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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF
THE OFFICE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

The Office of the West Virginia Attorney General (hereinafter "WVAGO") is seeking the assistance of outside counsel to provide legal services related to the acquisition, sale, and transfer of real estate and other interests in real property. More specifically, the WVAGO seeks counsel to provide title searches, title opinions, real estate closings, and other related services for the WVAGO and client agencies.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the legal matters in question, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires particular and specialized expertise in real estate law.
- The scope of work potentially includes the entire state of West Virginia.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services without the assistance of outside counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel in the current legal matter pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

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Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Date Signed: October 20, 2017