based on currently available information and assume no obligation to update these statements due to changes in underlying factors, new information, future developments, or otherwise.

Introduction

We classify our business into three operating segments:

Our Standard Insurance Operations segment, which is comprised of both commercial lines ("Commercial Lines") and personal lines ("Personal Lines") business, sells property and casualty insurance products and services in the standard market, including flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program's ("NFIPs") write-your-own ("WYO") program;

Our Excess and Surplus ("E&S") Insurance Operations segment sells Commercial Lines property and casualty insurance products and services to insureds who have not obtained coverage in the standard market; and

Our Investments segment, which invests the premiums collected by our Standard and E&S Insurance Operations and amounts generated through our capital management strategies, which may include the issuance of debt and equity securities.

Our Standard Insurance Operations products and services are sold through nine subsidiaries that write Commercial Lines and Personal Lines business, some of which write flood business through the NFIP's WYO program.

Our E&S Insurance Operations products and services are sold through one subsidiary. This subsidiary, Mesa Underwriters Specialty Insurance Company ("MUSIC"), provides us with a nationally-authorized non-admitted platform to write commercial and personal E&S lines business.

Our ten insurance subsidiaries are collectively referred to as the "Insurance Subsidiaries."

The purpose of Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is to provide an understanding of the consolidated results of operations and financial condition and known trends and uncertainties that may have a material impact in future periods. Consequently, investors should read the MD&A in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements in our 2013 Annual Report filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

In the MD&A, we will discuss and analyze the following:

• Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates;

• Financial Highlights of Results for Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 and Second Quarter and Six Months 2013;

• Results of Operations and Related Information by Segment;

• Federal Income Taxes;

- Financial Condition, Liquidity, Short-term Borrowings, and Capital Resources;
- Ratings;
- Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements; and
- Contractual Obligations, Contingent Liabilities, and Commitments.

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## Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements include amounts based on our informed estimates and judgments for those transactions that are not yet complete. Such estimates and judgments affect the reported amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Those estimates and judgments most critical to the preparation of the consolidated financial statements involve the following: (i) reserves for loss and loss expenses; (ii) pension and post-retirement benefit plan actuarial assumptions; (iii) other-than-temporary investment impairments ("OTTI"); and (iv) reinsurance. These estimates and judgments require the use of assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain and, therefore, are subject to change as facts and circumstances develop. If different estimates and judgments had been applied, materially different amounts might have been reported in the financial statements. For additional information regarding our critical accounting policies, refer to our 2013 Annual Report, pages 44 through 52.

Financial Highlights of Results for Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 and Second Quarter and Six Months 2013<sup>1</sup>

| (\$ and shares in thousands, except per share amounts)      | Quarter ended June 30, |         |                          | Six Months ended June 30, |         |                          |
|---|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|   | 2014                   | 2013    | Change<br>% or<br>Points | 2014                      | 2013    | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
| Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") measures: |                        |         |                          |                           |         |                          |
| Revenues  | \$506,849              | 468,945 | 8 %                      | \$1,015,920               | 928,894 | 9 %                      |
| Pre-tax net investment income                               | 36,774                 | 34,003  | 8                        | 72,308                    | 66,873  | 8                        |
| Pre-tax net income  | 39,521                 | 36,201  | 9                        | 64,605                    | 63,534  | 2                        |
| Net income  | 29,341                 | 27,122  | 8                        | 47,315                    | 48,430  | (2 )                     |
| Diluted net income per share                                | 0.51                   | 0.48    | 6                        | 0.83                      | 0.86    | (3 )                     |
| Diluted weighted-average outstanding shares                 | 57,260                 | 56,616  | 1                        | 57,215                    | 56,530  | 1                        |
| GAAP combined ratio   | 97.8                   | % 98.9  | (1.1 ) pts               | 99.4                      | 98.0    | 1.4 pts                  |
| Statutory combined ratio <sup>2</sup>                       | 97.5                   | % 97.7  | (0.2 )                   | 99.2                      | 97.3    | 1.9                      |
| Return on average equity                                    | 9.7                    | % 9.7   | —                        | 7.9                       | 8.8     | (0.9 )                   |
| Non-GAAP measures:  |                        |         |                          |                           |         |                          |
| Operating income <sup>3</sup>                               | \$26,390               | 23,773  | 11 %                     | \$39,673                  | 43,897  | (10 ) %                  |
| Diluted operating income per share <sup>3</sup>             | 0.46                   | 0.42    | 10                       | 0.70                      | 0.78    | (10 )                    |
| Operating return on average equity <sup>3</sup>             | 8.7                    | % 8.5   | 0.2 pts                  | 6.6                       | 8.0     | (1.4 ) pts               |

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the Glossary of Terms attached to our 2013 Annual Report as Exhibit 99.1 for definitions of terms used in this Form 10-Q.

The statutory combined ratio for Six Months 2013 included 0.7 points related to the Retirement Income Plan amendments that curtailed the accrual of additional benefits for all eligible employees participating in the plans after March 31, 2016.

Operating income is used as an important financial measure by us, analysts, and investors, because the realization of investment gains and losses on sales in any given period is largely discretionary as to timing. In addition, these realized investment gains and losses, as well as OTTI that are charged to earnings and the results of discontinued operations, could distort the analysis of trends. See below for a reconciliation of operating income to net income in accordance with GAAP. Operating return on average equity is calculated by dividing annualized operating income by average stockholders' equity.

The following table reconciles operating income and net income for the periods presented above:

| (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts) | Quarter ended June 30, |        | Six Months ended June 30, |        |
|---|------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
|   | 2014                   | 2013   | 2014                      | 2013   |
| Operating income                            | \$26,390               | 23,773 | 39,673                    | 43,897 |
| Net realized gains, net of tax              | 2,951                  | 3,349  | 7,642                     | 5,530  |

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|   |          |        |        |        |   |
|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|---|
| Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax             | —        | —      | —      | (997)  | ) |
| Net income  | \$29,341 | 27,122 | 47,315 | 48,430 |   |
| Diluted operating income per share                                  | \$0.46   | 0.42   | 0.70   | 0.78   |   |
| Diluted net realized gains per share                                | 0.05     | 0.06   | 0.13   | 0.10   |   |
| Diluted net loss from disposal of discontinued operations per share | —        | —      | —      | (0.02) | ) |
| Diluted net income per share  | \$0.51   | 0.48   | 0.83   | 0.86   |   |

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Over the long term, we target a return on average equity that is three points higher than our cost of capital, or 12%, excluding the impact of realized gains and losses, which is referred to as operating return on average equity. Our operating return on average equity and contribution by component for Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 and the comparable prior year periods are as follows:

| Operating Return on Average Equity | Quarter ended June 30, |         | Six Months ended June 30, |         |    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|----|
|                                    | 2014                   | 2013    | 2014                      | 2013    |    |
| Standard Insurance Operations      | 2.2                    | % 1.6   | % 0.4                     | % 2.2   | %  |
| E&S Insurance Operations           | —                      | % (0.6) | )% 0.1                    | % (0.2) | )% |
| Investments                        | 9.1                    | % 9.2   | % 9.0                     | % 9.2   | %  |
| Other                              | (2.6                   | )% (1.7 | )% (2.9                   | )% (3.2 | )% |
| Total                              | 8.7                    | % 8.5   | % 6.6                     | % 8.0   | %  |

Our operating return on average equity in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 reflects GAAP combined ratios of 97.8% and 99.4%, compared to 98.9% and 98.0% in the same periods a year ago. Increased favorable prior year casualty reserve development and the impact of renewal pure price increases drove the improvement in operating return on average equity in the quarter, despite increased levels of catastrophe and non-catastrophe property losses. On a year-to-date basis, the increase in property losses resulted in an increase in the combined ratio and a corresponding decline in operating return on average equity compared to Six Months 2013. Further descriptions of the variances for the quarter and year-to-date periods are as follows:

Catastrophe losses for Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 were \$27.2 million, or 5.9 points, and \$61.6 million, or 6.7 points, respectively, compared to \$19.6 million, or 4.6 points, and \$21.2 million, or 2.5 points, in the respective prior year periods. The majority of these catastrophe losses were attributed to extreme weather events in the first quarter of 2014, which brought freezing temperatures and snowstorms to our 22-state standard lines footprint, coupled with hail, tornadoes, and wind events in Second Quarter 2014.

Non-catastrophe property losses in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 were at some of the highest levels that we have experienced in recent years. The impact varied by line but, for both standard lines and E&S, non-catastrophe property losses for Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 were approximately \$73.0 million, or 15.7 points, and \$164.4 million, or 17.9 points, respectively. Non-catastrophe losses for the quarter and year-to-date periods were both about 4 points higher than the same periods last year. These non-catastrophe property losses were primarily the result of fires, roof collapses, and water damage, which were often related to the weather events experienced throughout our footprint states in both Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014.

Renewal pure price increases of 7.6% were achieved in full-year 2013, which are currently earning in at 6.9% in Second Quarter 2014 and 7.1% in Six Months 2014. This earned rate is above the loss cost trend of approximately 3%. After taking into account the incremental expenses associated with the additional premium, the net benefit to the combined ratio is approximately 2.5 points for both periods.

Favorable prior year casualty development in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 was \$17.5 million, or 3.8 points, and \$31.5 million, or 3.5 points, respectively, compared to favorable prior year casualty development of \$2 million, or 0.5 points, and \$4 million, or 0.4 points, in Second Quarter 2013 and Six Months 2013, respectively. We experienced stable workers compensation trends in the quarter and year-to-date periods, with no development either favorable or unfavorable. The level of releases in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 were driven by improving claim trends within our general liability line of business for the 2012 and prior accident years.

Also contributing to Six Months 2014 Insurance Operations results, was the March 2014 sale of the renewal rights to our self-insured group, or "SIG," book of pooled public entity business, which contributed \$8 million to other income,

reducing the combined ratio by 0.9 points. Although we did not solicit buyers, we decided to sell this very small and specialized book of business when the opportunity presented itself because it had significant production outside of our standard lines footprint, and proved difficult to grow. We, however, have retained our substantial individual risk public entity book of business and we will continue to look for opportunities to grow it.

The remaining fluctuation in our Second Quarter 2014 operating return on average equity compared to Second Quarter 2013 was driven by higher long-term employee compensation expense associated with our performance relative to our peer group and fluctuations in our stock price. This item is captured within the "Other" component in the table above.

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The following table provides a quantitative foundation for analyzing our overall Insurance Subsidiaries' underwriting results:

| All Lines<br>(\$ in thousands)           | Quarter ended June 30, |         | Change<br>% or<br>Points | Six Months ended June 30, |           | Change<br>% or<br>Points |       |     |
|--|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|-----|
|  | 2014                   | 2013    |                          | 2014                      | 2013      |                          |       |     |
| GAAP Insurance Operations Results:       |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| Net premiums written ("NPW")             | \$479,823              | 462,177 | 4                        | %                         | \$956,573 | 912,301                  | 5     | %   |
| Net premiums earned ("NPE")              | 463,625                | 426,252 | 9                        |                           | 920,120   | 847,192                  | 9     |     |
| Less:                                    |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| Loss and loss expense incurred           | 297,795                | 279,594 | 7                        |                           | 618,341   | 549,443                  | 13    |     |
| Net underwriting expenses incurred       | 154,197                | 141,194 | 9                        |                           | 293,923   | 279,038                  | 5     |     |
| Dividends to policyholders               | 1,549                  | 981     | 58                       |                           | 2,787     | 2,067                    | 35    |     |
| Underwriting gain                        | \$10,084               | 4,483   | 125                      | %                         | \$5,069   | 16,644                   | (70)  | ) % |
| GAAP Ratios:                             |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| Loss and loss expense ratio              | 64.2                   | % 65.6  | (1.4)                    | ) pts                     | 67.2      | % 64.9                   | 2.3   | pts |
| Underwriting expense ratio               | 33.3                   | 33.1    | 0.2                      |                           | 31.9      | 32.9                     | (1.0) | )   |
| Dividends to policyholders ratio         | 0.3                    | 0.2     | 0.1                      |                           | 0.3       | 0.2                      | 0.1   |     |
| Combined ratio                           | 97.8                   | 98.9    | (1.1)                    | )                         | 99.4      | 98.0                     | 1.4   |     |
| Statutory Ratios:                        |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| Loss and loss expense ratio <sup>1</sup> | 64.2                   | 65.6    | (1.4)                    | )                         | 67.2      | 64.9                     | 2.3   |     |
| Underwriting expense ratio <sup>1</sup>  | 33.0                   | 31.9    | 1.1                      |                           | 31.7      | 32.2                     | (0.5) | )   |
| Dividends to policyholders ratio         | 0.3                    | 0.2     | 0.1                      |                           | 0.3       | 0.2                      | 0.1   |     |
| Combined ratio <sup>1</sup>              | 97.5                   | % 97.7  | (0.2)                    | ) pts                     | 99.2      | % 97.3                   | 1.9   | pts |

<sup>1</sup> Statutory ratios for Six Months 2013 included 0.2 points in the loss and loss expense ratio, 0.5 points in the underwriting ratio, and 0.7 points in the combined ratio related to the Retirement Income Plan amendments that curtailed the accrual of additional benefits for all eligible employees participating in the plans after March 31, 2016.

