

**General Non-Forfeiture Project**

The Life and Health Actuarial Task Force (LHATF) held a conference call on July 17, 2003 to discuss the current status of the General Non-Forfeiture Project. Participants included regulators from various states such as CA, NY, NJ, TX, FL, and NM as well as interested parties from the life insurance industry.

Items discussed were:

1. Mr. Mike Batte of New Mexico sent out a survey to various regulators to obtain comments on whether there is any legitimate hope of achieving a general consensus on the General Non-Forfeiture Project. If there is such hope, the follow-up questions are a good starting point for future discussions and appropriate milestones for making progress.
2. Regulators are divided on whether there is any legitimate hope for achieving a general consensus.
3. One regulator indicated that the Task Force has had the charge for 17 years and is still unable to reach a general consensus. Thus, there is very little hope of ever achieving a consensus.
4. CA disagreed and suggested that the Task Force should first concentrate on proposed non-forfeiture regulation for life insurance such as Model Regulation XYZ.
5. Many regulators did not consider the non-forfeiture project a great concern and were not interested in investing time and resources for the project.
6. Some regulators were willing to work with CA as long as the Task Force agrees that it is a worthwhile project.
7. If the Task Force decides to continue the project, it is suggested that a subset of the Task Force should work closely with the Academy work group so that these two subgroups would achieve efficiency.

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