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# IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA WCC No. 2001-0294

### **MARK MATHEWS**

**Petitioner and Appellant** 

VS.

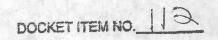
#### LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION

Respondent/Insurer.

#### STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

COMES NOW the above-named parties individually and through their attorney of record and stipulate to entry of judgment as follows:

- 1. The parties have reached a settlement on a disputed liability basis to resolve in its entirety Petitioner's claim that under the Montana Supreme Court in decision in <u>Mathew's vs. Liberty Northwest 2003 MT 116</u> he was entitled to bring a class action claim or alternatively bring a common fund claim, including, common fund attorney fees.
- 2. This Court in <u>Mathews vs. Liberty Northwest 2004 MT WCC 55</u>, Order and Judgment, July 8, 2004 concerning class action, retroactivity and common fund had denied Petitioner's request for class action certification and, alternatively, his request to bring a common fund claim, including common fund attorney fees, under the Montana Supreme Court decision in <u>Mathews</u>. This Court reinstated its July 8, 2004 decision in <u>Mathews vs. Liberty Northwest 2005 MT WCC 29</u> Order and Judgment after remand, June 1, 2005.
- 3. The Petitioner then filed an appeal after this June 1, 2005 Order. Pending appeal the parties agree to settle all claims, known or unknown, relating to the request for class action certification, with attorney fees, common fund certification, with attorney fees, and any possible issue in law or equity that could have been brought as a class action and/or common fund.
- 4. The amount of the settlement on a disputed liability basis is \$5000.00.
- 5. Each party is responsible for his/its attorney's fees and costs.
- 6. Petitioner agrees Liberty Northwest and its agents and employees have acted in good faith and not acted unreasonably in the handling of the class action and common fund disputes.
- The parties agree that this case can be dismissed with prejudice.



DATED this 16th day of November, 2005.

Lam M Jones
Attorney for Jones and Garber

DATED this 20 day of November, 2005.

Ceoffrey Angel
Attorney for the Petitioner

DATED this 20 day of November, 2005.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Mark Mathews Petitioner

I hereby certify that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day November, 2005, I served the original of the foregoing STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

Ms. Patricia J. Kessner Clerk of Court Workers' Compensation Court PO Box 537 Helena, MT 59624-0537

and a copy of the same to the following:

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