The growth in NPW for our Insurance Subsidiaries in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to Second Quarter and Six Months 2013 was primarily driven by renewal pure price increases and strong retention in our Standard Commercial Lines Insurance Operations.

NPE increases in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 were consistent with the fluctuations in NPW for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2014 compared to the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013.

The combined ratios for both Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 were primarily driven by property results, renewal pure price increases, and favorable prior year casualty development, as discussed above.

#### Outlook

In their 2013 year-end review, dated February 4, 2014, A.M. Best and Company ("A.M. Best") projected an industry combined ratio of 99.4% for 2014. Their report cited: "In looking ahead to 2014, A.M. Best expects premiums to continue growing through price increases, but the pace of these rate changes are expected to slow and temper growth in premium." They expect that underwriting results should improve slightly on the rate level achieved in recent years, although less favorable development of prior years' loss reserves is anticipated. In addition, a more normal level of

catastrophe losses could increase combined ratios by almost 200 basis points, and the industry will continue to be challenged by the relatively low investment yields that are expected to persist through 2014, as well as the slow recovery from the recession of 2007 through 2009.

Although A.M. Best is continuing to maintain its negative outlook for the commercial lines market reflecting "the uncertainty around loss-reserve development and continued low profit margins driven by low investment yields," it anticipates a 99.9% statutory combined ratio for 2014, driven by: (i) a more normal level of catastrophe losses; (ii) less favorable loss-reserve development; and (iii) loss trends that are partially offset by lower pricing. For personal lines, A.M. Best maintains a stable outlook in the coming year reflecting ongoing stability of the auto line and successful carriers continuing to enhance the granularity of their home pricing models.



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In its financial review issued on July 14, 2014, A.M. Best noted that increased catastrophe and weather-related claims led to an increase in losses for the U.S. property and casualty industry in the first quarter of 2014, causing underwriting and net income to decline compared with last year's results. Losses related to the polar vortex account for much of this increase. Overall, catastrophe losses accounted for 3.4 points on the combined ratio, a substantial increase over the 2.1-point impact in the first quarter of last year. Despite these increased losses, the industry posted another quarter of profitable underwriting, producing a combined ratio of 96.4% for the first quarter of 2014, up from 92.7% for the first quarter of 2013.

In early 2012, we laid out a three-year plan to achieve overall annual renewal pure price increases of 5% to 8%. We achieved 6.0% in Six Months 2014, including 6.1% in our Standard Commercial Lines, 6.2% in our Standard Personal Lines, and 3.7% in our E&S Lines. The 7.6% overall renewal pure price increase in 2013 translated into earned price increases of 7.1% in Six Months 2014, which is above loss cost trends of approximately 3%. The 6% overall renewal pure price increase that we expect to achieve in 2014 is also above loss cost trends, and will continue to add to profitability in 2015.

Our Insurance Subsidiaries reported statutory combined ratios, excluding catastrophes, of 91.6% for Second Quarter 2014 and 92.5% for Six Months 2014, which are in line with our stated full-year 2014 goal of 92%. The catastrophe losses in Second Quarter 2014 of \$27 million added 5.9 points to our statutory combined ratio, and the catastrophe losses in Six Months 2014 of \$61.6 million added 6.7 points to our statutory combined ratio. This increased level of catastrophe losses was related to extreme winter weather in the first quarter of 2014 and Midwest storms in Second Quarter 2014.

The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury Notes fell by 50 basis points in Six Months 2014, but as the overall portfolio yield approaches the yield of new purchases, we have begun to see a declining rate of pressure on the yield of the existing portfolio. The continued low interest rate environment has several significant impacts on our business, some of which are beneficial and some of which present a challenge to us. The benefits include lower inflation rates that suppress loss trends, as well as reduce our cost of capital. However, the interest rate environment presents a significant challenge in generating after-tax return on our investment portfolio.

Given the results we have achieved in Six Months 2014, including the level of catastrophe losses we have incurred and the overall renewal pure price increases we have achieved, we currently expect to generate:

- A full-year combined ratio of 92% excluding catastrophe losses and assuming no additional prior year casualty reserve development;
- Five points of catastrophe losses for the year, which is one point higher than our previous guidance;
- Renewal pure price increases of approximately 6% on an overall company basis, at the low end of our previous estimate of 6%-7%;
- After-tax investment income of approximately \$100 million; and
- Weighted-average shares of approximately 57.4 million.

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## Results of Operations and Related Information by Segment

## Insurance Operations

## Standard Insurance Operations

Our Standard Insurance Operations segment, which represents 93% of our combined insurance operations NPW, sells insurance products and services primarily in 22 states in the Eastern and Midwestern U.S. and the District of Columbia, through approximately 1,100 independent retail insurance agencies. This segment consists of two components: (i) Commercial Lines, which markets primarily to businesses and represents approximately 83% of the segment's NPW; and (ii) Personal Lines, including our flood business, which markets primarily to individuals and represents approximately 17% of the segment's NPW.

| (\$ in thousands)                        | Quarter ended June 30, |         | Change<br>% or<br>Points | Six Months ended June 30, |           | Change<br>% or<br>Points |       |     |
|--|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|-----|
|  | 2014                   | 2013    |                          | 2014                      | 2013      |                          |       |     |
| GAAP Insurance Operations Results:       |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| NPW                                      | \$442,041              | 429,511 | 3                        | %                         | \$888,729 | 851,255                  | 4     | %   |
| NPE                                      | 429,051                | 396,205 | 8                        |                           | 853,310   | 787,086                  | 8     |     |
| Less:                                    |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| Loss and loss expense incurred           | 275,395                | 258,520 | 7                        |                           | 576,061   | 509,251                  | 13    |     |
| Net underwriting expenses incurred       | 141,986                | 129,936 | 9                        |                           | 270,331   | 256,925                  | 5     |     |
| Dividends to policyholders               | 1,549                  | 981     | 58                       |                           | 2,787     | 2,067                    | 35    |     |
| Underwriting gain                        | \$10,121               | 6,768   | 50                       | %                         | \$4,131   | 18,843                   | (78)  | ) % |
| GAAP Ratios:                             |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| Loss and loss expense ratio              | 64.2                   | % 65.2  | (1.0)                    | ) pts                     | 67.5      | % 64.7                   | 2.8   | pts |
| Underwriting expense ratio               | 33.0                   | 32.9    | 0.1                      |                           | 31.7      | 32.6                     | (0.9) | )   |
| Dividends to policyholders ratio         | 0.4                    | 0.2     | 0.2                      |                           | 0.3       | 0.3                      | —     |     |
| Combined ratio                           | 97.6                   | 98.3    | (0.7)                    | )                         | 99.5      | 97.6                     | 1.9   |     |
| Statutory Ratios:                        |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |       |     |
| Loss and loss expense ratio <sup>1</sup> | 64.2                   | 65.3    | (1.1)                    | )                         | 67.5      | 64.7                     | 2.8   |     |
| Underwriting expense ratio <sup>1</sup>  | 32.7                   | 31.5    | 1.2                      |                           | 31.4      | 31.9                     | (0.5) | )   |
| Dividends to policyholders ratio         | 0.4                    | 0.2     | 0.2                      |                           | 0.3       | 0.3                      | —     |     |
| Combined ratio <sup>1</sup>              | 97.3                   | % 97.0  | 0.3                      | pts                       | 99.2      | % 96.9                   | 2.3   | pts |

Statutory ratios for Six Months 2013 included 0.2 points in the loss and loss expense ratio, 0.5 points in the <sup>1</sup> underwriting ratio, and 0.7 points in the combined ratio related to the Retirement Income Plan amendments that curtailed the accrual of additional benefits for all eligible employees participating in the plans after March 31, 2016.

The improvements in NPW in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to Second Quarter and Six Months 2013 include the following:

Quarter ended June 30, 2014

Quarter ended June 30, 2013

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| (\$ in millions)          | Renewal Pure<br>Price Increase | Retention |   | Renewal Pure<br>Price Increase | Retention |   |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Standard Commercial Lines | 5.9                            | % 82      | % | 7.2                            | % 83      | % |
| Standard Personal Lines   | 6.5                            | 82        |   | 8.3                            | 87        |   |

| (\$ in millions)          | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 |           |   | Six Months ended June 30, 2013 |           |   |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
|                           | Renewal Pure<br>Price Increase | Retention |   | Renewal Pure<br>Price Increase | Retention |   |
| Standard Commercial Lines | 6.1                            | % 82      | % | 7.3                            | % 82      | % |
| Standard Personal Lines   | 6.2                            | 82        |   | 8.4                            | 86        |   |

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The decrease in the Standard Personal Lines retention was driven by targeted actions that we have taken to reduce our exposure to certain coverages that have historically been less profitable for us. Excluding the impact of these targeted actions, retention remains strong and comparable to last year.

NPE increases in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 were consistent with the fluctuations in NPW for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2014 compared to the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013.

The GAAP loss and loss expense ratio decreased 1.0 points in Second Quarter 2014 compared to Second Quarter 2013 driven by: (i) renewal pure price increases that exceed our projected loss cost trends; and (ii) favorable prior year casualty reserve development. This was partially offset by higher non-catastrophe property losses and an increased level of catastrophe losses. Quantitative information regarding the property losses and the reserve development is as follows:

| (\$ in millions)                                  | Quarter ended June 30, 2014    |                                       | Quarter ended June 30, 2013    |                                       | Change in Ratio |     |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
|   | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio |                 |     |
| Catastrophe losses                                | \$25.5                         | 5.9 pts                               | \$17.1                         | 4.3 pts                               | 1.6             | pts |
| Non-catastrophe property losses                   | 67.5                           | 15.7                                  | 50.2                           | 12.7                                  | 3.0             |     |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | (17.5)                         | (4.1)                                 | (4.0)                          | (1.0)                                 | (3.1)           | )   |

The GAAP loss and loss expense ratio increased 2.8 points in Six Months 2014 compared to Six Months 2013 driven by: (i) an increased level of catastrophe losses; and (ii) higher non-catastrophe property losses. This was partially offset by favorable prior year casualty reserve development and renewal pure price increases that exceed our projected loss cost trends. Quantitative information regarding the property losses and the reserve development is as follows:

| (\$ in millions)                                  | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 |                                       | Six Months ended June 30, 2013 |                                       | Change in Ratio |     |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
|   | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio |                 |     |
| Catastrophe losses                                | \$59.7                         | 7.0 pts                               | \$18.3                         | 2.3 pts                               | 4.7             | pts |
| Non-catastrophe property losses                   | 153.7                          | 18.0                                  | 110.9                          | 14.1                                  | 3.9             |     |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | (31.5)                         | (3.7)                                 | (6.0)                          | (0.8)                                 | (2.9)           | )   |

The breakdown of favorable prior year casualty reserve development in our Standard Insurance Operations by line of business is as follows:

| Favorable/(Unfavorable) Prior Year Casualty Reserve Development (\$ in millions) | Quarter ended June 30, 2014 |       | Six Months ended June 30, 2013 |        |
|--|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|--------|
|  | 2014                        | 2013  | 2014                           | 2013   |
| General liability  | \$14.0                      | 5.0   | \$25.0                         | 9.0    |
| Commercial automobile  | 4.0                         | —     | 4.0                            | —      |
| Workers compensation   | —                           | (3.0) | —                              | (11.0) |
| Businessowners' policies   | (2.5)                       | 3.0   | (1.5)                          | 6.0    |
| Homeowners   | —                           | —     | —                              | 2.0    |
| Personal automobile  | 2.0                         | (1.0) | 4.0                            | —      |
| Total favorable prior year casualty reserve development                          | \$17.5                      | 4.0   | \$31.5                         | 6.0    |

Favorable impact on loss ratio      4.1                      pts 1.0                      pts 3.7                      pts. 0.8                      pts.

