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OFFICE OF
WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE
HELENA, MONTANA

Re: *Stavenjord v. Montana State Fund*
WCC No. 2000-2070
Claimant Susan Francis

Dear Larry:

I reviewed your 5/17/07 letter to Judge Shea concerning the common fund attorney fee that Liberty Northwest withheld out of Susan Francis' settlement. I believe I am correct in stating that Judge Shea is considering whether it is "impossible or impracticable" for the Court to proceed without a common fund attorney in the mammoth task of identification of claimants and payment of *Stavenjord* benefits. Consequently, I maintain that the *Stavenjord* attorney fee lien should be honored until the Courts finally decide this "impossible or impracticable" issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Murphy

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cc: Workers Compensation Court

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