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Re: Stavenjord v. Montana State Fund
 WCC No. 2000-2070

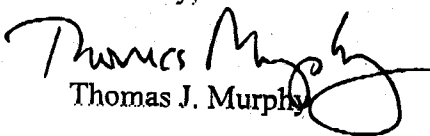
Dear Judge Shea:

I apologize to the Court for overlooking the deadline for filing an *amicus curiae* response brief on the Stavenjord Common Fund issue. I missed it and I blew it. I had it in my mind that I was supposed to wait for the hearing to be scheduled, but that is obviously not what your Order says. I am sorry for my mistake, and, hat in hand, I ask the Court for permission to file an *amicus curiae* response brief by March 30, 2007.

Responding to the Court's question about scheduling a hearing in April, I would be available for any of the proposed dates between 4/24/07, 4/25/07, and 4/26/07. However, I wonder about the feasibility of meeting at the State Fund Offices. There may well be over 600 insurance companies affected by the Stavenjord II decision, so meeting at the State Fund's offices will only tell the Court about some of the processes of one of those insurers.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for extension to file an *amicus curiae* response brief.

Sincerely,


 Thomas J. Murphy

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