SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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No. 02-04

In the matter of the amendment of Wis. Stat. § 809.18, relating to Voluntary Dismissal by the Court of Appeals

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On July 31, 2002, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals filed a petition seeking to amend Wis. Stat. § 809.18 to provide the court of appeals with discretion to dismiss an appeal when a voluntary dismissal is filed more than 15 days after the filing of a reply brief or statement a reply brief will not be filed or more than 15 days after the due date for the reply brief, whichever occurs later. On January 22, 2003, the court held a public hearing on the petition. The court has considered the petition and the matters presented at the public hearing.

IT IS ORDERED that the petition to amend Wis. Stat. § 809.18 is denied.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 1st day of July, 2003.

BY THE COURT:

Cornelia G. Clark Clerk of Supreme Court

Bablitch, Crooks, and Prosser JJ., dissent.