Favorable prior year casualty reserve development of \$17.5 million in Second Quarter 2014 and \$31.5 million in Six Months 2014 was primarily driven by improving claim trends for the 2007 through 2012 accident years on our general liability line of business coupled with stable workers compensation trends in 2014. Included in this net favorable prior year casualty reserve development is unfavorable development in the 2009 accident year in our businessowners' policies line of business.

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The improvement in the GAAP underwriting expense ratio in Six Months 2014 compared to Six Months 2013 was primarily driven by the income generated from the first quarter 2014 sale of the renewal rights to our SIG book of pooled public entity business for \$8 million, or 0.9 points. For additional information regarding the sale, see Note 8. "Segment Information" in Item 1. "Financial Statements." of this Form 10-Q.

The statutory underwriting expense ratio increased 1.2 points in Second Quarter 2014 compared to Second Quarter 2013 partially due to an increase in commissions to our agents. This increase, which was due to the mix of NPW, coupled with higher supplemental commissions to agents, was recognized immediately on a statutory basis, but was deferred and amortized on a GAAP basis.

## Review of Underwriting Results by Line of Business

## Standard Commercial Lines

| (\$ in thousands)                        | Quarter ended June 30, |         |                          | Six Months ended June 30, |           |                          | Change<br>% or<br>Points | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
|--|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 2014                   | 2013    | Change<br>% or<br>Points | 2014                      | 2013      | Change<br>% or<br>Points |                          |                          |
| GAAP Insurance Operations Results:       |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |                          |                          |
| NPW                                      | \$363,860              | 350,651 | 4                        | %                         | \$743,210 | 703,840                  | 6                        | %                        |
| NPE                                      | 354,507                | 322,657 | 10                       |                           | 703,948   | 640,502                  | 10                       |                          |
| Less:                                    |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |                          |                          |
| Loss and loss expense incurred           | 216,532                | 201,316 | 8                        |                           | 459,171   | 404,455                  | 14                       |                          |
| Net underwriting expenses incurred       | 120,723                | 110,617 | 9                        |                           | 229,917   | 218,135                  | 5                        |                          |
| Dividends to policyholders               | 1,549                  | 981     | 58                       |                           | 2,787     | 2,067                    | 35                       |                          |
| Underwriting gain                        | \$15,703               | 9,743   | 61                       | %                         | \$12,073  | 15,845                   | (24)                     | )%                       |
| GAAP Ratios:                             |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |                          |                          |
| Loss and loss expense ratio              | 61.1                   | % 62.4  | (1.3                     | )pts                      | 65.2      | % 63.1                   | 2.1                      | pts                      |
| Underwriting expense ratio               | 34.1                   | 34.3    | (0.2                     | )                         | 32.7      | 34.1                     | (1.4                     | )                        |
| Dividends to policyholders ratio         | 0.4                    | 0.3     | 0.1                      |                           | 0.4       | 0.3                      | 0.1                      |                          |
| Combined ratio                           | 95.6                   | 97.0    | (1.4                     | )                         | 98.3      | 97.5                     | 0.8                      |                          |
| Statutory Ratios:                        |                        |         |                          |                           |           |                          |                          |                          |
| Loss and loss expense ratio <sup>1</sup> | 61.1                   | 62.4    | (1.3                     | )                         | 65.2      | 63.1                     | 2.1                      |                          |
| Underwriting expense ratio <sup>1</sup>  | 34.0                   | 32.9    | 1.1                      |                           | 32.2      | 33.2                     | (1.0                     | )                        |
| Dividends to policyholders ratio         | 0.4                    | 0.3     | 0.1                      |                           | 0.4       | 0.3                      | 0.1                      |                          |
| Combined ratio <sup>1</sup>              | 95.5                   | % 95.6  | (0.1                     | )pts                      | 97.8      | % 96.6                   | 1.2                      | pts                      |

<sup>1</sup> Statutory ratios for Six Months 2013 included 0.2 points in the loss and loss expense ratio, 0.5 points in the underwriting ratio, and 0.7 points in the combined ratio related to the Retirement Income Plan amendments that curtailed the accrual of additional benefits for all employees eligible to participate in the plans after March 31, 2016.

The increase in NPW in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to Second Quarter and Six Months 2013 is primarily the result of the following:

| (\$ in millions)             | Quarter ended June 30, |      | Six Months ended June 30, |      |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
|                              | 2014                   | 2013 | 2013                      | 2012 |
| Retention                    | 82                     | % 83 | 82                        | % 82 |
| Renewal pure price increases | 5.9                    | 7.2  | 6.1                       | 7.3  |

NPE increases in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 were consistent with the fluctuations in NPW for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2014 compared to the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013.

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The GAAP loss and loss expense ratio decreased 1.3 points in Second Quarter 2014 compared to Second Quarter 2013 driven by: (i) renewal pure price increases that averaged 6.1% in Six Months 2014 and 7.6% in full-year 2013, the earning of which exceeds our projected loss cost trend by approximately 3 points; and (ii) favorable prior year casualty reserve development. These were partially offset by the following: (i) an increased level of catastrophe losses; and (ii) higher non-catastrophe property losses. Quantitative information regarding the property losses and the reserve development is as follows:

| (\$ in millions)                                  | Quarter ended June 30, 2014 |                      |     | Quarter ended June 30, 2013 |                      |     | Change in |     |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----------|-----|
|   | Losses Incurred             | Impact on Loss Ratio |     | Losses Incurred             | Impact on Loss Ratio |     | Ratio     |     |
| Catastrophe losses                                | \$12.8                      | 3.6                  | pts | \$9.2                       | 2.8                  | pts | 0.8       | pts |
| Non-catastrophe property losses                   | 43.6                        | 12.3                 |     | 27.9                        | 8.6                  |     | 3.7       |     |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | (15.5)                      | (4.4)                | )   | (5.0)                       | (1.5)                | )   | (2.9)     | )   |

The GAAP loss and loss expense ratio increased 2.1 points in Six Months 2014 compared to Six Months 2013 driven by: (i) an increased level of catastrophe losses; and (ii) higher non-catastrophe property losses. These losses were partially offset by the following: (i) renewal pure price increases that averaged 6.1% in Six Months 2014 and 7.6% in full-year 2013, the earning of which exceeds our projected loss cost trend by approximately 3 points; and (ii) favorable prior year casualty reserve development. Quantitative information regarding the property losses and the reserve development are as follows:

| (\$ in millions)                                  | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 |                      |     | Six Months ended June 30, 2013 |                      |     | Change in |     |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----------|-----|
|   | Losses Incurred                | Impact on Loss Ratio |     | Losses Incurred                | Impact on Loss Ratio |     | Ratio     |     |
| Catastrophe losses                                | \$38.7                         | 5.5                  | pts | \$9.9                          | 1.6                  | pts | 3.9       | pts |
| Non-catastrophe property losses                   | 102.4                          | 14.5                 |     | 64.8                           | 10.1                 |     | 4.4       |     |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | (27.5)                         | (3.9)                | )   | (4.5)                          | (0.7)                | )   | (3.2)     | )   |

The improvement in the GAAP and statutory underwriting expense ratios in Six Months 2014 compared to Six Months 2013 was primarily driven by the income generated from the renewal rights sale of our SIG book of business for \$8 million, or 1.1 points, in the first quarter of 2014. For additional information regarding the sale, see Note 8. "Segment Information" in Item 1. "Financial Statements." of this Form 10-Q.

The statutory underwriting expense ratio increased 1.1 points in Second Quarter 2014 compared to Second Quarter 2013 partially due to an increase in commissions to our agents. This increase was driven by: (i) the mix of NPW, specifically lower workers compensation NPW, which has a lower commission rate than our other lines of business; and (ii) higher supplemental commission to agents. These amounts are recognized immediately on a statutory basis, but are deferred and amortized on a GAAP basis.

The following is a discussion of our most significant standard Commercial Lines of business and their respective statutory results:

## General Liability

| (\$ in thousands) | Quarter ended June 30, |         |                    | Six Months ended June 30, |         |                    | Change |  |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------|--|
|                   | 2014                   | 2013    | Change % or Points | 2014                      | 2013    | Change % or Points |        |  |
| Statutory NPW     | \$118,176              | 110,232 | 7 %                | \$237,680                 | 219,637 | 8 %                |        |  |



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|   |           |   |        |       |   |           |      |         |      |       |
|---|-----------|---|--------|-------|---|-----------|------|---------|------|-------|
| Direct new business                           | 19,839    |   | 20,859 | (5    | ) | 39,674    |      | 40,640  | (2   | )     |
| Retention                                     | 82        | % | 82     | —     |   | pts       | 82   | %       | 82   | —     |
| Renewal pure price increases                  | 7.2       | % | 8.7    | (1.5  | ) | 7.4       | %    | 8.7     | (1.3 | )     |
| Statutory NPE                                 | \$111,591 |   | 99,766 | 12    | % | \$220,409 |      | 197,469 | 12   | %     |
| Statutory combined ratio % of total statutory | 80.7      | % | 94.9   | (14.2 | ) | pts       | 80.7 | %       | 95.4 | (14.7 |
| standard Commercial                           | 32        | % | 31     |       |   | 32        | %    | 31      |      |       |
| Lines NPW                                     |           |   |        |       |   |           |      |         |      |       |

The growth in NPW and NPE for our general liability business in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 reflects renewal pure price increases and strong retention.

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The statutory combined ratio improvement for Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 was driven by renewal pure price increases of 7.2% and 7.4%, respectively, that continue to outpace loss cost trends on this line as well as the following:

| (\$ in millions)                                  | Quarter ended June 30,<br>2014 |                                | Quarter ended June 30,<br>2013 |                                | Change<br>Points |       |      |       |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------|-------|
|   | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio |                  |       |      |       |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | \$ (14.0                       | ) (12.5                        | ) pts                          | \$ (5.0                        | ) (5.0           | ) pts | (7.5 | ) pts |

| (\$ in millions)                                  | Six Months ended June 30,<br>2014 |                                | Six Months ended June 30,<br>2013 |                                | Change<br>Points |       |      |       |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|------|-------|
|   | (Benefit)<br>Expense              | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | (Benefit)<br>Expense              | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio |                  |       |      |       |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | \$ (25.0                          | ) (11.3                        | ) pts                             | \$ (9.0                        | ) (4.6           | ) pts | (6.7 | ) pts |
| Sale of SIG renewal rights                        | (2.1                              | ) (0.9                         | )                                 | —                              | —                |       | (0.9 | )     |
| Retirement Income Plan curtailment charge         | —                                 | —                              |                                   | 1.4                            | 0.7              |       | (0.7 | )     |

Favorable prior year casualty reserve development in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 was driven by improving claim trends for the 2012 and prior accident years; whereas favorable prior year casualty reserve development in Second Quarter 2013 and Six Months 2013 was driven by the 2009 through 2011 accident years.

