IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA WCC No. $\underline{2001-0300}$

Cassandra M. Schmill

Petitioner

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VS.

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Liberty Northwest Insurance Company

OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE HELENA, MONTANA

Respondent/Insurer.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

: ss.

County of McLean

- ¶1 I, Jeffrey Gendron, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:
- ¶2 I, Jeffrey Gendron, am the Senior Vice-President, Property/Casualty Operations of COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company.
- ¶3 In my capacity as the Senior Vice-President, Property/Casualty Operations of COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company, I am authorized to make the statements set forth in this affidavit on behalf of COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company and to bind COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company by these statements.
- ¶4 After a review of our records, I swear under oath that **COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company** should be dismissed from the above entitled action for any or all of the following reasons (check any or all that apply):

X	COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company has never written workers' compensation insurance in the state of Montana;
	COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company does not have any Montana claims;
	COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company has no claimants meeting the Court's criteria in this matter as set forth in the summons;
	COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company was or is in liquidation during the period in question set forth in the amended summons served upon me.
I understand that the Montana Workers' Compensation Court may allow a period of up to 90 days from the date of filing this affidavit within which counsel for Petitioner[s] may conduct discovery and investigation for the limited purpose of proving or disproving the foregoing statement(s) made by me on behalf of COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company . After such 90 days, if no objection is lodged by counsel for Petitioner[s], the Court will dismiss the insurer/self-insurer from this action based on the sworn statements made by me in this affidavit.	
¶6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is correct.	
DATED this 26th day of September , 2006.	
	Jeffrey C. Gendron Senior Vice-President Property/Casualty Operations COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company
Signed and sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 2006.	
	Margie Rock
	Notary Public for the State of Illinois Residing at: Roberts, Illinois My Commission Expires: 6, 11, 07
(SEAL)	My Commission Expires: 6-11-07

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Margie A. Rock
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Exp. 06/11/2007