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9 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
10 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

11 In Re:)
12) Case No.
13 THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF)
14 SPOKANE a/k/a THE CATHOLIC) **STATEMENT REGARDING**
15 DIOCESE OF SPOKANE, a) **AUTHORITY TO SIGN AND FILE**
16 Washington corporation sole,) **PETITION**
17)
18 Debtor.)
19 _____)

20 I, William S. Skylstad, declare under penalty of perjury that I am the sole director of
21 the Catholic Bishop of Spokane, a Washington corporation sole (the "Corporation"), and
22 that, having consulted the The Diocesan Finance Counsel, the Presbyteral Council (College
23 of Consultors), and others, I am authorized to adopt the following resolution:

24 "Whereas, it is in the best interest of the Corporation to file a voluntary petition with
25 the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington pursuant
26 to Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code;

1 I, William S. Skylstad, sole director of the Corporation, am authorized and directed
2 to execute and deliver all documents necessary to perfect the filing of a Chapter 11
3 voluntary reorganization case on behalf of the Corporation; and
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5 I, William S. Skylstad, sole director of the Corporation, am authorized and directed
6 to appear in all Chapter 11 proceedings on behalf of the Corporation, and to
7 otherwise do and perform all acts and deeds and to execute and deliver all necessary
8 documents on behalf of the Corporation in connection with such reorganization
9 case;
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11 I, William S. Skylstad, sole director of the Corporation, am authorized and directed
12 to employ the law firm of Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller LLP to
13 represent the Corporation in such reorganization case.
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15 DATED this 3rd day of December, 2004.

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19 WILLIAM S. SKYLSTAD, Bishop
20 Catholic Bishop of Spokane a/k/a The Catholic
21 Diocese of Spokane
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