

Stochastic Based BCAR for Reserving Actuaries

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Agenda

- BCAR Overview
- Development of Stochastic Based Reserve Capital Factors
- Reserving Actuary's Impact on
 - BCAR
 - Company's Rating

BCAR Overview

What is BCAR?

Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR)

- A comprehensive quantitative tool that evaluates many of the risks to the balance sheet simultaneously
- Generates an overall estimate of the required level of capital to support those risks and compares it with available capital

BCAR and the Building Blocks

BCAR is a key tool in the assessment of balance sheet strength

- Not the sole determinant of balance sheet strength
- Not the sole determinant of the rating

BCAR is also being used in ERM assessment

- Identify companies with tail risk
- Promote discussions of how companies identify, monitor, manage, measure, and protect policyholders from that risk

Overview of Available Capital & Risk Categories

$$\text{BCAR} = \frac{(\text{Available Capital} - \text{Net Required Capital})}{\text{Available Capital}} \times 100$$

Available Capital (AC)

Reported Capital (PHS)

Equity Adjustments:

Unearned Premiums (DAC)

Assets

Loss Reserves

Reinsurance

Debt Adjustments:

Surplus Notes

Debt Service Requirements

Other Adjustments:

Future Operating Losses

Goodwill & Intangible Assets

Other

Net Required Capital

Gross Required Capital (GRC):

(B1) Fixed Income Securities

(B2) Equity Securities

(B3) Interest Rate

(B4) Credit

(B5) Loss and LAE Reserves

(B6) Net Premiums Written

(B7) Business Risk

(B8) Potential Catastrophe Loss

Covariance Adjustment

Net Required Capital (NRC)*

$$\text{Net Required Capital} = \sqrt{(B1)^2 + (B2)^2 + (B3)^2 + (.5 * B4)^2 + [(.5 * B4) + (B5)]^2 + (B6)^2 + (B8)^2} + (B7)$$

Development of Reserve Capital Factors

Your Mission

To design and build a process to estimate Reserve Risk for every company and Rating Unit in the U.S. P/C industry.

BLAM!



Project Plan

- Purpose of the Reserve Risk Model
- How do you define Reserve Risk
- How do you measure Reserve Risk
- Vision of end product
- Software/Hardware needed/cost
- Staff/Consultants needed/cost
- Research/cost
- Data Desired vs Data Available/cost
- Target Completion Dates
- Internal Approvals
- Build & Test
- External Feedback/Approvals



Purpose of the Reserve Risk Model

Generate an estimate of the required level of capital to support reserve risk

- How will it be used?
 - Financial Strength Rating Process
 - Ability to Pay Claims – Policyholder Protection
 - Balance Sheet Strength Assessment
 - ERM Assessment
- Will it be used as input elsewhere
 - BCAR model
- Who will use it?
 - Internally – Financial Analysts
 - Externally – Rated Entities, Consultants, Regulators

How Do You Define Reserve Risk?

Risk of unanticipated adverse development on net loss & LAE reserves

Original CY End Booked Reserve = \$100M



Subsequent Re-Estimate of that CY End Booked Reserve = \$150M

Unanticipated adverse development = \$50M
Which = 50% of Original CY End Booked Reserve

How Do You Measure Reserve Risk?

- Metric – ES, EPD, VaR, TVaR, Co-Tvar, Co-XTVaR, etc.
- Time horizon – 1 year, 5 year, Ultimate
- Confidence level – Varies with Time Horizon and Metric
- Method – Bootstrap, Mack, etc.

Selected for Stochastic Based BCAR Reserve Risk:

Metric - VaR

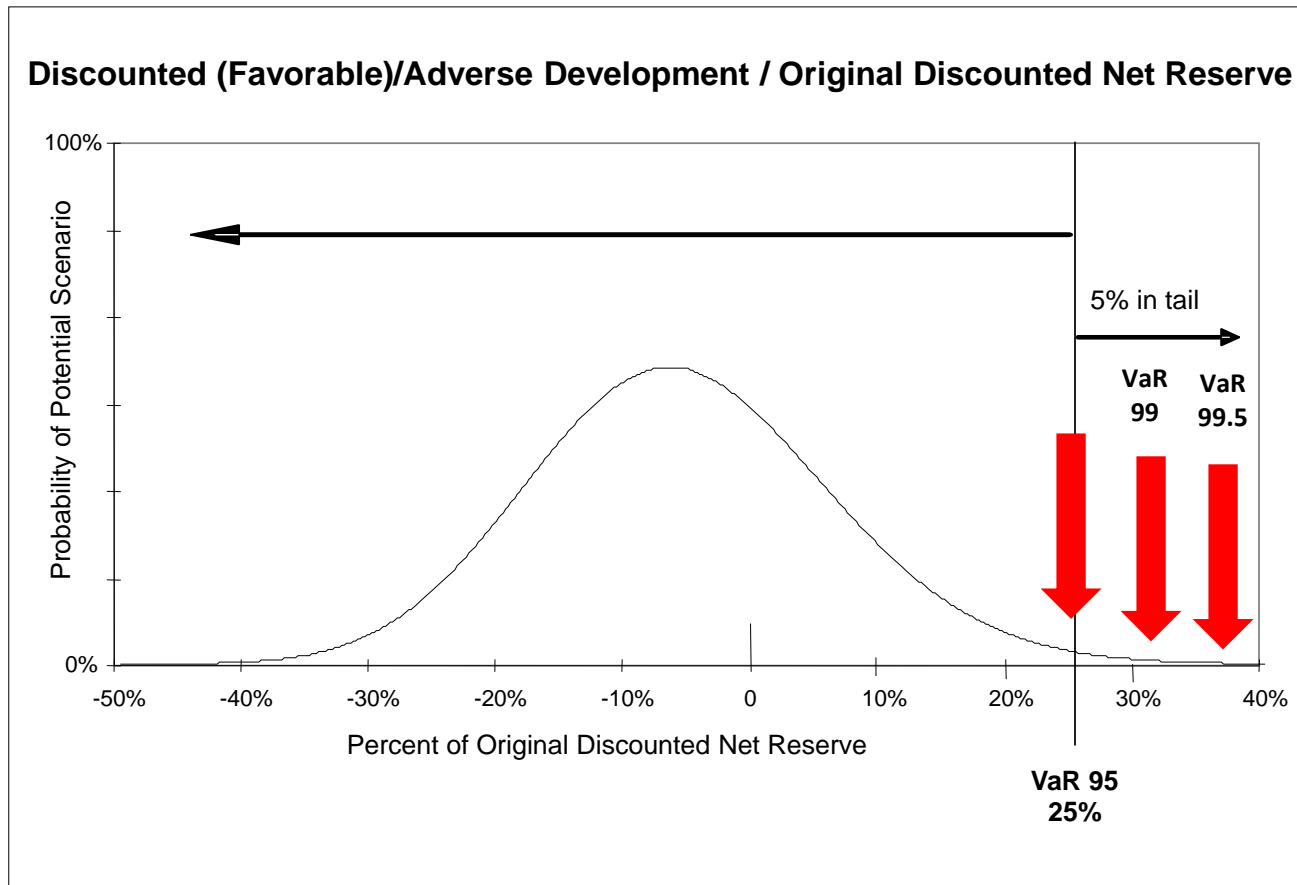
Time Horizon – Ultimate

Confidence Levels – 95%, 99%, 99.5%, 99.6%, and 99.8%

Method – Based on AAA P/C RBC Task Force “Report on Reserve and Underwriting Risk Factors” May 20, 1993

Metric

VaR (Value at Risk)



VaR does not tell us about what's in the tail so we need to look at more than one VaR

Vision of the End Product

Schedule P Line	(1) Carried Net Loss & LAE Reserve	(2) Deficiency Factor	(3) Discount Factor	(4) Adjusted Reserves (1) * (2) * (3)	(5) 1% EPD Reserve Factor	(6) (4) * (5) Required Capital
Homeowners/Farmowners	6,000	1.00	0.942	5,652	0.350	1,978
Personal Auto Liability	20,000	1.00	0.941	18,813	0.260	4,891
Commercial Auto Liability	19,000	1.00	0.930	17,673	0.270	4,772
Workers Compensation	40,000	1.00	0.824	32,944	0.330	10,872
Commercial Multiperil	15,000	1.00	0.905	13,570	0.350	4,750
Medical Prof Liab - Occurrence	18,000	1.00	0.882	15,873	0.440	6,984
Medical Prof Liab - Claims Made	22,000	1.00	0.911	20,039	0.370	7,415
Special Liability	12,000	1.00	0.914	10,969	0.280	3,071
Other Liability - Occurrence	33,000	1.00	0.856	28,246	0.410	11,581
Other Liability - Claims Made	28,000	1.00	0.891	24,954	0.400	9,981
Products Liability - Occurrence	13,000	1.00	0.832	10,818	0.530	5,734
Products Liability - Claims Made	16,000	1.00	0.875	14,005	0.430	6,022
Property	9,000	1.00	0.953	8,581	0.350	3,003
Auto Physical Damage	6,000	1.00	0.979	5,871	0.290	1,703
Fidelity & Surety / Guaranty	8,000	1.00	0.925	7,398	0.370	2,737
Other	7,000	1.00	0.952	6,663	0.300	1,999
International	11,000	1.00	0.944	10,381	0.330	3,426
Reinsurance A	12,000	1.00	0.923	11,074	0.370	4,098
Reinsurance B	29,000	1.00	0.843	24,438	0.490	11,975
Reinsurance C	6,000	1.00	0.914	5,482	0.400	2,193
Warranty	7,000	1.00	0.976	6,833	0.280	1,913
Long Duration Contract UPR	25,000	1.00	1.000	25,000	0.250	6,250
Total	362,000	1.00	0.899	325,280	0.361	117,348
					Diversification Factor: x	0.78
					Growth Factor: x	1.05
					(B5) Reserve Risk Required Capital Amount: =	96,108