## Commercial Automobile

| (\$ in thousands)                                  | Quarter ended June 30, |        |      | Change<br>% or<br>Points | Six Months ended June 30, |         |      | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
|--|------------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|
|  | 2014                   | 2013   |      |                          | 2014                      | 2013    |      |                          |
| Statutory NPW                                      | \$87,413               | 84,254 | 4    | %                        | \$176,535                 | 166,126 | 6    | %                        |
| Direct new business                                | 13,679                 | 16,166 | (15  | )                        | 28,485                    | 31,070  | (8   | )                        |
| Retention  | 82                     | % 82   | —    | pts                      | 82                        | % 82    | —    | pts                      |
| Renewal pure price increases                       | 5.8                    | % 7.0  | (1.2 | )                        | 6.0                       | % 7.0   | (1.0 | )                        |
| Statutory NPE                                      | \$83,472               | 76,706 | 9    | %                        | \$165,688                 | 151,053 | 10   | %                        |
| Statutory combined ratio                           | 93.5                   | % 95.3 | (1.8 | ) pts                    | 94.2                      | % 96.6  | (2.4 | ) pts                    |
| % of total statutory standard Commercial Lines NPW | 24                     | % 24   |      |                          | 24                        | % 24    |      |                          |

The growth in NPW and NPE for our commercial automobile business in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 reflects renewal pure price increases and strong retention.

The statutory combined ratio improvements for Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 were impacted by the following:

| Quarter ended June 30,<br>2014 | Quarter ended June 30,<br>2013 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|

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| (\$ in millions)                                  | (Benefit)<br>Expense | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | (Benefit)<br>Expense | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | Change<br>Points |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Catastrophe losses                                | \$ 1.4               | 1.7                            | pts \$(0.3           | )(0.4                          | )pts 2.1         |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | (4.0                 | )(4.8                          | ) —                  | —                              | (4.8             |

|   | Six Months ended June 30,<br>2014 |                                |                      | Six Months ended June<br>30, 2013 |                  |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|
| (\$ in millions)                                  | (Benefit)<br>Expense              | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | (Benefit)<br>Expense | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio    | Change<br>Points |  |
| Catastrophe losses                                | \$ 1.5                            | 0.9                            | pts \$(0.9           | )(0.6                             | )pts 1.5         |  |
| Favorable prior year casualty reserve development | (4.0                              | )(2.4                          | ) —                  | —                                 | (2.4             |  |
| Sale of SIG renewal rights                        | (1.5                              | )(0.9                          | ) —                  | —                                 | (0.9             |  |
| Retirement Income Plan curtailment charge         | —                                 | —                              | 1.0                  | 0.6                               | (0.6             |  |

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Favorable prior year casualty development in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 was driven by the 2008 through 2012 accident years, partially offset by unfavorable prior year casualty development in the 2013 accident year.

## Workers Compensation

| (\$ in thousands)             | Quarter ended June 30, |         |                          | Six Months ended June 30, |         |                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|                               | 2014                   | 2013    | Change<br>% or<br>Points | 2014                      | 2013    | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
| Statutory NPW                 | \$65,210               | 68,589  | (5 )%                    | \$141,181                 | 143,994 | (2 )%                    |
| Direct new business           | 11,069                 | 14,813  | (25 )                    | 24,727                    | 28,692  | (14 )                    |
| Retention                     | 81                     | % 81    | — pts                    | 81                        | % 82    | (1 )pts                  |
| Renewal pure price increases  | 5.7                    | % 7.6   | (1.9 )                   | 5.3                       | % 7.8   | (2.5 )                   |
| Statutory NPE                 | \$68,992               | 64,855  | 6 %                      | \$138,405                 | 130,939 | 6 %                      |
| Statutory combined ratio      | 112.1                  | % 118.3 | (6.2 )pts                | 108.8                     | % 118.6 | (9.8 )pts                |
| % of total statutory standard | 18                     | % 20    |                          | 19                        | % 20    |                          |
| Commercial Lines NPW          |                        |         |                          |                           |         |                          |

Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 NPW decreased compared to Second Quarter and Six Months 2013 due to a decrease in direct new business. In addition, this line is beginning to be impacted by the sale of the SIG book of business in the first quarter of 2014. The reduction in NPW as a result of this sale was 0.6% for Second Quarter 2014 and 0.3% for Six Months 2014. Although not substantial during the current quarter and year-to-date periods, the reduction in NPW will become more significant as the year progresses, with the greatest impact expected in the third quarter, due to the seasonality of these premiums.

NPE increases in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 were consistent with the fluctuations in NPW for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2014 compared to the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013.

While we continue to view workers compensation in the context of an overall account, we remain very focused on improving this competitive line of business through both underwriting and claims initiatives. We achieved renewal pure price increases of 5.7% in Second Quarter 2014 and 5.3% in Six Months 2014. We are applying all the underwriting tools we have to move pricing higher and write the best risks. In addition, we have centralized the handling of lost-time and medical-only workers compensation claims alongside our strategic case management unit to create integration around our core strategy of early identification, escalation, and mitigation of potentially high-risk claims. We have supplemented our claims expertise within our strategic case management unit with the addition of medical specialists, including nurse practitioners and a physician consultant.

The improvement in the statutory combined ratio was primarily attributable to the following:

| (\$ in millions)                                    | Quarter ended June 30, 2014    |                                | Quarter ended June 30, 2013    |                                | Change<br>Points |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
|   | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio |                  |
| Unfavorable prior year casualty reserve development | \$—                            | — pts                          | \$3.5                          | 5.0 pts                        | (5.0 )pts        |
|   | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 |                                | Six Months ended June 30, 2013 |                                |                  |

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| (\$ in millions)                                    | (Benefit)<br>Expense | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | (Benefit)<br>Expense | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | Change<br>Points |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Unfavorable prior year casualty reserve development | \$—                  | —                              | pts \$10.5           | 8.1                            | pts (8.1 )pts    |
| Sale of SIG renewal rights                          | (1.5                 | )(1.1 )                        | —                    | —                              | (1.1 )           |
| Retirement Income Plan curtailment charge           | —                    | —                              | 1.2                  | 0.9                            | (0.9 )           |

Second Quarter 2013 and Six Months 2013 unfavorable prior year casualty reserve development was primarily driven by development on the 2012 accident year. In addition, Six Months 2013 was also impacted by a single large claim prior to 2003.

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## Commercial

## Property

| (\$ in thousands)                                  | Quarter ended June 30, |        |                          | Six Months ended June 30, |         |                          |
|--|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|  | 2014                   | 2013   | Change<br>% or<br>Points | 2014                      | 2013    | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
| Statutory NPW                                      | \$62,630               | 59,193 | 6 %                      | \$126,726                 | 116,953 | 8 %                      |
| Direct new business                                | 13,271                 | 14,396 | (8 )                     | 27,766                    | 28,781  | (4 )                     |
| Retention  | 81                     | % 82   | (1 )pts                  | 81                        | % 81    | — pts                    |
| Renewal pure price increases                       | 4.0                    | % 5.0  | (1.0 )                   | 4.8                       | % 5.3   | (0.5 )                   |
| Statutory NPE                                      | \$61,226               | 54,937 | 11 %                     | \$121,412                 | 108,352 | 12 %                     |
| Statutory combined ratio                           | 101.7                  | % 80.9 | 20.8 pts                 | 116.4                     | % 83.7  | 32.7 pts                 |
| % of total statutory standard Commercial Lines NPW | 17                     | % 17   |                          | 17                        | % 17    |                          |

NPW and NPE increased in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to Second Quarter and Six Months 2013 primarily due to renewal pure price increases and strong retention.

The increase in the statutory combined ratio in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to the same prior year periods was due to the following:

| (\$ in millions)                          | Quarter ended June 30, 2014    |                                |     | Quarter ended June 30, 2013    |                                |                          |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio |     | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
| Catastrophe losses                        | \$10.1                         | 16.5                           | pts | \$7.7                          | 14.0                           | pts 2.5 pts              |
| Non-catastrophe property losses           | 26.2                           | 42.7                           |     | 13.3                           | 24.3                           | 18.4                     |
| (\$ in millions)                          | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 |                                |     | Six Months ended June 30, 2013 |                                |                          |
|   | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio |     | (Benefit)<br>Expense           | Impact on<br>Combined<br>Ratio | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
| Catastrophe losses                        | \$29.0                         | 23.9                           | pts | \$9.5                          | 8.8                            | pts 15.1 pts             |
| Non-catastrophe property losses           | 62.6                           | 51.5                           |     | 34.0                           | 31.3                           | 20.2                     |
| Sale of SIG renewal rights                | (1.4                           | )(1.1                          | )   | —                              | —                              | (1.1 )                   |
| Retirement Income Plan curtailment charge | —                              | —                              |     | 0.8                            | 0.7                            | (0.7 )                   |

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## Standard Personal Lines

| (\$ in thousands)                        | Quarter ended June 30, |          | Change<br>% or<br>Points | Six Months ended June 30, |         | Change<br>% or<br>Points |
|--|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|  | 2014                   | 2013     |                          | 2014                      | 2013    |                          |
| GAAP Insurance Operations Results:       |                        |          |                          |                           |         |                          |
| NPW                                      | \$78,181               | 78,860   | (1 ) %                   | \$145,519                 | 147,415 | (1 ) %                   |
| NPE                                      | 74,544                 | 73,548   | 1                        | 149,362                   | 146,584 | 2                        |
| Less:                                    |                        |          |                          |                           |         |                          |
| Loss and loss expense incurred           | 58,863                 | 57,204   | 3                        | 116,890                   | 104,796 | 12                       |
| Net underwriting expenses incurred       | 21,263                 | 19,319   | 10                       | 40,414                    | 38,790  | 4                        |
| Underwriting (loss) gain                 | \$(5,582 )             | (2,975 ) | (88 ) %                  | \$(7,942 )                | 2,998   | (365 ) %                 |
| GAAP Ratios:                             |                        |          |                          |                           |         |                          |
| Loss and loss expense ratio              | 79.0                   | % 77.8   | 1.2 pts                  | 78.3                      | % 71.5  | 6.8 pts                  |
| Underwriting expense ratio               | 28.5                   | 26.2     | 2.3                      | 27.0                      | 26.5    | 0.5                      |
| Combined ratio                           | 107.5                  | 104.0    | 3.5                      | 105.3                     | 98.0    | 7.3                      |
| Statutory Ratios:                        |                        |          |                          |                           |         |                          |
| Loss and loss expense ratio <sup>1</sup> | 79.0                   | 77.9     | 1.1                      | 78.3                      | 71.6    | 6.7                      |
| Underwriting expense ratio <sup>1</sup>  | 27.1                   | 25.0     | 2.1                      | 27.0                      | 26.0    | 1.0                      |
| Combined ratio <sup>1</sup>              | 106.1                  | % 102.9  | 3.2 pts                  | 105.3                     | % 97.6  | 7.7 pts                  |

<sup>1</sup> Statutory ratios for Six Months 2013 included 0.1 points in the loss and loss expense ratio, 0.5 points in the underwriting ratio, and 0.6 points in the combined ratio related to the Retirement Income Plan amendments that curtailed the accrual of additional benefits for all employees eligible to participate in the plans after March 31, 2016.

The decreases in NPW for both the quarter and year-to-date periods were primarily driven by a marginal decrease in new business and lower retention compared to the same periods a year ago. Partially offsetting these decreases were renewal pure price increases. Quantitative information regarding these items is as follows:

| (\$ in millions)            | Quarter ended June 30, |      | Six Months ended June 30, |      |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
|                             | 2014                   | 2013 | 2014                      | 2013 |
| New Business                | \$9.7                  | 10.8 | \$17.7                    | 20.8 |
| Retention                   | 82                     | % 87 | 82                        | % 86 |
| Renewal pure price increase | 6.5                    | 8.3  | 6.2                       | 8.4  |

The decrease in retention was driven by targeted actions that we have taken to reduce our exposure to certain coverages that have historically been less profitable for us. Excluding the impact of these targeted actions, retention remains strong and comparable to last year.

NPE increases in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to Second Quarter and Six Months 2013, are consistent with the fluctuations in NPW for the twelve-month period ended June 30, 2014 compared to the

twelve-month period ended June 30, 2013.

