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IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA WCC No. 9907-8274R1

ALEXIS RAUSCH, et al.

Petitioners,

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MONTANA STATE FUND,

Respondent/Insurer,

and

JEREMY RUHD,

Petitioner,

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LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION,

Respondent/Insurer.

RESPONSE OF MACo WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO RESPOND

COMES NOW the MACo Workers' Compensation Trust, by and through its attorney, and responds to the Court's Order of January 10, 2005, regarding filing of information involving specific claimants, as follows.

The MACo Workers' Compensation Trust filed a response on February 14 indicating it would need additional time to review the extensive file listing to gather the information requested. Subsequently, the Court issued a blanket order extending the response time to April 18, 2005.

Personnel with the MACo Workers' Compensation Trust have been attempting to obtain the listings as set forth in the Court's previous Order. However, the Trust's computer system is such that it cannot specifically provide the names and details requested in the Court's Order; and a manual evaluation has to be done which involves a large number of files.

MACo Workers' Compensation Trust personnel are attempting to gather the information as expeditiously as possible; but they cannot complete the task by April 18 and will need more time for the file review.

This pleading is for the purpose of advising the Court of the status of the Trust's review and, if need be, requesting additional time from the Court for completing the file review. If the Court considers a request for additional time is appropriate, the Trust's personnel indicate they will need up to 60 additional days to complete the file review.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2005.

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