Vision of the End Product

Schedule P Line	Capital Factors				Required Capital Amounts									
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
	Carried Net Loss & LAE Reserve	Deficiency Factor	Discount Factor	Adjusted Reserves (1) * (2) * (3)	VaR 95	VaR 99	VaR 99.5	VaR 99.6	VaR 99.8	(4) * (5)	(4) * (6)	(4) * (7)	(4) * (8)	(4) * (9)
Homeowners/Farmowners	6,000	1.00	0.942	5,652	0.242	0.364	0.412	0.426	0.475	1,368	2,057	2,329	2,408	2,685
Personal Auto Liability	20,000	1.00	0.941	18,813	0.169	0.250	0.281	0.291	0.320	3,179	4,703	5,286	5,475	6,020
Commercial Auto Liability	19,000	1.00	0.930	17,673	0.194	0.289	0.326	0.338	0.373	3,428	5,107	5,761	5,973	6,592
Workers Compensation	40,000	1.00	0.824	32,944	0.223	0.334	0.377	0.390	0.430	7,347	11,003	12,420	12,848	14,166
Commercial Multiperil	15,000	1.00	0.905	13,570	0.239	0.360	0.406	0.422	0.467	3,243	4,885	5,510	5,727	6,337
Medical Prof Liab - Occurrence	18,000	1.00	0.882	15,873	0.299	0.456	0.520	0.540	0.599	4,746	7,238	8,254	8,571	9,508
Medical Prof Liab - Claims Made	22,000	1.00	0.911	20,039	0.251	0.381	0.432	0.448	0.497	5,030	7,635	8,657	8,978	9,960
Special Liability	12,000	1.00	0.914	10,969	0.200	0.299	0.338	0.350	0.386	2,194	3,280	3,708	3,839	4,234
Other Liability - Occurrence	33,000	1.00	0.856	28,246	0.283	0.430	0.487	0.507	0.560	7,994	12,146	13,756	14,321	15,818
Other Liability - Claims Made	28,000	1.00	0.891	24,954	0.288	0.438	0.497	0.516	0.573	7,187	10,930	12,402	12,876	14,298
Products Liability - Occurrence	13,000	1.00	0.832	10,818	0.365	0.558	0.634	0.658	0.733	3,949	6,037	6,859	7,118	7,930
Products Liability - Claims Made	16,000	1.00	0.875	14,005	0.289	0.441	0.501	0.519	0.578	4,048	6,176	7,017	7,269	8,095
Property	9,000	1.00	0.953	8,581	0.243	0.366	0.415	0.430	0.475	2,085	3,141	3,561	3,690	4,076
Auto Physical Damage	6,000	1.00	0.979	5,871	0.188	0.279	0.314	0.325	0.357	1,104	1,638	1,844	1,908	2,096
Fidelity & Surety / Guaranty	8,000	1.00	0.925	7,398	0.252	0.381	0.433	0.448	0.496	1,864	2,819	3,204	3,315	3,670
Other	7,000	1.00	0.952	6,663	0.206	0.307	0.346	0.359	0.396	1,373	2,046	2,306	2,392	2,639
International	11,000	1.00	0.944	10,381	0.239	0.359	0.406	0.422	0.465	2,481	3,727	4,215	4,381	4,827
Reinsurance A	12,000	1.00	0.923	11,074	0.256	0.387	0.440	0.456	0.507	2,835	4,286	4,873	5,050	5,615
Reinsurance B	29,000	1.00	0.843	24,438	0.332	0.508	0.577	0.599	0.667	8,114	12,415	14,101	14,639	16,300
Reinsurance C	6,000	1.00	0.914	5,482	0.274	0.417	0.474	0.491	0.545	1,502	2,286	2,599	2,692	2,988
Warranty	7,000	1.00	0.976	6,833	0.188	0.279	0.314	0.326	0.358	1,285	1,907	2,146	2,228	2,446
Long Duration Contract UPR	25,000	1.00	1.000	25,000	0.170	0.250	0.290	0.300	0.330	4,250	6,250	7,250	7,500	8,250
Total	362,000	1.00	0.899	325,280	0.248	0.374	0.424	0.440	0.487	80,606	121,712	138,058	143,198	158,550
					Diversification Factor:	x	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78			
					Growth Factor:	x	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.05			
					(B5) Reserve Risk Required Capital Amount:	=	66,016	99,682	113,070	117,279	129,852			



Software/Hardware Needed

- Software
 - Curve Fitting Software
 - Stochastic Simulation Software
 - ESG?
 - Cost = Expensive
- Hardware
 - Additional Server
 - Faster Laptop
 - Cost = Cheap



Staffing/Consulting

- Staffing
 - Existing staff reallocated
 - Hire temporary staff
 - Hire more permanent staff
 - Hire consultants



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Research

- Methods
- Models
- Actuarial
- Other Sciences
- New
 - Time
 - Cost



Data Desired

- Schedule P Parts 1, 2, 3, 4
 - For each 10 year LOB
 - Cumulative Paid Loss&DCC
 - Cumulative Case Incurred Loss&DCC
 - CY end Booked Net Loss&DCC Reserve
 - NEPs
 - For each company
 - For industry
- US Treasury Yield Curves
 - For each accident year working with
- Cost?

LOB Plan

- For all companies in the Sch P LOB:
 - Download Sch P Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 (2012 Stmt)
 - Inspect data
 - Remove incomplete or strange data
 - Project AY ultimate Loss&DCC for each AY
 - Paid LDF method
 - Case Incurred LDF method
 - Industry Deficiency by AY applied to Co Unpd
 - Calculate discounted needed reserve
 - For each CY end
 - Calculate CY end booked Loss&DCC reserve
 - Calculate Payout Pattern and PV Loss&DCC reserve
 - Some payments are actual some are projected
 - Discounted Needed Reserve – Discounted booked reserve
 - Divide by discounted booked reserve

Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

part 2

ultimate loss & DCC

AY	YE 03	YE 04	YE 05	YE 06	YE 07	YE 08	YE 09	YE 10	YE 11	YE 12
Prior	147	174	214	219	227	229	240	247	248	250
2003	144	140	153	161	161	165	169	169	171	172
2004	0	190	138	143	143	145	154	155	158	163
2005	0	0	181	169	170	170	181	184	187	183
2006	0	0	0	196	186	182	188	193	198	205
2007	0	0	0	0	209	203	231	250	251	263
2008	0	0	0	0	0	213	218	246	248	265
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	159	170	178	187
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149	151	181
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	173	168
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141

Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

part 3

cumulative paid loss & DCC

AY	YE 03	YE 04	YE 05	YE 06	YE 07	YE 08	YE 09	YE 10	YE 11	YE 12
Prior	0	70	135	166	191	211	220	237	243	245
2003	29	67	102	126	142	156	164	169	170	172
2004	0	47	66	81	107	123	141	156	158	160
2005	0	0	39	79	109	142	167	183	186	181
2006	0	0	0	59	93	131	158	187	192	200
2007	0	0	0	0	61	110	165	218	242	260
2008	0	0	0	0	0	61	120	182	220	249
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	82	120	153
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	77	121
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	78
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18

Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

unpaid loss & DCC at

AY	YE 03	YE 04	YE 05	YE 06	YE 07	YE 08	YE 09	YE 10	YE 11	YE 12
Prior	147	104	79	53	36	18	20	10	5	5
2003	115	73	51	35	19	9	5	0	1	0
2004	0	143	72	62	36	22	13	-1	0	3
2005	0	0	142	90	61	28	14	1	1	2
2006	0	0	0	137	93	51	30	6	6	5
2007	0	0	0	0	148	93	66	32	9	3
2008	0	0	0	0	0	152	98	64	28	16
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	88	58	34
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	74	60
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	133	90
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123

Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

adjusted unpd

AY	YE 03	YE 04	YE 05	YE 06	YE 07	YE 08	YE 09	YE 10	YE 11	YE 12	defic
Prior										6	10%
2003										0	10%
2004										3	10%
2005										2	10%
2006										6	10%
2007											
2008											
2009											
2010											
2011											
2012											

Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

part 3 incrementals

AY						Actual						Projected									
	YE 03	YE 04	YE 05	YE 06	YE 07	YE 08	YE 09	YE 10	YE 11	YE 12	YE 13	YE 14	YE 15	YE 16	YE 17	YE 18	YE 19	YE 20	YE 21	YE 22	
Prior	0	70	65	31	25	20	9	17	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1					
2003	29	38	35	24	16	14	8	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
2004	0	47	19	15	26	16	18	15	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			
2005	0	0	39	40	30	33	25	16	3	-5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2006	0	0	0	59	34	38	27	29	5	8	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
2007																					
2008																					
2009																					
2010																					
2011																					
2012																					

YE 06 464 undisc needed reserve

discounted part 3 incrementals

AY						Actual						Projected									
	YE 03	YE 04	YE 05	YE 06	YE 07	YE 08	YE 09	YE 10	YE 11	YE 12	YE 13	YE 14	YE 15	YE 16	YE 17	YE 18	YE 19	YE 20	YE 21	YE 22	
Prior					24.5	18.9	8.2	14.8	5.0	1.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6					
2003					15.7	13.2	7.3	4.4	0.8	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
2004					25.5	15.1	16.3	13.1	1.7	1.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
2005					29.4	31.1	22.7	13.9	2.5	-4.0	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2006					33.3	35.8	24.5	25.3	4.2	6.4	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
2007																					
2008																					
2009																					
2010																					
2011																					
2012																					

YE 06 427 disctd needed reserve

0.9197 disct factor

346.7 disctd booked reserve

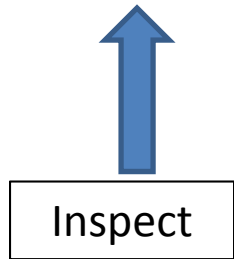
80 disctd deviation

to database = 0.231 disctd deviation / disctd reserve



Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

	NPE Growth Rate%	Carried Disctd Reserve	Deviation as ratio to disc original w/reverse sign (Fav)/Adverse
2003	52.0%	240,300	0.495
2004	61.0%	280,100	0.253
2005	21.0%	305,600	0.185
2006	-2.0%	346,700	0.231
2007	4.5%	385,400	0.155
2008	7.0%	435,200	0.110
2009	-19.0%	410,800	0.095
2010	-12.0%	285,200	0.240



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Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

Once Company #1 is done,

Repeat process for Company #2

and Repeat for Company #3

And so on.....

		NPE Growth Rate%	Carried Disctd Reserve	Deviation as ratio to disc original w/reverse sign (Fav)/Adverse
co #1	2005	21.0%	305,600	0.185
co #1	2006	-2.0%	346,700	0.231
co #1	2007	4.5%	385,400	0.155
co #1	2008	7.0%	435,200	0.110
co #1	2009	-19.0%	410,800	0.095
co #1	2010	-12.0%	285,200	0.240
co #2	2003	5.1%	85,000	0.103
co #2	2004	3.2%	89,500	0.052
co #2	2005	4.0%	95,200	0.040
co #2	2006	6.2%	100,300	0.010
co #2	2007	1.5%	102,000	0.015
co #2	2008	-2.0%	99,500	-0.025
co #2	2009	-1.0%	99,000	-0.100
co #2	2010	3.0%	95,000	-0.050
co #3	2003	10.0%	5,100	0.166
co #3	2004	12.0%	6,500	0.142
co #3	2005	8.0%	7,500	0.101
co #3	2006	6.0%	8,000	0.050
co #3	2007	16.0%	9,300	0.090
co #3	2008	-5.0%	9,100	0.040
co #3	2009	-3.0%	9,000	0.020
co #3	2010	8.0%	9,200	-0.030

etc....

etc....

etc....



Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

Now sort from smallest reserve to largest.

		NPE Growth Rate%	Carried Disctd Reserve	Deviation as ratio to disc original w/reverse sign (Fav)/Adverse
co #3	2003	10.0%	5,100	0.166
co #3	2004	12.0%	6,500	0.142
co #3	2005	8.0%	7,500	0.101
co #3	2006	6.0%	8,000	0.050
co #3	2009	-3.0%	9,000	0.020
co #3	2008	-5.0%	9,100	0.040
co #3	2010	8.0%	9,200	-0.030
co #3	2007	16.0%	9,300	0.090
co #2	2003	5.1%	85,000	0.103
co #2	2004	3.2%	89,500	0.052
co #2	2010	3.0%	95,000	-0.050
co #2	2005	4.0%	95,200	0.040
co #2	2009	-1.0%	99,000	-0.100
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		etc....		
		etc....		



