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IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

CASSANDRA SCHMILL,

Petitioner,

VS.

LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE
CORPORATION,

Respondent/Insurer,

and

MONTANA STATE FUND,
Intervenor.

COMES NOW, Connie Lee Insurance Company and moves this Court for an order permitting it to file a response to the *Amended Summons and Notice of Attorney Fee Lien*, served in this case. Claimant's Counsel has been contacted regarding this motion and does not object. This motion is supported by the following brief:

BRIEF

On December 7, 2005, this Court issued an *Amended Summons and Notice of Attorney Fee Lien* ("Summons") to several Montana insurers to include Connie Lee Insurance Company. The Summons permitted the insurers to dispute the claimant's common fund claim. On January 23, 2006, Sentry Insurance Mutual Company filed a *Response to Summons* in which it set forth various defenses and objections relevant to the Claimant's assertion of a common fund.

Connie Lee Insurance Company was formerly known as Sentry Indemnity Company and was a subsidiary of Sentry Insurance Mutual Company. Sentry Indemnity was purchased by an entity completely unrelated to Sentry Insurance Mutual Company. Under the terms of the sale Sentry Insurance Mutual Company was to continue to act as the new owners' agent in administering all policies and claims underwritten by Sentry Indemnity Company and, after the name change, by Connie Lee Insurance Company. Accordingly, in its original response Sentry Insurance Mutual Company intended to also respond on behalf of Connie Lee Insurance Company but neglected to do so. In the event, this Court grants this motion Connie Lee Insurance Company intends to simply file a response adopting the Response to Summons filed by Sentry Insurance Mutual Company.

WHEREFORE, Respondent Sentry Insurance Mutual Company respectfully requests this Court to issue an order permitting it to file a response to the summons issued in this case.

Dated this 10 Hday of October 2006.

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RE:

Cassandra Schmill v. Liberty NW Ins. Co. & MT State Fund

WCC No. 2001-0300

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of Connie Lee Ins. Co.'s Motion to Permit Connie Lee Ins. Co. to File a Response to the Summons Issued Herein. After filing the original, please conform the copy and return in the envelope provided.

Also enclosed is a proposed Order for the Judge's review and signature.

I have also enclosed the original and one copy of Connie Lee's Response to the Summons, which can be filed upon the granting of the Order. Please conform the copy and return it, along with a signed copy of the Order, in the envelope provided once both have been filed with the Court.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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