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LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION

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WCC No. 2001-0294

I held a conference call with counsel to discuss the remand for reconsideration in light of Dempsey. I noted that Dempsey requires that the original decision finding the casein-main to be retroactive must be reinstated. I also noted that the remand will not resolve any appeal of the common fund and other determinations I made in that original order. Both counsel indicated that by stipulating to a remand for reconsideration, it was not their intent to forego or prejudice any appeal as to those other issues but only to allow this Court to address the retroactivity issue in light of Dempsey. I told counsel that I will reinstate the first decision and certify it for purposes of appeal so the other issues can be addressed on appeal.

> MIKE McCARTER Judge