Getting the Data for Curve Fitting

And split into quartiles:

Very small

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co #3	2003	10.0%	5,100	0.166
co #3	2004	12.0%	6,500	0.142
co #3	2005	8.0%	7,500	0.101
co #3	2006	6.0%	8,000	0.050
co #3	2009	-3.0%	9,000	0.020
co #3	2008	-5.0%	9,100	0.040
co #3	2010	8.0%	9,200	-0.030
co #3	2007	16.0%	9,300	0.090
etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...



To curve fitting software

Small

co #2	2003	5.1%	85,000	0.103
co #2	2004	3.2%	89,500	0.052
co #2	2010	3.0%	95,000	-0.050
co #2	2005	4.0%	95,200	0.040
co #2	2009	-1.0%	99,000	-0.100
co #2	2008	-2.0%	99,500	-0.025
etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...



To curve fitting software

Medium

co #2	2006	6.2%	100,300	0.010
co #2	2007	1.5%	102,000	0.015
co #1	2010	-12.0%	285,200	0.240
etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...



To curve fitting software

Large

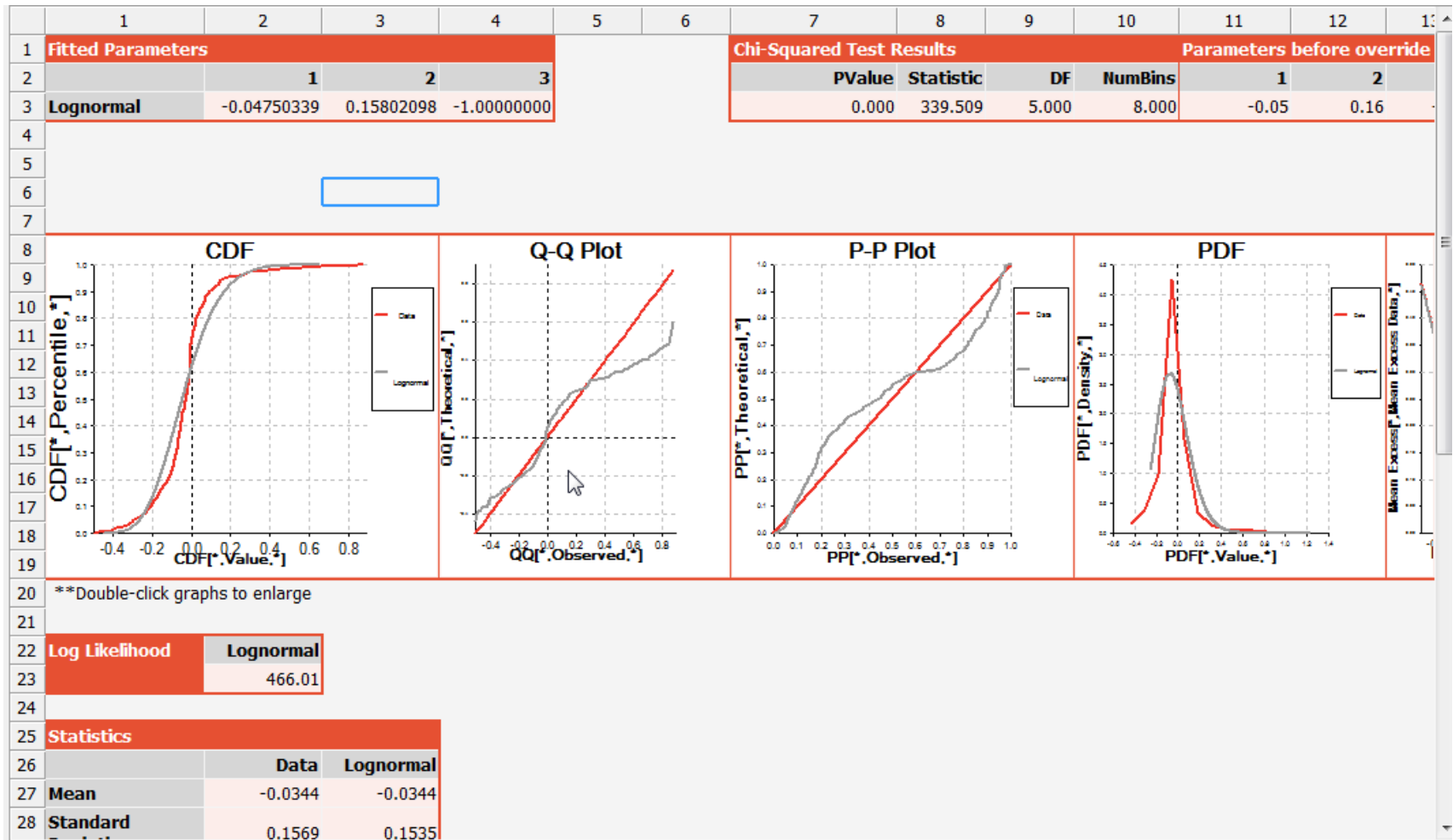
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co #1	2006	-2.0%	346,700	0.231
co #1	2007	4.5%	385,400	0.155
co #1	2009	-19.0%	410,800	0.095
co #1	2008	7.0%	435,200	0.110
etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...	etc...



