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OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE HELENA, MONTANA

# IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

WCC No. 2001-0300

## CASSANDRA M. SCHMILL,

Petitioner,

v.

# LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORP.,

Respondent/Insurer,

and

#### MONTANA STATE FUND,

Intervenor.

## LIBERTY'S STATUS REPORT TO SPECIAL MASTER

COMES NOW Liberty Northwest Insurance Corp., and pursuant to this Court's Notice of Special Master's Request for Status, submitts the following status report regarding any unresolved legal issues and practicle implementation issues. Liberty is aware that the common fund insurers have or will file a motion to stay implementation of this case pending the Supreme Court's decision in Flynn.

# UNRESOLVED LEGAL ISSUES RAISED IN CF INSURERS RESPONSE TO THE SUMMONS

1. None.

### ADDITIONAL UNRESOLVED LEGAL ISSUES

1. None.

#### PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

1. Implementation at this time would require Liberty and its related insurers to conduct a burdensome search which the pending Flynn decision might render unnecessary. Alternatively, the Flynn decision might significantly alter the boundaries for a search. Therefore implementation at this time may result in Liberty being compelled to conduct two searches, one under the boundaries set forth in this Court's recent Order Adopting Order of Special Master and a second search under the boundaries established as result of the Supreme Court's decision in Flynn.

DATED this 31st day of August, 2007.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 31st day August, 2007, I served the original of the foregoing LIBERTY'S STATUS REPORT TO SPECIAL MASTER, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

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