The variance in the loss and loss expense ratios was driven by storms and fires, resulting in: (i) an increased level of catastrophe losses; and (ii) higher non-catastrophe property losses. Partially offsetting these losses were renewal pure price increases of 6.2% for Six Months 2014, and 7.8% for full-year 2013, the earning of which exceeds our projected loss cost trend for the casualty component of our Personal Lines. Quantitative information regarding the property losses are as follows:

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| (\$ in millions)  | Quarter ended June 30, 2014    |                                       |     | Quarter ended June 30, 2013    |                                       |     | Change in Ratio |     |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
|   | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio | pts | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio | pts |                 |     |
| Catastrophe losses                                      | \$12.7                         | 17.1                                  | pts | \$7.9                          | 10.7                                  | pts | 6.4             | pts |
| Non-catastrophe property losses                         | 24.0                           | 32.1                                  |     | 22.3                           | 30.3                                  |     | 1.8             |     |
| Flood claims handling fees                              | (1.0)                          | )(1.3                                 | )   | (1.3)                          | )(1.7                                 | )   | 0.4             |     |
| (Favorable)/unfavorable prior year casualty development | (2.0)                          | )(2.7                                 | )   | 1.0                            | 1.2                                   |     | (3.9            | )   |

| (\$ in millions)                          | Six Months ended June 30, 2014 |                                       |     | Six Months ended June 30, 2013 |                                       |     | Change in Ratio |     |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
|   | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio | pts | Loss and Loss Expense Incurred | Impact on Loss and Loss Expense Ratio | pts |                 |     |
| Catastrophe losses                        | \$21.0                         | 14.1                                  | pts | \$8.4                          | 5.7                                   | pts | 8.4             | pts |
| Non-catastrophe property losses           | 51.3                           | 34.4                                  |     | 46.1                           | 31.4                                  |     | 3.0             |     |
| Flood claims handling fees                | (1.6)                          | )(1.0                                 | )   | (2.8)                          | )(1.9                                 | )   | 0.9             |     |
| Favorable prior year casualty development | (4.0)                          | )(2.7                                 | )   | (1.5)                          | )(1.2                                 | )   | (1.5            | )   |

Favorable prior year casualty reserve development in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 was driven by the 2009 through 2013 accident years on our personal auto line of business. Unfavorable prior year casualty reserve development in Second Quarter 2013 was driven by accident years prior to 2003, whereas favorable prior year casualty reserve development in Six Months 2013 was due to the 2010 and 2011 accident years in our homeowners line of business.

The increase in the GAAP and statutory underwriting expense ratios were driven by higher supplemental commissions to agents. In addition, the statutory underwriting expense ratio had a one-time favorable premium tax ruling on our Flood business of 1.5 points in Second Quarter 2013 and 0.8 points in Six Months 2013.

## E&amp;S Insurance Operations

Our E&S Insurance Operations segment, which represents 7% of our combined insurance operations NPW, sells Commercial Lines insurance products and services in all 50 states and the District of Columbia through approximately 85 wholesale general agents. Insurance policies in this segment typically cover business risks with unique characteristics, such as the nature of the business or its claim history, that have not obtained coverage in the standard commercial marketplace. E&S insurers have more flexibility in coverage terms and rates compared to standard market insurers, generally resulting in policies with higher rates, and terms and conditions that are customized for specific risks.

| (\$ in thousands)                  | Quarter ended June 30, |        | Change % or Points | Six Months ended June 30, |        | Change % or Points |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------|
|                                    | 2014                   | 2013   |                    | 2014                      | 2013   |                    |
| GAAP Insurance Operations Results: |                        |        |                    |                           |        |                    |
| NPW                                | \$37,782               | 32,666 | 16 %               | \$67,844                  | 61,046 | 11 %               |
| NPE                                | 34,574                 | 30,047 | 15                 | 66,810                    | 60,106 | 11                 |
| Less:                              |                        |        |                    |                           |        |                    |

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|                                    |         |          |        |          |          |        |     |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|-----|
| Loss and loss expense incurred     | 22,400  | 21,074   | 6      | 42,280   | 40,192   | 5      |     |
| Net underwriting expenses incurred | 12,211  | 11,258   | 8      | 23,592   | 22,113   | 7      |     |
| Underwriting (loss) gain           | \$(37 ) | (2,285 ) | 98 %   | \$938    | (2,199 ) | 143 %  |     |
| GAAP Ratios:                       |         |          |        |          |          |        |     |
| Loss and loss expense ratio        | 64.8    | % 70.1   | (5.3 ) | pts 63.3 | % 66.9   | (3.6 ) | pts |
| Underwriting expense ratio         | 35.3    | 37.5     | (2.2 ) | 35.3     | 36.8     | (1.5 ) |     |
| Combined ratio                     | 100.1   | 107.6    | (7.5 ) | 98.6     | 103.7    | (5.1 ) |     |
| Statutory Ratios:                  |         |          |        |          |          |        |     |
| Loss and loss expense ratio        | 65.0    | 70.3     | (5.3 ) | 63.4     | 66.9     | (3.5 ) |     |
| Underwriting expense ratio         | 34.9    | 36.5     | (1.6 ) | 35.4     | 35.7     | (0.3 ) |     |
| Combined ratio                     | 99.9    | % 106.8  | (6.9 ) | pts 98.8 | % 102.6  | (3.8 ) | pts |

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The improvement in the combined ratio in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 was driven by the following:

• Significant underwriting actions that we have implemented to improve profitability, including achieving renewal pure price increases of 2.7% in Second Quarter 2014 and 3.7% in Six Months 2014.

• No prior year casualty reserve development in 2014 compared to unfavorable prior year casualty reserve development of \$2.0 million, or 6.5 points, in Second Quarter 2013 and \$2.5 million, or 4.1 points, in Six Months 2013.

• Catastrophe losses of 4.9 points in Second Quarter 2014 compared to 8.5 points in Second Quarter 2013 and 2.8 points in Six Months 2014 compared to 4.8 points in Six Months 2013.

These benefits were partially offset by increased non-catastrophe property losses in Second Quarter 2014 and Six Months 2014 compared to the same periods last year.

Reinsurance: Standard Insurance Operations

Reinsurance Treaties and Arrangement

We have successfully completed negotiations of our July 1, 2014 Standard Insurance Operations excess of loss treaties with

some enhancements in terms and conditions and the same structure as the expiring treaties as follows:

Property Excess of Loss

The property excess of loss treaty ("Property Treaty") continues to provide \$38.0 million of coverage in excess of a \$2.0 million retention:

• The per occurrence cap on the total program is \$84.0 million.

• The first layer continues to have unlimited reinstatements. The annual aggregate limit for the \$30.0 million in excess of \$10.0 million second layer is \$120.0 million.

• The Property Treaty continues to exclude nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological terrorism losses.

Casualty Excess of Loss

The casualty excess of loss treaty ("Casualty Treaty") continues to provide \$88.0 million of coverage in excess of a \$2.0 million retention:

• The first through sixth layers provide coverage for 100% of up to \$88.0 million in excess of a \$2.0 million retention.

• The Casualty Treaty excludes nuclear, biological, chemical, and radiological terrorism losses, with the annual aggregate terrorism limits increased to \$208.0 million from \$201.0 million.

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## Investments

Our investment philosophy includes certain return and risk objectives for the fixed income, equity, and other investment portfolios. Although yield and income generation remain the key drivers to our investment strategy, our overall philosophy is to invest with a long-term horizon along with predominantly a “buy-and-hold” approach. The primary fixed income portfolio return objective is to maximize after-tax investment yield and income while balancing risk. A secondary objective is to meet or exceed a weighted-average benchmark of public fixed income indices. Within the equity portfolio, the high dividend yield strategy is designed to generate consistent dividend income while maintaining an expected tracking error to the S&P 500 Index. Additional equity strategies are focused on meeting or exceeding strategy-specific benchmarks of public equity indices. The return objective of the other investment portfolio, which includes alternative investments, is to meet or exceed the S&P 500 Index.

## Total Invested Assets

| (\$ in thousands)            | June 30, 2014 | December 31, 2013 | Change | % |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|---|
| Total invested assets        | \$4,739,099   | 4,583,312         | 3      | % |
| Unrealized gain – before tax | 144,877       | 79,236            | 83     |   |
| Unrealized gain – after tax  | 94,169        | 51,504            | 83     |   |

The increase in our investment portfolio compared to year-end 2013 was primarily due to: (i) cash flows provided by operating activities of \$72.7 million; and (ii) an increase in pre-tax unrealized gains of \$65.6 million. These gains were driven by increases in the market value of our fixed income securities portfolio as interest rates decreased during Six Months 2014.

During Six Months 2014, interest rates on the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note fell by 50 basis points. This decline in interest rates increased the unrealized gain position on our fixed income securities portfolio. The average after-tax yield on our purchases of fixed income securities was 2.3% during Second Quarter 2014. The interest rate environment over the past several years has put pressure on the existing investment yield of the portfolio, as new and reinvested money has been redeployed at lower rates. However, as the overall portfolio yield approaches the yield of new purchases, we have begun to see a declining rate of pressure on the yield of the existing portfolio.

We structure our portfolio conservatively with a focus on: (i) asset diversification; (ii) investment quality; (iii) liquidity, particularly to meet the cash obligations of our insurance operations segments; (iv) consideration of taxes; and (v) preservation of capital. We believe that we have a high quality and liquid investment portfolio. The breakdown of our investment portfolio is as follows:

|                                    | June 30, 2014 | December 31, 2013 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| U.S. government obligations        | 3             | % 4               |
| Foreign government obligations     | 1             | 1                 |
| State and municipal obligations    | 30            | 28                |
| Corporate securities               | 38            | 39                |
| Mortgage-backed securities (“MBS”) | 15            | 15                |
| Asset-backed securities (“ABS”)    | 3             | 3                 |
| Total fixed income securities      | 90            | 90                |
| Equity securities                  | 4             | 4                 |
| Short-term investments             | 4             | 4                 |
| Other investments                  | 2             | 2                 |
| Total                              | 100           | % 100             |



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## Fixed Income Securities

The average duration of the fixed income securities portfolio as of June 30, 2014 was 3.6 years, including short-term investments, compared to the Insurance Subsidiaries' liability duration of approximately 3.8 years. The current duration of the fixed income securities portfolio is within our historical range, and is monitored and managed to maximize yield while managing interest rate risk at an acceptable level. We are experiencing continued pressure on the yields within our fixed income securities portfolio, as higher yielding bonds that are either maturing or have been sold are being replaced with lower yielding bonds that are currently available in the marketplace. We manage liquidity with a laddered maturity structure and an appropriate level of short-term investments to avoid liquidation of available-for-sale ("AFS") fixed income securities in the ordinary course of business. We typically have a long investment time horizon, and every purchase or sale is made with the intent of maximizing risk-adjusted investment returns in the current market environment while balancing capital preservation.