To curve fitting software



Curve Fitting



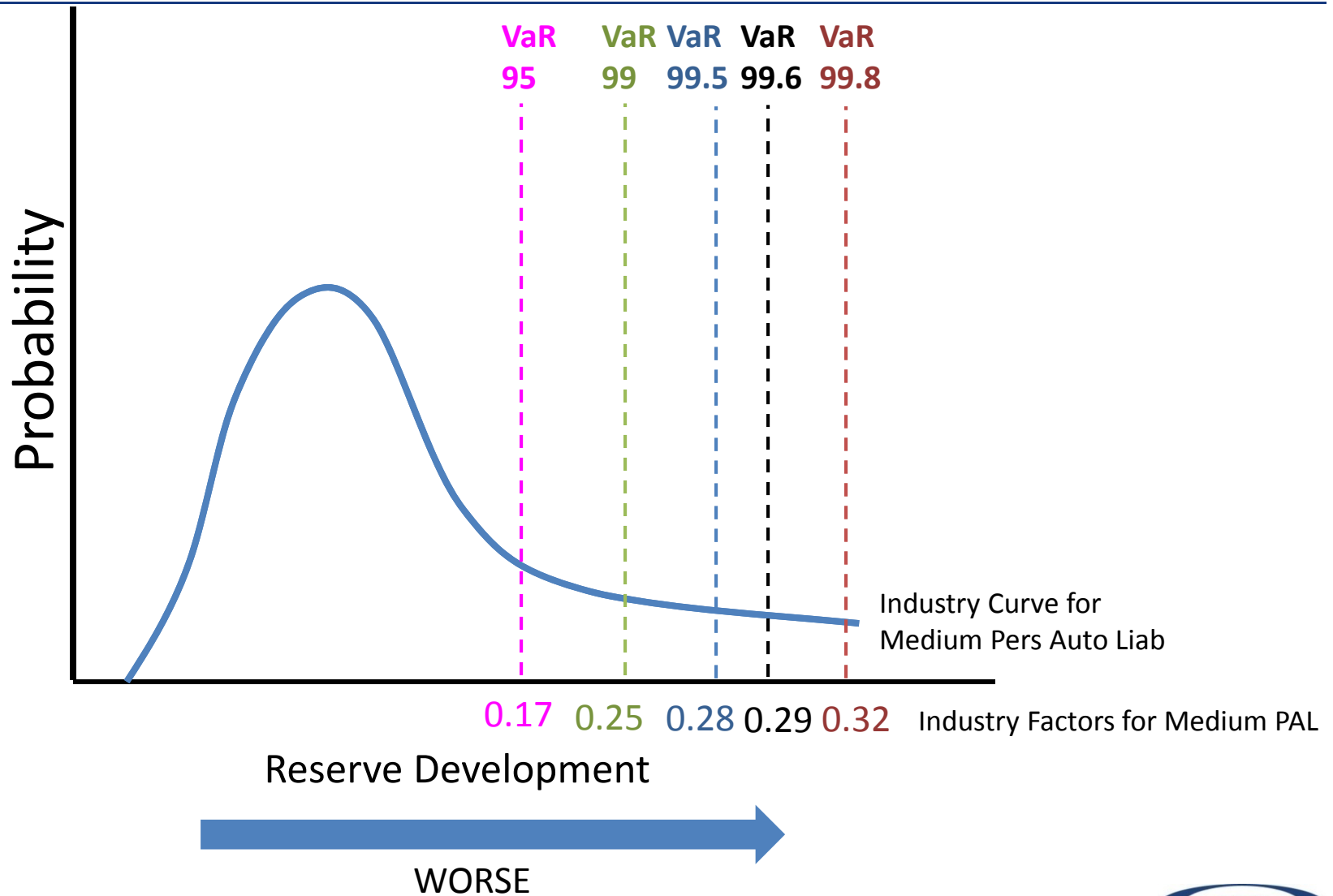
Curve Fitting

from igloo Continuous Positive Fitting Lognormal

		threshold	capped at -50 and +200			capped at -30 and +100		
			fitted parameters			fitted parameters		
			lmu	lstd	shift	lmu	lstd	shift
indicated	Vsmall	3000	-0.0475034	0.1580210	-1	-0.0284	0.131911	-1
	Small	7000	-0.0478761	0.1451615	-1	-0.02594	0.107651	-1
	Medium	20000	-0.0500453	0.1232571	-1	-0.03909	0.103673	-1
	Large	999999999	-0.0354570	0.1160355	-1	-0.02762	0.101693	-1

		selected	selected	
		lmu	lstd	shift
Vsmall	3000	?	?	-1
Small	7000	?	?	-1
Medium	20000	?	?	-1
Large	999999999	?	?	-1

Industry Reserve Risk Factors



Industry Reserve Risk Factors

	Medium Reserves			Average Stability	
	VaR 95	VaR 99	VaR 99.5	VaR 99.6	VaR 99.8
HO	0.242	0.364	0.412	0.426	0.475
PAL	0.169	0.250	0.281	0.291	0.320
CAL	0.194	0.289	0.326	0.338	0.373
WC	0.223	0.334	0.377	0.390	0.430
CMP	0.239	0.360	0.406	0.422	0.467
MPL OCC	0.299	0.456	0.520	0.540	0.599
MPL CM	0.251	0.381	0.432	0.448	0.497
SP Liab	0.200	0.299	0.338	0.350	0.386
OL OCC	0.283	0.430	0.487	0.507	0.560
OL CM	0.288	0.438	0.497	0.516	0.573
PROD OC	0.365	0.558	0.634	0.658	0.733
PROD CM	0.289	0.441	0.501	0.519	0.578
Prop	0.243	0.366	0.415	0.430	0.475
PHYS	0.188	0.279	0.314	0.325	0.357
F&S	0.252	0.381	0.433	0.448	0.496
OTHER	0.206	0.307	0.346	0.359	0.396
INTL	0.239	0.359	0.406	0.422	0.465
REIN A	0.256	0.387	0.440	0.456	0.507
REIN B	0.332	0.508	0.577	0.599	0.667
REIN C	0.274	0.417	0.474	0.491	0.545
WTY	0.188	0.279	0.314	0.326	0.358

Industry Reserve Risk Factors

- More research
 - Compare to other industry studies/results
 - Reasonable?
 - Adjust for
 - different time horizons
 - Confidence levels
 - Line of business groupings
 - Etc...

