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IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

WCC NO. 2002-0676

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OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE HELENA, MONTANA

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Respondent/Insurer.

WESTERN ENERGY COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO SUMMONS

Western Energy Company ("WECO") has received the Summons and Notice of Attorney Fee Lien dated April 22, 2005. WECO was self-insured for workers' compensation coverage in the State of Montana from October 1, 1984 through January 14, 1990. Therefore, WECO is reviewing the files of claimants with dates of injury between June 30, 1987, and January 14, 1990 (inclusive) to determine whether WECO denied any of those claimants full permanent partial disability benefits pursuant to §39-71-710 MCA. WECO will then retain that information until we receive further instruction from the Court.

From our reading of the Summons and Notice, it is our understanding that nothing further is required from us at this time. If we are in error, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of June, 2005.

M. Kron Jr.

Rosebud Mine Safety Manager

Western Energy Company

cc: Thomas J. Murphy, Esquire