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CATHERINE E. SATTERLEE et al.,

Petitioners,

V.

ANSWER BRIEF OF MONTANA

STATE FUND IN OPPOSITION

LUMBERMAN'S MUTUAL CASUALTY

COMPANY et al.,

Respondents/Insurers.

Petitioners,

NOTICE OF JOINDER IN

ANSWER BRIEF OF MONTANA

STATE FUND IN OPPOSITION

TO PETITIONERS' MOTION

FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY

JUDGMENT

COME NOW Ace Indemnity Insurance Company, Bankers' Standard Fire and Marine, and Indemnity Insurance Company of North America (Respondents/Insurers) and pursuant to Administrative Rules of Montana 24.5.329 and this Court's briefing schedule hereby give notice to this Court that they are joining in the Answer Brief from the Montana State Fund in Opposition to Petitioners' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, including its Statement of Additional Uncontroverted Facts. These Respondents/Insurers hereby adopt and incorporate by reference the substantive arguments of the Montana State Fund. For all the reasons stated therein, these Respondents/Insurers request this Court to deny Petitioners' motion and instead grant summary judgment in favor of Respondents/Insurers upholding the constitutionality of

1. NOTICE OF JOINING MONTANA STATE FUND'S ANSWER BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Montana Code Annotated § 39-71-710 with respect to permanent, total disability and rehabilitation benefits.

DATED this graph day of August, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAILING

This is to certify that on the day of August, 2005, the foregoing attached NOTICE OF JOINING MONTANA STATE FUND'S ANSWER BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONERS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT was duly served upon the following attorneys of record, by depositing a true copy thereof in the United States mails, postpaid, addressed as follows, to-wit:

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WCC No. 2003-0840

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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the original Notice of Joinder in Answer Brief of Montana State Fund in Opposition to Petitioners' Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on behalf of Ace Indemnity Insurance Company, Bankers' Standard Fire and Marine, and Indemnity Insurance Company of North America. Please acknowledge receipt and filing of this document by signing and returning the enclosed postcard. Thank you for your courtesy and attention.

With best regards,

POORE, ROTH & ROBINSON, P.C.

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Enclosures