Whew!

WHEW!



Company Adjustment to Factors

Reserve stability/volatility

Stable		Cumulative Case Incurred Link Ratios					
	12-24	24-36	36-48	48-60	60-72	72-84	
2004	1.162	1.057	1.028	1.010	1.005	1.002	
2005	1.158	1.055	1.026	1.010	1.004	1.002	
2006	1.160	1.056	1.027	1.010	1.004	1.002	
2007	1.172	1.059	1.025	1.009	1.003	1.002	
2008	1.181	1.055	1.026	1.009	1.004		
2009	1.178	1.055	1.023	1.010			
2010	1.165	1.051	1.024				
2011	1.158	1.052					
2012	1.171						
All Yr Avg	1.167	1.055	1.025	1.010	1.004	1.002	
Std Dev	0.0082	0.0023	0.0017	0.0005	0.0007	0.0001	
CoV	0.0070	0.0022	0.0017	0.0005	0.0007	0.0001	

Volatile		Cumulative Case Incurred Link Ratios					
	12-24	24-36	36-48	48-60	60-72	72-84	
2004	1.345	1.040	1.100	1.109	1.038	1.009	
2005	1.580	1.010	1.307	1.012	1.036	0.995	
2006	1.598	1.043	1.023	1.021	1.015	0.998	
2007	1.238	1.042	1.267	0.974	1.073	0.998	
2008	1.014	1.365	0.998	1.003	1.094		
2009	1.452	1.027	1.013	1.006			
2010	1.165	1.097	1.010				
2011	1.147	1.011					
2012	1.112						
All Yr Avg	1.295	1.079	1.102	1.021	1.051	1.000	
Std Dev	0.1986	0.1110	0.1211	0.0422	0.0283	0.0052	
CoV	0.1534	0.1029	0.1099	0.0413	0.0269	0.0052	

Coefficient of Variation (COV) = Std Dev / All Yr Avg

Company Adjustment Factor based on:

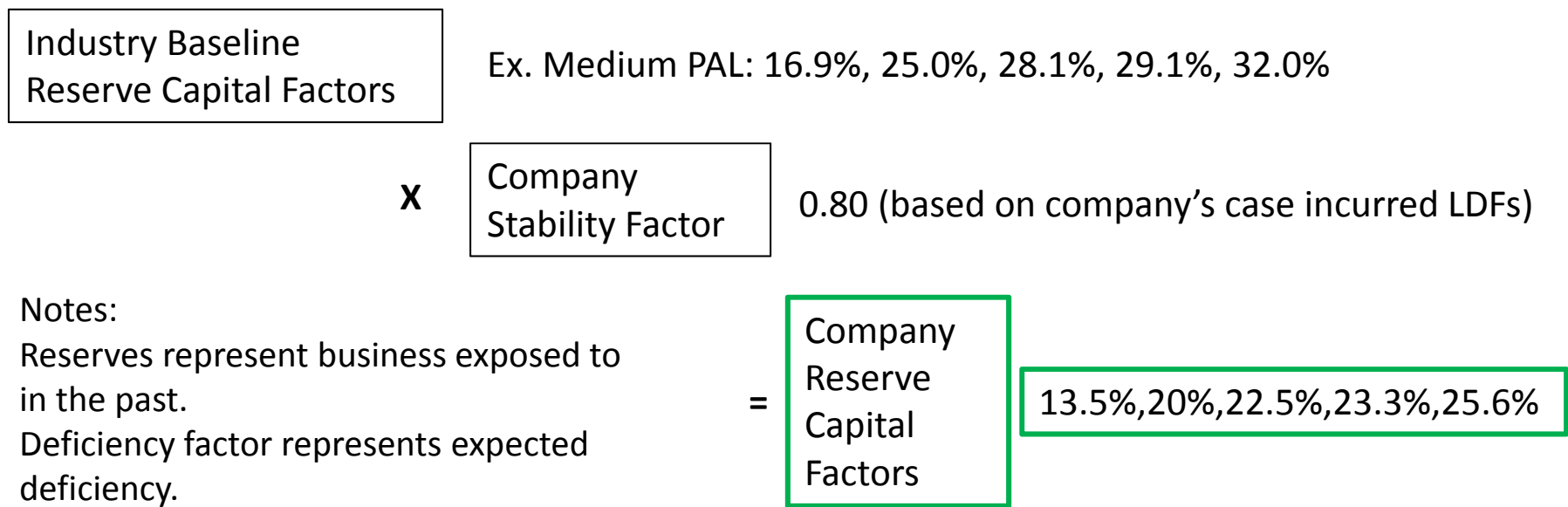
Company COV / Industry COV

0.70 <= Company Adjustment Factor <= 1.30



Company Adjustment to Factors

Reserve Capital Factors: Represent potential ultimate UNANTICIPATED adverse loss and LAE reserve development (discounted) using VaR metric



Notes:
 Reserves represent business exposed to in the past.
 Deficiency factor represents expected deficiency.
 Reserves are discounted and net of reinsurance.

