

IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CONFEDERATED
SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES – MONTANA – UNITED STATES
COMPACT

Montana Water Court

CASE NO. WC-0001-C-2021

Motion Requesting Extension of October 4th Deadline

The individuals signed below formally request the October 4th deadline for filing formal requests for issues to be presented at oral arguments and for those individuals presenting these issues to the Court to be extended to at least October 31, (which is prior to the deadline for filing Reply Briefs). A meeting was held with about 50 self-represented objectors on September 29, 2024. They met to discuss this deadline, issues to be presented, and possible speakers. While the issues were tentatively decided, it is still to be determined what speakers will present which of these issues. We believe the September 24th Order for the October 4th deadline is too short a timeline for us to formally determine all the speakers.

It is also possible that some of the objectors will try to contact attorneys or record, to speak for them due to similar issues as suggested in the September 19th status conference.

We recall that numerous extensions have been given to the Compacting Parties and we request this mild extension be given to the self-represented objectors.

Jerry O’Neil has attempted to contact several of the Compacting Parties’ attorney. When they did not answer their phones, he left messages for them. To the present time he has received the following message:

Dear Mr. O'Neil,

Several attorneys for the Compact Parties received voicemail messages from you asking whether the Compact Parties would object to a motion for extension of time to file a request for oral argument on the pending motions in the above-entitled matter. During the Court's status conference on September 19, 2024, the Court extended the opportunity to parties to request oral argument until October 4, 2024. The Court memorialized that ruling in its order of September 24, 2024. Pursuant to CMO 3, Section 3(b) parties are not required to confer or contact other parties prior to filing a motion. The Compact Parties reserve their position on your proposed motion at this time and further reserve the right to respond to any such motion once it is filed.

Sincerely,

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THEREFORE, the signers below move the Court to order the following:

1. That the October 4th deadline be extended to October 31, 2024. We will try to formally contact the Compacting Parties to see if they have any objections to this Motion. At our meeting, about 30 of our group concurred with this Motion.

Dated October 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted by the following objectors:

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on July 10, 2024, I sent a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to each party requiring service via email on the and I tried to contact the parties for any objection, dated October 1, 2024

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