

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CIVIL CASE NO. 1:18-cv-000164-MR**

**METROPOLITAN LIFE** )  
**INSURANCE COMPANY,** )  
 )  
                  **Plaintiff,** )  
 )  
                  **vs.** )  
 )  
**STELLETTA SMITH-HOWELL and** )  
**TRAVIS FLACK,** )  
 )  
                  **Defendants and** )  
                  **Claimants in** )  
                  **Interpleader.** )  
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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Plaintiff’s Motion for Amended Order on Receipt and Deposit of Interpleader Funds [Doc. 9].

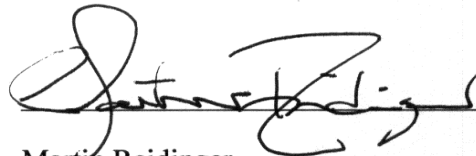
For the reasons stated by the Plaintiff, and good cause shown,

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Plaintiff’s Motion for Amended Order on Receipt and Deposit of Interpleader Funds [Doc. 9] is **GRANTED**, and the Plaintiff shall tender funds amounting to \$161,700.00, plus any applicable interest, to the Clerk of this Court, within fourteen (14) days of the entry of this Order. Said funds shall be deemed Disputed Ownership Funds (“DOF”) in accordance with Local Civil Rule 67.1 and the applicable IRS definition.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in accordance with the provisions of Local Civil Rule 67.1, the Clerk of this Court shall receive and deposit said funds in an interest-bearing account or invest said funds in a court-approved, interest-bearing instrument, subject to further Order of this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: July 7, 2018

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

