Case No. 79487

In the Supreme Court of Nevada

UNITED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Appellant,

vs.

CHEYENNE NALDER; and GARY LEWIS,

Respondents.

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX

Appellant moves to extend the deadline for filing the opening brief and appendix by thirty days, through April 13, 2020. NRAP 31(b)(3). This is the first motion for extension. (The parties previously stipulated to extend the deadline pursuant to NRAP 31(b)(2).) The brief was originally due February 11, 2020 and, without an extension, would be due March 12, 2020. No request for additional time has been denied or denied in part.

The requested extension is necessary. First, appellants are facing significant staffing and travel issues. Lead appellate counsel is out of the country, and another of appellant's attorneys is absent because of needing to assist his parents pending a potential lockdown in their nursing home due to the Covid-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Second, appellants have had to devote substantial resources to preparing an emergency writ petition, request for stay, and appeal in a case where the district court ordered an arbitration panel stricken. Third, in a separate case, this Court has ordered reargument on a petition for rehearing, with an expedited setting that has required counsel to divert resources to prepare. Finally, in the case below, the district court has ordered supplemental briefing on issues relevant to the appeal.

The requested extension will allow appellants to streamline the issues for this Court's consideration. Appellant appreciates the Court's courtesy in light of these circumstances.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2020.

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