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IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

ROBERT FLYNN and CARL MILLER, Individually and on Behalf of Others Similarly Situated,

Petitioners.

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MONTANA STATE FUND

Respondent/Insurer,

and

LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION,

Intervenor.

WCC NO. 2000-0222

MOTION TO DISMISS AND **SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT**

COMES NOW Republic Western Insurance, by and through its attorneys of record,

and hereby moves this Court for its order dismissing Republic Western Insurance, without prejudice. This motion is supported by the affidavit of Charles Norris which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby incorporated by reference.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2006.

HAMMER, HEWITT & JACOBS, PLLC

Bryce R. Floch P.O. Box 7310 Kalispell, MT 59904-0310

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Bryce R. Floch sent on this 4th day of April, 2006, the forgoing attached **MOTION TO DISMISS AND SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT** Fees was duly serviced upon the following attorneys of record, by depositing a true copy thereof in the United States mail, postage paid, addressed as:

Rex Palmer ATTORNEYS INC., P.C. 301 W Spruce Missoula, MT 59802

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AFFIDAVIT OF REPUBLIC WESTERN INSURANCE

MONTANA STATE FUND

Respondent/Insurer,

and

LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION,

Intervenor.

STATE OF ARIZONA)

: SS.

County of Maricopa)

- 1. I Charles Norris, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:
- 2. I, Charles Norris, am the Litigation Specialist of Republic Western Insurance.
- 3. In my capacity as Litigation Specialist of Republic Western Insurance I am authorized to make the statements set forth in this affidavit on behalf of Republic



Western Insurance and to bind Republic Western Insurance by these statements.

4. After a review of our records, I swear under oath that Republic Western Insurance should be dismissed from the above entitled action for the following reason:

> Republic Western insurance has no claimants meeting the Courts criteria in this matter as set forth in the summons:

- 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 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 Republic Western Insurance. 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 22 day of February, 2006.

Litigation Specialist

Republic Western Insurance

Signed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of Edway, 2006.

Residing at: 7324 7 341

My Commission Expires: <- 20-08

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April 4, 2006

Patricia J.: Kessner
Clerk of Court
Workers' Compensation Court
P: O. Box 537
Helena, MT 59624-0537

Re: Flynn Common Fund WCC NO. 2000-0222

Dear Pat:

Enclosed for filing please find a Motion to Dismiss & Supporting Affidevit for Republic Western Insurance. Should you have any questions: please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours

Jara Stanford, Paralegal to L

Bryce R. Floch

cc: Rex Palmer