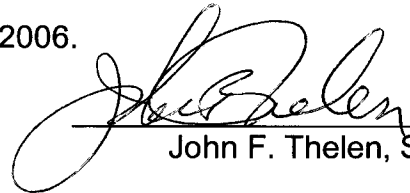


- CONTINENTAL WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY** has never written workers' compensation insurance in the state of Montana;
- CONTINENTAL WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY** does not have any Montana claims;
- CONTINENTAL WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY** has no claimants meeting the Court's criteria in this matter as set forth in the summons;
- CONTINENTAL WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY** was or is in liquidation during the period in question set forth in the amended summons served upon me.

¶5 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 Petitioner's counsel may conduct discovery and investigation for the limited purpose of proving or disproving the foregoing statement(s) made by me on behalf of **CONTINENTAL WESTERN INSURANCE COMPANY**. After such 90 days, if no objection is lodged by the Petitioner's counsel, the Court will dismiss the insurer/self-insurer from this action based on the sworn statements made by me in this affidavit.

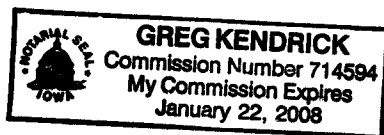
¶6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is correct.

DATED this 19 day of January, 2006.

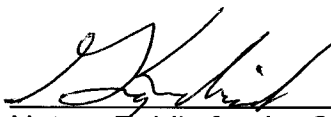


 John F. Thelen, Secretary

Signed and sworn to before me this 19th day of January, 2006.



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