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CASSANDRA M. SCHMILL,

Petitioner,

v.

LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION,

Respondent/Insurer.

WCC No. 2001-0300

STIPULATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE CLAIMS

COME NOW the parties, by and through counsel, and hereby stipulate as to the dates to use for prospectively implementing *Schmill v. Liberty Northwest Insurance Corporation*, WCC No. 2001-0300 and *Schmill v. Liberty Northwest Insurance Corporation*, 2003 MT 80, 315 Mont. 51, 67 P.3d 290. For prospective implementation purposes, the parties stipulate and agree that a claimant's entitlement date shall be the date a claimant's occupational disease is first diagnosed as work-related. Therefore, all claims arising out of occupational

diseases which were first diagnosed as work-related on or after June 22, 2001, the date of the Workers' Compensation Court's decision in this matter, are considered prospective claims. Common fund fees are not payable on prospective claims.

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