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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS EASTERN DIVISION

ALMA ROBINSON PLAINTIFF

v. 2:11-CV-00221-BRW

CMH HOMES, INC., d/b/a CLAYTON HOMES OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

**DEFENDANT** 

## **ORDER**

Pending is Plaintiff's Motion to Remand to State Court (Doc. No. 3) Defendant has not responded and the time for doing so has passed.<sup>1</sup> For the reasons set out below, Plaintiff's Motion is GRANTED.

On October 25, 2011, Plaintiff sued Defendant, a Tennessee corporation, in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Arkansas.<sup>2</sup> Plaintiff seeks \$3,572 in compensatory damages for past medical expenses, plus \$50,000 as compensatory damages for future medical expenses, pain, suffering, and mental anguish.<sup>3</sup>

Defendant removed this case on November 30, 2011 based on diversity jurisdiction.<sup>4</sup> District courts have diversity jurisdiction when the case is between citizens of different States and the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.<sup>5</sup> Plaintiff asks that this case be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A response was due by December 22, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Doc. No. 2.

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>Id$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Doc. No. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>28 U.S.C. § 1332(a).

remanded to state court because the amount in controversy is less than \$75,000.<sup>6</sup> Plaintiff seeks damages of only \$53,572, and Defendant has not shown otherwise. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion is GRANTED and this case is REMANDED under 28 U.S.C. § 1447(c) to the Circuit Court of Lee County, Arkansas.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23rd day of December, 2011

/s/Billy Roy Wilson UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

<sup>6</sup>Doc. No. 3.