



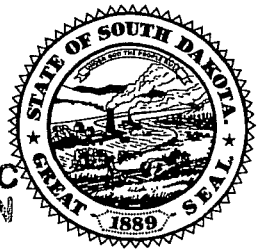
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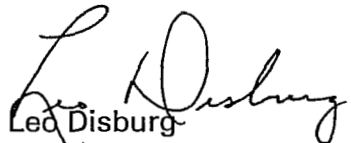
RE: Golden West Companies/WWC License

Dear Counsel:

My letter of June 26, 2006 was intended to notify the parties of the appointment of Julie M. Johnson as the hearing examiner for this matter. The reference to Hillary Brady was only intended to be advisory, not a "new or substituted appointment".

In any event, Golden West Companies having exercised their right to request the appointment of another hearing examiner, Hillary Brady is now appointed to hear this case.

Sincerely,


Leo Disburg
Hearing Examiner