Our fixed income securities portfolio had a weighted average credit rating of "AA-" as of June 30, 2014. The following table presents the credit ratings of this portfolio:

| Fixed Income Security Rating | June 30, 2014 | December 31,<br>2013 |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Aaa/AAA                      | 16            | % 15                 |
| Aa/AA                        | 45            | 45                   |
| A/A                          | 25            | 26                   |
| Baa/BBB                      | 13            | 13                   |
| Ba/BB or below               | 1             | 1                    |
| Total                        | 100           | % 100                |

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The following table summarizes the fair value, unrealized gain (loss) balances, and the weighted average credit qualities of our AFS fixed income securities at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

| (\$ in millions)  | June 30, 2014 |                        |                                 | December 31, 2013 |                        |                                 |
|---|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
|   | Fair Value    | Unrealized Gain (Loss) | Weighted Average Credit Quality | Fair Value        | Unrealized Gain (Loss) | Weighted Average Credit Quality |
| <b>AFS Fixed Income Portfolio:</b>  |               |                        |                                 |                   |                        |                                 |
| U.S. government obligations   | \$ 158.8      | 9.3                    | AA+                             | 173.4             | 10.1                   | AA+                             |
| Foreign government obligations  | 28.0          | 1.0                    | AA-                             | 30.6              | 0.8                    | AA-                             |
| State and municipal obligations   | 1,107.1       | 27.0                   | AA+                             | 951.6             | 5.2                    | AA                              |
| Corporate securities  | 1,782.6       | 52.4                   | A-                              | 1,734.9           | 27.0                   | A                               |
| ABS   | 132.2         | 0.7                    | AAA                             | 140.9             | 0.5                    | AAA                             |
| MBS   | 681.5         | 7.8                    | AA+                             | 684.1             | (4.0)                  | AA+                             |
| Total AFS fixed income portfolio  | \$3,890.2     | 98.2                   | AA-                             | 3,715.5           | 39.6                   | AA-                             |
| <b>State and Municipal Obligations:</b>                                     |               |                        |                                 |                   |                        |                                 |
| General obligations   | \$528.0       | 12.4                   | AA+                             | 472.0             | 2.6                    | AA+                             |
| Special revenue obligations   | 579.1         | 14.6                   | AA                              | 479.6             | 2.6                    | AA                              |
| Total state and municipal obligations                                       | \$1,107.1     | 27.0                   | AA+                             | 951.6             | 5.2                    | AA                              |
| <b>Corporate Securities:</b>  |               |                        |                                 |                   |                        |                                 |
| Financial   | \$550.7       | 16.1                   | A                               | 534.1             | 11.7                   | A                               |
| Industrials   | 140.6         | 5.3                    | A-                              | 135.1             | 3.7                    | A-                              |
| Utilities   | 156.4         | 3.8                    | BBB+                            | 146.5             | (0.3)                  | A-                              |
| Consumer discretionary  | 204.9         | 7.0                    | A-                              | 190.6             | 2.7                    | A-                              |
| Consumer staples  | 171.5         | 4.8                    | A                               | 171.9             | 3.0                    | A                               |
| Healthcare  | 167.8         | 5.4                    | A                               | 168.5             | 3.1                    | A                               |
| Materials   | 109.3         | 3.5                    | BBB+                            | 101.2             | 1.4                    | A-                              |
| Energy  | 108.1         | 2.8                    | A-                              | 93.7              | 0.9                    | A-                              |
| Information technology  | 116.0         | 1.8                    | A+                              | 121.2             | (0.6)                  | A+                              |
| Telecommunications services   | 50.4          | 1.5                    | BBB+                            | 64.7              | 1.0                    | BBB+                            |
| Other   | 6.9           | 0.4                    | AA+                             | 7.4               | 0.4                    | AA+                             |
| Total corporate securities  | \$1,782.6     | 52.4                   | A-                              | 1,734.9           | 27.0                   | A                               |
| <b>ABS:</b>   |               |                        |                                 |                   |                        |                                 |
| ABS   | \$131.8       | 0.7                    | AAA                             | 140.4             | 0.4                    | AAA                             |
| Sub-prime ABS <sup>1</sup>  | 0.4           | —                      | D                               | 0.5               | 0.1                    | D                               |
| Total ABS   | 132.2         | 0.7                    | AAA                             | 140.9             | 0.5                    | AAA                             |
| <b>MBS:</b>   |               |                        |                                 |                   |                        |                                 |
| Government guaranteed agency commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS") | \$23.7        | 0.6                    | AA+                             | 30.0              | 0.9                    | AA+                             |
| Other agency CMBS   | 10.8          | (0.1)                  | AA+                             | 9.1               | (0.3)                  | AA+                             |
| Non-agency CMBS   | 138.0         | 1.6                    | AA+                             | 132.2             | (1.5)                  | AA+                             |
| Government guaranteed agency residential MBS ("RMBS")                       | 41.8          | 1.2                    | AA+                             | 55.2              | 1.4                    | AA+                             |
| Other agency RMBS   | 422.9         | 3.6                    | AA+                             | 411.5             | (5.1)                  | AA+                             |

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| Non-agency RMBS              | 40.1    | 0.8 | A-  | 41.4  | 0.6  | A-    |
| Alternative-A (“Alt-A”) RMBS | 4.2     | 0.1 | A   | 4.7   | —    | A     |
| Total MBS                    | \$681.5 | 7.8 | AA+ | 684.1 | (4.0 | ) AA+ |

<sup>1</sup>Subprime ABS consists of one security whose issuer is currently expected by rating agencies to default on its obligations. We define sub-prime exposure as exposure to direct and indirect investments in non-agency residential mortgages with average FICO<sup>®</sup> scores below 650.



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The following tables provide information regarding our held-to-maturity ("HTM") fixed income securities and their credit qualities at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

June 30, 2014

| (\$ in millions)                        | Fair Value | Carry Value | Unrecognized Holding Gain (Loss) | Unrealized Gain (Loss) in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI") | Total Unrealized/Unrecognized Gain (Loss) | Weighted Average Credit Quality |
|---|------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>HTM Fixed Income Portfolio:</b>      |            |             |                                  |   |   |                                 |
| Foreign government obligations          | \$5.5      | 5.4         | 0.1                              | 0.1   | 0.2                                       | AA+                             |
| State and municipal obligations         | 346.7      | 330.8       | 15.9                             | 2.9   | 18.8                                      | AA                              |
| Corporate securities                    | 24.5       | 21.5        | 3.0                              | (0.3)   | 2.7                                       | A+                              |
| ABS                                     | 3.3        | 2.7         | 0.6                              | (0.6)   | —   | AAA                             |
| MBS                                     | 5.5        | 4.5         | 1.0                              | (0.5)   | 0.5                                       | AAA                             |
| Total HTM fixed income portfolio        | \$385.5    | 364.9       | 20.6                             | 1.6   | 22.2                                      | AA                              |
| <b>State and Municipal Obligations:</b> |            |             |                                  |   |   |                                 |
| General obligations                     | \$110.6    | 105.9       | 4.7                              | 1.5   | 6.2                                       | AA                              |
| Special revenue obligations             | 236.1      | 224.9       | 11.2                             | 1.4   | 12.6                                      | AA                              |
| Total state and municipal obligations   | \$346.7    | 330.8       | 15.9                             | 2.9   | 18.8                                      | AA                              |
| <b>Corporate Securities:</b>            |            |             |                                  |   |   |                                 |
| Financial                               | \$2.3      | 1.9         | 0.4                              | (0.1)   | 0.3                                       | A-                              |
| Industrials                             | 7.0        | 5.9         | 1.1                              | (0.1)   | 1.0                                       | A+                              |
| Utilities                               | 13.7       | 12.2        | 1.5                              | (0.1)   | 1.4                                       | A+                              |
| Consumer discretionary                  | 1.5        | 1.5         | —                                | —   | —   | AA                              |
| Total corporate securities              | \$24.5     | 21.5        | 3.0                              | (0.3)   | 2.7                                       | A+                              |
| <b>ABS:</b>                             |            |             |                                  |   |   |                                 |
| ABS                                     | \$0.8      | 0.8         | —                                | —   | —   | AA                              |
| Alt-A ABS                               | 2.5        | 1.9         | 0.6                              | (0.6)   | —   | AAA                             |
| Total ABS                               | \$3.3      | 2.7         | 0.6                              | (0.6)   | —   | AAA                             |
| <b>MBS:</b>                             |            |             |                                  |   |   |                                 |
| Non-agency CMBS                         | \$5.5      | 4.5         | 1.0                              | (0.5)   | 0.5                                       | AAA                             |
| Total MBS                               | \$5.5      | 4.5         | 1.0                              | (0.5)   | 0.5                                       | AAA                             |

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December 31, 2013

| (\$ in millions)                        | Fair Value | Carry Value | Unrecognized Holding Gain (Loss) | Unrealized Gain (Loss) in AOCI | Total Unrealized/Unrecognized Gain (Loss) | Weighted Average Credit Quality |
|---|------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>HTM Portfolio:</b>                   |            |             |                                  |                                |   |                                 |
| Foreign government obligations          | \$5.6      | 5.4         | 0.2                              | 0.1                            | 0.3                                       | AA+                             |
| State and municipal obligations         | 369.8      | 352.2       | 17.6                             | 4.0                            | 21.6                                      | AA                              |
| Corporate securities                    | 30.3       | 27.8        | 2.5                              | (0.3)                          | ) 2.2                                     | A                               |
| ABS                                     | 3.4        | 2.8         | 0.6                              | (0.6)                          | ) —                                       | AA+                             |
| MBS                                     | 7.9        | 4.7         | 3.2                              | (0.9)                          | ) 2.3                                     | AA-                             |
| Total HTM portfolio                     | \$417.0    | 392.9       | 24.1                             | 2.3                            | 26.4                                      | AA                              |
| <b>State and Municipal Obligations:</b> |            |             |                                  |                                |   |                                 |
| General obligations                     | \$118.5    | 113.1       | 5.4                              | 2.0                            | 7.4                                       | AA                              |
| Special revenue obligations             | 251.3      | 239.1       | 12.2                             | 2.0                            | 14.2                                      | AA                              |
| Total state and municipal obligations   | \$369.8    | 352.2       | 17.6                             | 4.0                            | 21.6                                      | AA                              |
| <b>Corporate Securities:</b>            |            |             |                                  |                                |   |                                 |
| Financial                               | \$7.3      | 6.8         | 0.5                              | (0.1)                          | ) 0.4                                     | BBB+                            |
| Industrials                             | 7.8        | 6.8         | 1.0                              | (0.2)                          | ) 0.8                                     | A+                              |
| Utilities                               | 13.2       | 12.2        | 1.0                              | —                              | 1.0                                       | A+                              |
| Consumer discretionary                  | 2.0        | 2.0         | —                                | —                              | —   | AA                              |
| Total corporate securities              | \$30.3     | 27.8        | 2.5                              | (0.3)                          | ) 2.2                                     | A                               |
| <b>ABS:</b>                             |            |             |                                  |                                |   |                                 |
| ABS                                     | \$0.9      | 0.9         | —                                | —                              | —   | A                               |
| Alt-A ABS                               | 2.5        | 1.9         | 0.6                              | (0.6)                          | ) —                                       | AAA                             |
| Total ABS                               | \$3.4      | 2.8         | 0.6                              | (0.6)                          | ) —                                       | AA+                             |
| <b>MBS:</b>                             |            |             |                                  |                                |   |                                 |
| Non-agency CMBS                         | \$7.9      | 4.7         | 3.2                              | (0.9)                          | ) 2.3                                     | AA-                             |
| Total MBS                               | \$7.9      | 4.7         | 3.2                              | (0.9)                          | ) 2.3                                     | AA-                             |

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The sector composition and credit quality of our municipal bonds did not significantly change from December 31, 2013. For details regarding our special revenue bond sectors and additional information regarding credit risk and our management of MBS exposure, see Item 7A. "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk." of our 2013 Annual Report.

The following table details the top 10 state exposures of the municipal bond portion of our fixed income securities portfolio at June 30, 2014:

## State Exposures of Municipal Bonds

| (\$ in thousands)                       | General Obligation |         | Special Revenue | Fair Value | % of Total | Weighted Average Credit Quality |
|---|--------------------|---------|-----------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
|   | Local              | State   |                 |            |            |                                 |
| New York                                | \$9,854            | —       | 109,187         | 119,041    | 8%         | AA+                             |
| Texas <sup>1</sup>                      | 57,750             | 5,812   | 54,741          | 118,303    | 8%         | AA+                             |
| Washington                              | 39,628             | 6,912   | 43,399          | 89,939     | 6%         | AA+                             |
| Florida                                 | —                  | 15,479  | 50,340          | 65,819     | 5%         | AA                              |
| Arizona                                 | 8,062              | 1,003   | 54,865          | 63,930     | 4%         | AA                              |
| California                              | 8,873              | —       | 40,809          | 49,682     | 4%         | AA                              |
| Colorado                                | 31,723             | —       | 16,712          | 48,435     | 3%         | AA-                             |
| Missouri                                | 16,015             | 10,138  | 19,196          | 45,349     | 3%         | AA+                             |
| North Carolina                          | 13,079             | 8,275   | 22,998          | 44,352     | 3%         | AA                              |
| Ohio                                    | 8,365              | 19,104  | 14,927          | 42,396     | 3%         | AA+                             |
| Other                                   | 170,146            | 139,726 | 319,588         | 629,460    | 43%        | AA                              |
|   | 363,495            | 206,449 | 746,762         | 1,316,706  | 90%        | AA                              |
| Pre-refunded/escrowed to maturity bonds | 52,757             | 15,878  | 68,437          | 137,072    | 10%        | AA+                             |
| Total                                   | \$416,252          | 222,327 | 815,199         | 1,453,778  | 100%       | AA                              |

% of Total Portfolio 29 % 15 % 56 % 100 %

<sup>1</sup> Of the \$58 million in local Texas general obligation bonds, \$28 million represents investments in Texas Permanent School Fund bonds, which are considered to have lower risk as a result of the bond guarantee program that supports these bonds.

