1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 7 In re: 8 No. 04-08822 THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF 9 SPOKANE, a/k/a The Catholic Diocese of Spokane, 10 Debtor. 11 Ex Parte 12 13 14 **MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME** 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

The Honorable Patricia Williams Chapter 11

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SPOKANE

MOTION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR OBJECTIONS RE: THE PLAN TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR ORDER APPROVING STIPULATED "SECOND TOLLING AGREEMENT"

COMES NOW the Plan Trustee, and respectfully moves the Court for an Order Shortening Time for Objections to June 25th, 2007, on the Plan Trustee's Motion for Order Approving Stipulated "Second Tolling Agreement". This Motion is supported by the contemporaneously filed Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, and by the entire courtfile herein.

The relevant facts underlying this motion are set forth fully in the contemporaneously filed Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler. By way of summary, the Debtor and Paine Hamblen entered into a Tolling Agreement ("First Agreement") on January 2, 2007. See, Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, ¶ 3. The First Agreement provided for extension of the deadline for the Debtor to commence any avoidance actions on behalf of its bankruptcy estate arising under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 545, 547, 548, or 553 ("Avoidance Actions") against Paine Hamblen, from December 6,

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2006 to and including the latter of June 29, 2007 or thirty (30) days after the Effective Date. *See*, Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, ¶ 4.

Pursuant to the terms of the Debtor's confirmed Second Plan of Reorganization, the Plan Trustee effectively stands in the shoes of the Debtor *vis a vis* commencement and prosecution of the Avoidance Actions. *See*, Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, ¶ 5. In order to preserve her rights as Plan Trustee with regard to the Avoidance Actions, while simultaneously avoiding litigation which may be premature at this time, the Plan Trustee has entered into a "Second Tolling Agreement" with Paine Hamblen. *See*, Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, ¶ 6. The Second Tolling Agreement extends the deadline by which the Plan Trustee may commence Avoidance Actions from June 29, 2007 to August 31, 2007. *See*, Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, ¶ 6. A true and correct copy of the Second Tolling Agreement has been filed as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler.

As the First Agreement expires on June 29, 2007, it is imperative that the Second Tolling Agreement be approved by this Court prior to that date. Due to the imminent date of expiration of the First Agreement, however, the Plan Trustee hereby moves for entry of an Order shortening the time for objections to her Motion for Order Approving Stipulated "Second Tolling Agreement" to June 25, 2007. This date provides for 10 days notice, plus 3 for mailing, of the underlying and accompanying Motion for Order Approving Stipulated "Second Tolling Agreement".

The only parties to the Second Tolling Agreement are the Plan Trustee and Paine Hamblen. Nonetheless, notice of the Motion for Order Approving Stipulated "Second Tolling Agreement" is being served via U.S. mail on the United States Trustee, counsel for the Tort Claimants Committee, and all Special Notice Recipients who have requested such special notice in writing. *See*, Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, ¶ 8. To date, only 5 such people have requested special notice, and all 5 reside in the State of Washington. *See*, Declaration of Gloria Z. Nagler, ¶ 8. As such, the Plan Trustee believes that 10 days notice, plus 3 for mailing, provides adequate

| 1 | time for recipients to evaluate the Motion for Order Approving Stipulated "Second Tolling |
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| 2 | Agreement", and to file objections if warranted. |
| 3 | WHEREFORE, the Plan Trustee respectfully moves the Court for an Order shortening |
| 4 | time for the filing of objections to her Motion for Order Approving Stipulated "Second Tolling |
| 5 | Agreement" to June 25, 2007. |
| 6 | DATED this 11 th day of June, 2007. |
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| 9 | <u>/s/Gloria Z. Nagler</u> GLORIA Z. NAGLER |
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