

515G.3 Plan of conversion.

A plan of conversion shall include all of the following:

1. The proposed articles of incorporation and bylaws of the mutual insurer as a stock company.
2. The manner of treating a holder of a surplus note agreement, if any. The holder of a surplus note agreement, if otherwise qualified, may, at its option, exchange the agreement for an equitable share of the securities or other consideration, or both, of the corporation into which the insurer is to be converted.
3. The manner and basis of exchanging the equitable share of each mutual policyholder with a policy in force as provided in section 515G.4 for securities or other consideration, or both, of the stock corporation or an affiliate into which the mutual insurer is to be converted and the disposition of any unclaimed shares. The plan shall also provide that each person who had a policy of insurance in effect on the date of adoption of the plan is entitled to receive in exchange for an equitable share, without additional payment, consideration payable in voting common shares of the insurer, or other consideration, or both. The equitable share of the policyholder in the mutual insurer may include a base value for each policyholder in recognition of the voting rights of the policyholder and the balance of such equitable share of its statutory surplus, plus any adjustments for nonadmitted assets permitted by the commissioner, shall be determined by the ratio which the net earned premiums the policyholder has properly and timely paid to the insurer on insurance policies in effect during the three years immediately preceding the adoption of the plan bears to the total net earned premiums received by the mutual insurer from policyholders during that three-year period. If the equitable share of the policyholder entitles the policyholder to the purchase of a fractional share of stock, the policyholder has the option to receive the value of the fractional share in cash or purchase a full share by paying the balance in cash. However, policyholders due a de minimus amount, as established by the commissioner, need not be offered the value of the fractional share or the option to purchase a full share.
4. The number of voting common shares proposed to be authorized for the stock corporation, their par value, and the price at which they shall be offered.

A plan of conversion for an insurer organized on the mutual plan under chapter 491, shall also provide for conversion to a stock company as follows: the insurer organized on the mutual plan under chapter 491 shall amend its articles pursuant to chapter 491 as necessary to become a stock company, and shall immediately convert to a chapter 490 corporation as provided in section 490.1701 upon becoming a stock company.