Reserve Risk Summary

- Risk of unanticipated adverse development on net loss & loss-adjustment expense (LAE) reserves
- Reserve Risk Factors
 - Created 4 probability curves of potential reserve development for each line of business – based on size of reserve
 - Industry baseline factors correspond to the confidence levels on the curves
 - Company size of reserve determines industry baseline factors for that line of business
 - Adjust industry factors for company volatility/stability to get company specific factors
- Adjustment to required capital for Excessive Growth remains

Reserve Risk Diversification

New calculation for line of business diversification uses correlation matrices

$$\text{Diversification Factor} = \text{SQRT}\{ [w_1\sigma_1 \dots w_n\sigma_n] \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & \rho_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho_{n1} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} w_1\sigma_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_n\sigma_n \end{bmatrix} \}$$

Divided by

$$\text{SUM}[w_1\sigma_1 \dots w_n\sigma_n]$$

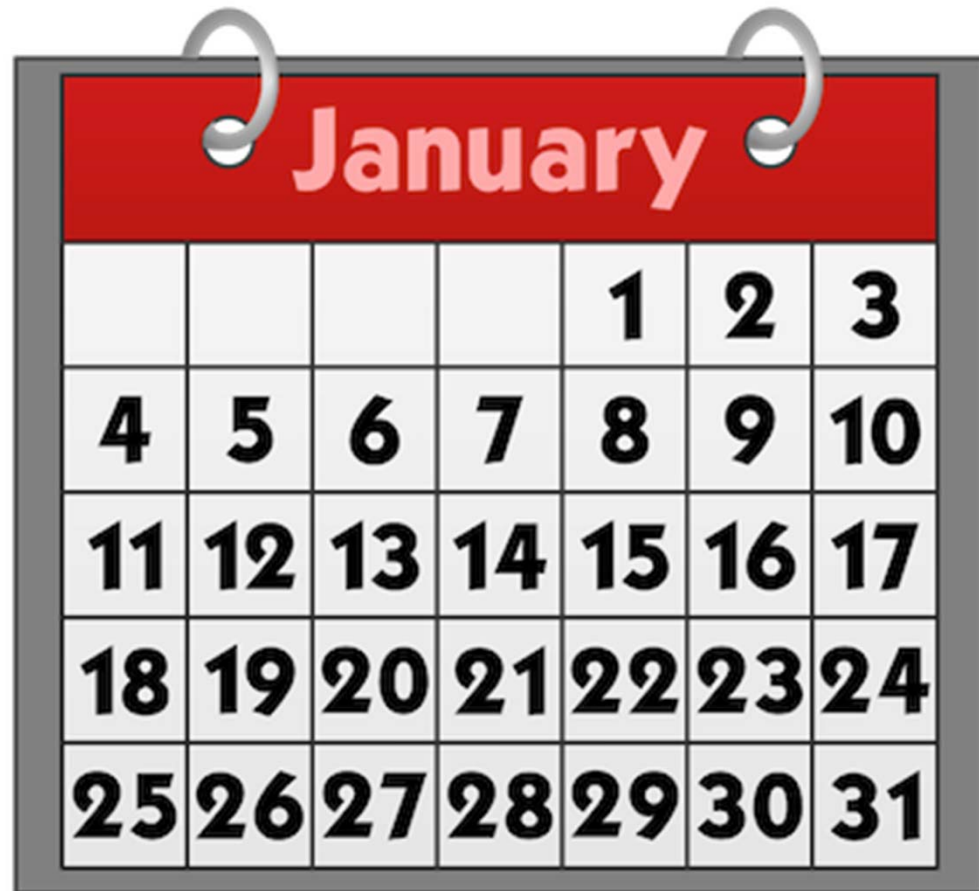
Where weights (w) are % of total business in that line
and the σ are the company risk factors by line

Correlation matrices vary by size of company's total
NPW or total Reserves



Target Completion Dates

- Be realistic
- Plan for delays
- Started 2011
- Completed 2017



Reserve Actuary's Impact on BCAR

- Reserve Risk
 - Schedule P
 - Used to generate A.M. Best's indicated ultimates
 - Used to generate reserve deficiencies
 - Used to generate credibility
 - Used to calculate reserve discount factors
 - Used to generate volatility adjustment
- Credit Risk

Reserve Actuary's Impact on Rating Process

- BCAR
- Quality of Reserves
 - Reserve opinion
 - Reserve review
 - Reserve range
 - Company history (schedule P)
 - Company philosophy
 - Explanation of
 - Distortions in data
 - Changes – methods, reins, claims dept, management, etc
 - Treatment of retroactive reins, commutations, etc

Reserve Actuary's Impact on Rating Process

- Reserve Opinion
 - Relevant comments used, including discounting, retroactive reinsurance, salvage/subro treatment, major risk factors, change in methods/assumptions, potential for material adverse deviation
- Actuarial Report
 - Commentary may provide reasons why Sched P not appropriate
 - Case reserve strengthening
 - Change in settlement rates
 - Review Analysis for
 - LDF selections
 - Ultimate selections
 - Pd/Pd selections
 - ELRs used
 - Freq/Severity Trend and other Assumptions
 - Methods used
- Quarterly Statement – Part 3
 - Watch prior year development

Summary

- Reserving is a corporate philosophy
 - Rating analyst wants to know what that philosophy is
 - Rating analyst wants to see that in historical results
 - Rating analyst likes to see consistency
- Reserve deficiencies are material to rating process
 - You may see 5% deficiency as small
 - Rating analyst sees 10% of PHS (with 2:1 leverage)
 - Rating analyst likes to see conservative reserving
- Reserve Strengthening
 - Rating analysts do not like surprises
 - Rating analysts appreciate quickly identified problems and
 - Rating analysts appreciate quickly fully explained resolutions
- Reserving Risk
 - ERM – company's view/measurement
- Our interactive rating process does value the actuary's expertise and is considered in the rating process.

Thank You

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