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In the Matter of the Surrender of the Certificate of Authority of American Vanguard Life Insurance Company (NAIC No. 97314), Petitioner.	**Docket No. 05A-178-INS** **ORDER**

Based upon reliable evidence provided to the Director of Insurance by the Assistant Director of the Financial Affairs Division of the Department of Insurance, the Director finds as follows:

1. Petitioner, American Vanguard Life Insurance Company, NAIC No. 97314, is a foreign insurer domiciled in Iowa. Petitioner received its certificate of authority to transact life insurance in Arizona on June 1, 1984.

2. Effective September 20, 2005, Petitioner, the non-surviving entity, merged into Amerus Life Insurance Company (ALIC) NAIC No. 61689, the surviving entity, a foreign insurer domiciled in Iowa. The surviving entity is authorized to transact insurance in Arizona. Petitioner has voluntarily surrendered its certificate of authority to the Director.

3. On September 20, 2005, the Insurance Commissioner of Iowa approved the merger of Petitioner into ALIC.

4. Petitioner has no obligations under any policy of insurance to any policyholders or claimants who are residents of Arizona.

5. Petitioner is not the subject of any pending investigation or market conduct examination, and Petitioner does not owe this Department any filings or fees.

6. Petitioner has deposited $100.00 which has been credited to the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund ("IERF") pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-159.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The surrender of the Petitioner's certificate of authority is accepted.

2. The $100.00 deposited by Petitioner which has been credited to the IERF shall be released to Petitioner.

Effective this 22nd day of December, 2005.

CHRISTINA URIAS
Director Of Insurance

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