FILED James C. Cumming 1 **CUMMING LAW FIRM** 2001 11th Avenue, Suite 12 JUN **1** 1 2007 P.O. Box 4702 3 OFFICE OF Helena, MT 59604-4702 WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE Telephone: (406) 457-2948 HELENA, MONTANA 4 ATTORNEY FOR ATLANTA SPECIALTY INSURANCE AND LEADER INSURANCE 5 6 IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT IN THE STATE OF MONTANA 7 BEFORE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE 8 9 10 WCC No. 2000-0222 Robert Flynn 11 WCC No. 2003-0771 and 12 13 Carl Miller, individually and on Behalf of other similarly situated, **MOTION TO DISMISS** 14 (ATLANTA SPECIALTY INSURANCE Petitioners, AND LEADER INSURANCE) 15 VS. 16 Montana State Fund Respondent/Insurer, 17 18 On September 6, 2006, Atlanta Specialty Insurance and Leader Insurance (Atlanta and 19 Leader herein) filed their respective affidavits stating that they should be dismissed from this 20 21 action because neither company has ever written workers' compensation insurance in Montana, 22 neither has ever had any Montana claims, and neither has any claimants meeting the Court's 23 criteria in this matter as set forth in the summons. (Document item #534, Document item #535.) 24 Atlanta and Leader understood by their statements contained in the affidavits that the 25 PAGE 1 – MOTION TO DISMISS (ATLANTA SPECIALTY INSURANCE AND LEADER

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Court would allow 90 days from the date the affidavits were filed for petitioner's counsel to conduct discovery for the limited purpose of proving or disproving the statements in the affidavits, and without objection by petitioner's counsel, the Court would then dismiss Atlanta Specialty and Leader from the action.

Atlanta Specialty and Leader answered the petitioner's discovery requests on November 9, 2006. (Document Item #555.) No party has contested or questioned those responses. Before that, an appeal was filed by other defendants on November 1, 2006, before the expiration of the 90 day discovery period. Without an appeal having been filed, discovery would have ended on approximately December 6, 2006, thereby qualifying Atlanta and Leader for dismissal.

Based on good cause and the other facts and circumstances in this case, Atlanta Specialty and Leader respectfully request that the Court dismiss them with prejudice from this action.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2007.

James C. Cumming

Attorney for Atlanta Specialty and

Leader Insurance Companies

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on June 8, 2007, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was served by mail to the following by depositing a copy of the same in the U. S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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RE:

Flynn/Miller v. Montana State Fund

WCC No. 2000-0222 WCC No. 2003-0771

Dear Clara:

Enclosed for filing is the Motion to Dismiss and Supporting Brief of Atlanta Specialty and Leader Insurance Companies.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

JAMES C. CUMMING

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Enclosure