A portion of our municipal bonds contain insurance enhancements. The following table provides information regarding these insurance-enhanced securities as of June 30, 2014:

## Insurers of Municipal Bond Securities

| (\$ in thousands)   | Fair Value | Ratings with Insurance | Ratings without Insurance |
|---|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation, a subsidiary of MBIA, Inc. | \$185,126  | AA-                    | AA-                       |
| Assured Guaranty  | 138,553    | AA                     | AA-                       |
| Ambac Financial Group, Inc.   | 58,848     | AA                     | AA                        |
| Other   | 10,575     | AA                     | A+                        |
| Total   | \$393,102  | AA                     | AA-                       |

## Equity Securities

Our equity securities portfolio was 4% of invested assets as of both June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, while the value of this portfolio increased modestly to \$211.3 million from \$192.8 million over the same time period. During Six Months 2014, we rebalanced our high dividend yield strategy holdings within this portfolio, generating purchases of \$111.8 million and sales of securities that had an original cost of \$99.6 million.

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## Unrealized/Unrecognized Losses

Our net unrealized/unrecognized loss positions improved by \$38.7 million, to \$13.3 million, as of June 30, 2014 compared to December 31, 2013. The majority of this improvement was in our fixed income securities portfolio.

The following table presents amortized cost and fair value information for our AFS fixed income securities that were in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2014 by contractual maturity:

| (\$ in thousands)                      | Amortized<br>Cost | Fair<br>Value | Unrealized<br>Loss |
|--|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| One year or less                       | \$393             | 378           | 15                 |
| Due after one year through five years  | 256,800           | 253,974       | 2,826              |
| Due after five years through ten years | 559,252           | 548,852       | 10,400             |
| Due after ten years                    | 3,461             | 3,401         | 60                 |
| Total                                  | \$819,906         | 806,605       | 13,301             |

The following table presents amortized cost and fair value information for our HTM fixed income securities that were in an unrealized/unrecognized loss position at June 30, 2014 by contractual maturity:

| (\$ in thousands)                     | Amortized<br>Cost | Fair<br>Value | Unrecognized/Unrealized<br>Loss |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| One year or less                      | \$1,484           | 1,482         | 2                               |
| Due after one year through five years | 2,515             | 2,496         | 19                              |
| Total                                 | \$3,999           | 3,978         | 21                              |

We have reviewed the securities in the tables above in accordance with our OTTI policy, which is discussed in Note 2. "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report. We have concluded that these securities were temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013. For additional information regarding the unrealized/unrecognized losses in our AFS and HTM portfolios, see Note 5. "Investments" in Item 1. "Financial Statements." of this Form 10-Q.

## Other Investments

As of June 30, 2014, other investments of \$106.1 million represented 2% of our total invested assets. In addition to the capital that we have already invested to date, we are contractually obligated to invest up to an additional \$52.7 million in our other investments portfolio through commitments that currently expire at various dates through 2026. For a description of our seven alternative investment strategies, as well as redemption, restrictions, and fund liquidations, refer to Note 5. "Investments" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

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## Net Investment Income

The components of net investment income earned for the indicated periods were as follows:

| (\$ in thousands)                                     | Quarter ended June 30, |          | Six Months ended June 30, |           |
|---|------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------|
|   | 2014                   | 2013     | 2014                      | 2013      |
| Fixed income securities                               | \$33,781               | 30,298   | 64,809                    | 60,387    |
| Equity securities                                     | 1,736                  | 1,874    | 3,185                     | 3,081     |
| Short-term investments                                | 14                     | 29       | 33                        | 81        |
| Other investments                                     | 3,553                  | 3,869    | 8,771                     | 7,471     |
| Investment expenses                                   | (2,310)                | ) (2,067 | ) (4,490                  | ) (4,147  |
| Net investment income earned – before tax             | 36,774                 | 34,003   | 72,308                    | 66,873    |
| Net investment income tax expense                     | (9,353)                | ) (8,303 | ) (18,401                 | ) (16,334 |
| Net investment income earned – after tax              | \$27,421               | 25,700   | 53,907                    | 50,539    |
| Effective tax rate                                    | 25.4                   | % 24.4   | 25.4                      | 24.4      |
| Annualized after-tax yield on fixed income securities | 2.4                    | 2.3      | 2.3                       | 2.4       |
| Annualized after-tax yield on investment portfolio    | 2.3                    | 2.3      | 2.3                       | 2.3       |

Net investment income before tax increased in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014 compared to the same periods last year primarily due to higher income from our fixed income securities, driven by an increase in the size of this portfolio, which more than offset the lower yield earned this year compared to last.

## Realized Gains and Losses

Our general philosophy for sales of securities is to reduce our exposure to securities and sectors based on economic evaluations and when the fundamentals for that security or sector have deteriorated, or to opportunistically trade out of securities to other securities with better economic return characteristics. We typically have a long investment time horizon, and every purchase or sale is made with the intent of maximizing risk-adjusted investment returns in the current market environment while balancing capital preservation. Total net realized gains amounted to \$4.5 million in Second Quarter 2014 and \$11.8 million in Six Months 2014, and \$5.2 million and \$8.5 million in the same periods a year ago. These amounts included \$0.4 million and \$1.4 million in OTTI charges in Second Quarter and Six Months 2014, and \$0.6 million and \$2.5 million in Second Quarter and Six Months 2013, respectively.

We regularly review our entire investment portfolio for declines in fair value. If we believe that a decline in the value of a particular investment is other than temporary, we record it as an OTTI, through realized losses in earnings for the credit-related portion and through unrealized losses in other comprehensive income ("OCI") for the non-credit related portion. If there is a decline in fair value of an equity security that we do not intend to hold, or if we determine that the decline is other than temporary, we write down the cost of the investment to fair value and record the charge through earnings as a component of realized losses.

For discussion of our realized gains and losses as well as our OTTI methodology, see Note 2. "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report, and for qualitative information about our OTTI charges, see Note 5. "Investments" in Item 1. "Financial Statements." of this Form 10-Q.

## Federal Income Taxes

The following table provides information regarding federal income taxes from continuing operations:

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| (\$ in million)                                       | Quarter ended June 30, |      | Six Months ended June 30, |      |
|---|------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
|   | 2014                   | 2013 | 2014                      | 2013 |
| Federal income tax expense from continuing operations | \$10.2                 | 9.1  | 17.3                      | 15.6 |
| Effective tax rate                                    | 26                     | % 25 | 27                        | 24   |

Despite lower pre-tax net income in Six Months 2014 compared to Six Months 2013, federal income tax expense, as well as the effective tax rate have increased year over year. This increase is driven by our expectation of relatively higher full-year insurance operations results in 2014. We are required, through accounting rules, to record each quarter's taxes at the expected annual effective tax rate regardless of the relative magnitude of the individual components within any one quarter.

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### Financial Condition, Liquidity, Short-term Borrowings, and Capital Resources

Capital resources and liquidity reflect our ability to generate cash flows from business operations, borrow funds at competitive rates, and raise new capital to meet operating and growth needs.

#### Liquidity

We manage liquidity with a focus on generating sufficient cash flows to meet the short-term and long-term cash requirements of our business operations. Our cash and short-term investment position of \$168 million at June 30, 2014 was comprised of \$30.8 million at Selective Insurance Group, Inc. (the "Parent") and \$137.2 million at the Insurance Subsidiaries. Short-term investments are generally maintained in "AAA" rated money market funds approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The Parent continues to maintain a fixed income security investment portfolio containing high-quality, highly-liquid government and corporate fixed income securities to generate additional yield. This portfolio amounted to \$60 million at June 30, 2014 compared to \$56 million at December 31, 2013.

Sources of cash for the Parent have historically consisted of dividends from the Insurance Subsidiaries, borrowings under lines of credit and loan agreements with certain Insurance Subsidiaries, and the issuance of stock and debt securities. We continue to monitor these sources, giving consideration to our long-term liquidity and capital preservation strategies.

We currently anticipate the Insurance Subsidiaries will pay approximately \$57.5 million in total dividends to the Parent in 2014. Cash dividends of \$28.8 million were paid in Six Months 2014. As of December 31, 2013, our allowable ordinary maximum dividend was approximately \$127 million for 2014.

Any dividends to the Parent are subject to the approval and/or review of the insurance regulators in the respective domiciliary states and are generally payable only from earned surplus as reported in the statutory annual statements of those subsidiaries as of the preceding December 31. Although past dividends have historically been met with regulatory approval, there is no assurance that future dividends that may be declared will be approved. For additional information regarding dividend restrictions, refer to Note 20. "Statutory Financial Information, Capital Requirements, and Restrictions on Dividends and Transfers of Funds" in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

The Parent had no private or public issuances of stock during Six Months 2014 and there were no borrowings under its \$30 million line of credit ("Line of Credit") at June 30, 2014 or at any time during Six Months 2014.

We have two Insurance Subsidiaries domiciled in Indiana ("Indiana Subsidiaries") that are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis ("FHLBI"). These Insurance Subsidiaries are Selective Insurance Company of South Carolina ("SICSC") and Selective Insurance Company of the Southeast ("SICSE"). Membership in the FHLBI provides these subsidiaries with access to additional liquidity. The Indiana Subsidiaries' aggregate investment of \$2.9 million provides them with the ability to borrow up to 20 times the total amount of the FHLBI common stock purchased, at comparatively low borrowing rates. All borrowings from the FHLBI are required to be secured by certain investments. For additional information regarding the required collateral, refer to Note 5. "Investments" in Item 1. "Financial Statements." of this Form 10-Q.

The Parent's Line of Credit agreement permits collateralized borrowings by the Indiana Subsidiaries from the FHLBI so long as the aggregate amount borrowed does not exceed 10% of the respective Indiana Subsidiary's admitted assets from the preceding calendar year. Admitted assets amounted to \$542.4 million for SICSC and \$414.9 million for SICSE as of December 31, 2013, for a borrowing capacity of approximately \$96 million. As our outstanding borrowing with the FHLBI is currently \$58 million, the Indiana Subsidiaries have the ability to borrow approximately \$38 million more until the Line of Credit borrowing limit is met, of which \$30 million could be loaned to the Parent under lending agreements approved by the Indiana Department of Insurance. Similar to the Line of Credit agreement, these lending agreements limit borrowings by the Parent from the Indiana Subsidiaries to 10% of the admitted assets



of the respective Indiana Subsidiary. For additional information regarding the Parent's Line of Credit, refer to the section below entitled "Short-term Borrowings."

The Insurance Subsidiaries also generate liquidity through insurance float, which is created by collecting premiums and earning investment income before losses are paid. The period of the float can extend over many years. Our investment portfolio consists of maturity dates that are laddered to continually provide a source of cash flows for claims payments in the ordinary course of business. The duration of the fixed income securities portfolio including short-term investments was 3.6 years as of June 30, 2014, while the liabilities of the Insurance Subsidiaries have a duration of 3.8 years. In addition, the Insurance Subsidiaries purchase reinsurance coverage for protection against any significantly large claims or catastrophes that may occur during the year.

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The liquidity generated from the sources discussed above is used, among other things, to pay dividends to our shareholders. Dividends on shares of the Parent's common stock are declared and paid at the discretion of the Board of Directors based on our operating results, financial condition, capital requirements, contractual restrictions, and other relevant factors.

Our ability to meet our interest and principal repayment obligations on our debt, as well as our ability to continue to pay dividends to our stockholders, is dependent on liquidity at the Parent coupled with the ability of the Insurance Subsidiaries to pay dividends, if necessary, and/or the availability of other sources of liquidity to the Parent. Upcoming principal payments on our debt include \$13 million in December 2014 and \$45 million in December 2016. Subsequent to 2016, our next principal repayment is due in 2034. Restrictions on the ability of the Insurance Subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends, without alternative liquidity options, could materially affect our ability to service debt and pay dividends on common stock.

