

**STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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October 1, 2009

ATTN: Debt Settlement Companies Operating in Montana

Re: Montana Debt Settlement Filing Requirements

To Whom it May Concern:

Any person or entity wishing to conduct business in Montana as a Debt Settlement Provider must register annually with the Office of Consumer Protection of the Montana Attorney General's Office. The annual filing fee is \$250.00, and the filing requirements are set forth in the enclosed Debt Settlement Provider Filing Checklist (OCP-801). Also enclosed are copies of the applicable statutory provisions (Montana Code Annotated § 30-14-2101, et seq.).

The required materials should be submitted to the Office of Consumer Protection at the letterhead address. A check made payable to the State of Montana for \$250.00 must accompany the filed materials. Failure to file the annually required materials and/or pay the annual fee will result in enforcement action, which may include civil penalties.

The filing requirements for Debt Settlement Providers became effective on October 1, 2009. All persons or entities currently conducting business in Montana as Debt Settlement Providers must file the required materials on or before November 1, 2009, and annually thereafter on or before October 1.

The regulatory program leader is Jenny Eck. If you have questions, you may contact Ms. Eck at (406) 444-2071, or by email at jeck@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Eck".

Jenny Eck
Program Leader