**Short-term Borrowings**

Our Line of Credit with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T), was renewed effective September 26, 2013 with a borrowing capacity of \$30 million, which can be increased to \$50 million with the approval of both lending partners.

The Line of Credit provides the Parent with an additional source of short-term liquidity. The interest rate on our Line of Credit varies and is based on, among other factors, the Parent's debt ratings. The Line of Credit expires on September 26, 2017. There were no balances outstanding under the Line of Credit at June 30, 2014 or at any time during Six Months 2014.

The Line of Credit agreement contains representations, warranties, and covenants that are customary for credit facilities of this type, including, without limitation, financial covenants under which we are obligated to maintain a minimum consolidated net worth, minimum combined statutory surplus, and maximum ratio of consolidated debt to total capitalization, as well as covenants limiting our ability to: (i) merge or liquidate; (ii) incur debt or liens; (iii) dispose of assets; (iv) make certain investments and acquisitions; and (v) engage in transactions with affiliates.

The table below outlines information regarding certain of the covenants in the Line of Credit:

|   | Required as of June 30,<br>2014 | Actual as of<br>June 30, 2014 |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Consolidated net worth                    | \$830 million                   | \$1.2 billion                 |
| Statutory surplus                         | Not less than \$750<br>million  | \$1.3 billion                 |
| Debt-to-capitalization ratio <sup>1</sup> | Not to exceed 35%               | 24.3%                         |
| A.M. Best financial strength rating       | A-                              | A                             |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated in accordance with the Line of Credit agreement.

**Capital Resources**

Capital resources provide protection for policyholders, furnish the financial strength to support the business of underwriting insurance risks, and facilitate continued business growth. At June 30, 2014, we had statutory surplus of \$1.3 billion, GAAP stockholders' equity of \$1.2 billion, and total debt of \$392.3 million, which equates to a debt-to-capital ratio of approximately 24.1%.

Our cash requirements include, but are not limited to, principal and interest payments on various notes payable, dividends to stockholders, payment of claims, payment of commitments under limited partnership agreements and capital expenditures, as well as other operating expenses, which include agents' commissions, labor costs, premium taxes, general and administrative expenses, and income taxes. For further details regarding our cash requirements,

refer to the section below entitled, “Contractual Obligations, Contingent Liabilities, and Commitments.”

We continually monitor our cash requirements and the amount of capital resources that we maintain at the holding company and operating subsidiary levels. As part of our long-term capital strategy, we strive to maintain capital metrics, relative to the macroeconomic environment, that support our targeted financial strength. Based on our analysis and market conditions, we may take a variety of actions, including, but not limited to, contributing capital to the Insurance Subsidiaries in our insurance operations, issuing additional debt and/or equity securities, repurchasing shares of the Parent’s common stock, and increasing stockholders’ dividends.

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Our capital management strategy is intended to protect the interests of the policyholders of the Insurance Subsidiaries and our stockholders, while enhancing our financial strength and underwriting capacity.

Book value per share increased to \$21.96 as of June 30, 2014, from \$20.63 as of December 31, 2013, due to \$0.84 in net income coupled with a \$0.76 increase in unrealized gains on our investment portfolio. These items were partially offset by \$0.26 in dividends to our shareholders.

### Ratings

We are rated by major rating agencies that issue opinions on our financial strength, operating performance, strategic position, and ability to meet policyholder obligations. We believe that our ability to write insurance business is most influenced by our rating from A.M. Best. In Second Quarter 2014, A.M. Best reaffirmed our rating of "A (Excellent)," their third highest of 13 financial strength ratings, with a "stable" outlook. The rating reflects our strong risk-adjusted capitalization, disciplined underwriting focus, increasing use of predictive modeling technology, strong independent retail agency relationships, and consistently stable loss reserves. We have been rated "A" or higher by A.M. Best for the past 84 years. A downgrade from A.M. Best to a rating below "A-" is an event of default under our Line of Credit and could affect our ability to write new business with customers and/or agents, some of whom are required (under various third-party agreements) to maintain insurance with a carrier that maintains a specified A.M. Best minimum rating.

Ratings by other major rating agencies are as follows:

Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") - Our "A+" rating was reaffirmed in Second Quarter 2014, citing our improved underwriting results, strong independent agency relationships, solid loss reserve position, and enhanced diversification through continued efforts to reduce our concentration in New Jersey. Our outlook has been revised to stable reflecting operating earnings-based interest coverage that showed improvement in 2013.

S&P Ratings Services ("S&P") - In the third quarter of 2013, S&P lowered our financial strength rating to "A-" from "A" under their revised rating criteria. The rating reflects our strong business risk profile and moderately strong financial risk profile, built on a strong competitive position in the regional small to midsize commercial insurance markets in Mid-Atlantic states and strong capital and earnings. The rating revision reflects S&P's view of our capital and earnings volatility relative to our peers. The outlook for the rating is stable citing the expectation that we will sustain our strong competitive position and business risk profile while maintaining a strong capital and earnings profile.

Moody's Investor Service ("Moody's") - Our "A2" financial strength rating was reaffirmed in the first quarter of 2013 by Moody's, which cited our strong regional franchise with established independent agency support, along with solid risk adjusted capitalization and strong invested asset quality. Our outlook was revised to negative, citing that our underwriting results have lagged similarly rated peers.

Our S&P, Moody's, and Fitch financial strength and associated credit ratings affect our ability to access capital markets. The interest rate on our Line of Credit varies and is based on, among other factors, the Parent's debt ratings. There can be no assurance that our ratings will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be changed. It is possible that positive or negative ratings actions by one or more of the rating agencies may occur in the future.

### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we did not have any material relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or for other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we are not exposed to any material financing, liquidity, market, or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

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Contractual Obligations, Contingent Liabilities, and Commitments

Our future cash payments associated with: (i) loss and loss expense reserves; (ii) contractual obligations pursuant to operating leases for office space and equipment; (iii) notes payable; and (iv) contractual obligations related to our alternative and other investments portfolio have not materially changed since December 31, 2013. We expect to have the capacity to repay and/or refinance these obligations as they come due.

We have issued no material guarantees on behalf of others and have no trading activities involving non-exchange traded contracts accounted for at fair value. We have no material transactions with related parties other than those disclosed in Note 17. "Related Party Transactions" included in Item 8. "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data." of our 2013 Annual Report.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

There have been no material changes in the information about market risk set forth in our 2013 Annual Report.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act")), as of the end of the period covered by this report. In performing this evaluation, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control - Integrated Framework in 1992. Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are: (i) effective in recording, processing, summarizing, and reporting information on a timely basis that we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act; and (ii) effective in ensuring that information that we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. No changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) occurred during Six Months 2014 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

In the ordinary course of conducting business, we are named as defendants in various legal proceedings. Most of these proceedings are claims litigation involving our Insurance Subsidiaries as either: (i) liability insurers defending or providing indemnity for third-party claims brought against insureds; or (ii) insurers defending first-party coverage claims brought against them. We account for such activity through the establishment of unpaid loss and loss expense reserves. We expect that the ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such ordinary course claims litigation, after consideration of provisions made for potential losses and costs of defense, will not be material to our consolidated financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

Our Insurance Subsidiaries are also from time to time involved in other legal actions, some of which assert claims for substantial amounts. These actions include, among others, putative class actions seeking certification of a state or national class. Such putative class actions have alleged, for example, improper reimbursement of medical providers paid under workers compensation and personal and commercial automobile insurance policies. Our Insurance Subsidiaries are also involved from time to time in individual actions in which extra-contractual damages, punitive damages, or penalties are sought, such as claims alleging bad faith in the handling of insurance claims. We believe that we have valid defenses to these cases. We expect that the ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such lawsuits, after consideration of provisions made for estimated losses, will not be material to our consolidated financial condition. Nonetheless, given the large or indeterminate amounts sought in certain of these actions, and the inherent unpredictability of litigation, an adverse outcome in certain matters could, from time to time, have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations or cash flows in particular quarterly or annual periods.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

Certain risk factors exist that can have a significant impact on our business, liquidity, capital resources, results of operations, financial condition, and debt ratings. The impact of these risk factors also could impact certain actions that we take as part of our long-term capital strategy, including but not limited to, contributing capital to any or all of the Insurance Subsidiaries, issuing additional debt and/or equity securities, repurchasing our equity securities, redeeming our fixed income securities, or increasing or decreasing, stockholders dividends. We operate in a continually changing business environment and new risk factors emerge from time to time. Consequently, we can neither predict such new risk factors nor assess the potential future impact, if any, they might have on our business. There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A. "Risk Factors." in our 2013 Annual Report other than as discussed below.

We face risks regarding our flood business because of uncertainties regarding the NFIP.

We are the fifth largest insurance group participating in the write-your-own ("WYO") arrangement of the NFIP, which is managed by the Mitigation Division of Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. For WYO participation, we receive an expense allowance for policies written and a servicing fee for claims administered. Under the program, all losses are 100% reinsured by the Federal Government. Currently, the expense allowance is 30.7% of direct premiums written. The servicing fee is the combination of 0.9% of direct written premiums and 1.5% of incurred losses.

The NFIP is funded by Congress. In 2012, after the NFIP had numerous short-term funding delays, Congress passed, and the President signed, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 ("Biggert-Waters Act"). The Biggert-Waters Act: (i) extended NFIP funding to September 30, 2017; and (ii) moved the program to more market based rates for certain flood policyholders. FEMA implemented these rates throughout 2013, which created significant public discontent and Congressional concern over the impact of the new rates on NFIP insureds.

Consequently, Congress passed and, on March 21, 2014, the President signed into law, the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (“Flood Affordability Act”). The Flood Affordability Act substantially modifies certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Act, and makes certain other program changes. Significantly, the Flood Affordability Act substantially modifies many of the Biggert-Waters Act rate increases. Consequently, we are working with FEMA to implement the new rate structures.

As a WYO carrier, we are required to follow certain NFIP procedures when administering flood policies and claims. Some of these requirements may differ from our normal business practices and may present a reputational risk to our brand. Insurance companies are regulated by states; however, the NFIP is a federal program. Consequently, we have the risk that regulatory positions taken by the NFIP and a state regulator on the same issue may conflict.

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Despite the passage of the Flood Affordability Act, the NFIP remains under scrutiny by policymakers. The uncertainty behind the public policy debate and politics of flood insurance funding and reform make it difficult for us to predict the future of the NFIP and the continued financial viability of our participation in the program.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

The following table provides information regarding our purchases of our common stock in Second Quarter 2014:

| Period             | Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>1</sup> | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Announced Programs |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|
| April 1 – 30, 2014 | 5,938   | \$22.47                      | —   | —   |
| May 1 - 31, 2014   | —   | —                            | —   | —   |
| June 1 – 30, 2014  | 5   | 23.27                        | —   | —   |
| Total              | 5,943   | \$22.47                      | —   | —   |

<sup>1</sup>During Second Quarter 2014, 5,943 shares were purchased from employees in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units. These repurchases were made to satisfy tax withholding obligations with respect to those employees. These shares were not purchased as part of any publicly announced program. The shares that were purchased in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units were purchased at fair market value as defined in the Selective Insurance Group, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan As Amended and Restated Effective as of May 1, 2010.



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Item 6. EXHIBITS.

(a) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.

- \* 11 Statement Re: Computation of Per Share Earnings.
- \* 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \* 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer in accordance with Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \* 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \* 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer in accordance with Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- \*\* 101.INS XBRL Instance Document.
- \*\* 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- \*\* 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
- \*\* 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
- \*\* 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
- \*\* 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* Furnished and not filed herewith.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SELECTIVE INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

Registrant

By: /s/ Gregory E. Murphy  
Gregory E. Murphy  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

July 31, 2014

By: /s/ Dale A. Thatcher  
Dale A. Thatcher  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(principal accounting officer and principal financial officer)

July 31, 2014