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Montana Water Court

*Attorney for Objectors*

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

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CASE NO. WC-0001-C-2021

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REQUEST FOR HEARING

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COMES NOW Objectors, Mineral County Political Subdivision, Sanders County Political Subdivision, Hungry Horse County Water and Sewer District and Paradise Water District, by and through their attorney of record, Walter E. Congdon, who hereby submits their notice of intent to participate in an evidentiary hearing and request the referenced discovery information pursuant to this Court's Case Management Order No. 5, dated January 31, 2025, and under Mont. R. Civ. Pro. 56(2)(B) & (3), and Mont. U.D.C.R. 2(d).

As per paragraph 2 of this Court's Order, Objector states the following:

a) Objector: Sanders County Political Subdivision  
Docket # 767.00, dated February 7, 2023

Objector: Mineral County Political Subdivision  
Docket # 768.00, dated February 7, 2023

Objector: Hungry Horse County Water & Sewer District  
Docket # 442.7, dated December 8, 2022  
Docket # 272.00, dated December 2, 2022

Objector: Paradise Water District  
Docket # 1029.00, dated February 9, 2023

- b) Objectors request to participate in the evidentiary hearing process and intend to present evidence of material injury by testimony and written evidence.
- c) Objectors' evidence and testimony relate to injury from the following:
  - 1. Conflicting language and amendments issues and ratification questions;
  - 2. Undetermined or unidentified or undefined claims;
  - 3. Conflicts with other laws, treaties and legislation;
  - 4. Denial of and non-definition of remedies;
  - 5. Failure of the compact to meet its specific purpose;
  - 6. Premature, incomplete and inappropriate implementation of the Compact provisions and claims;
  - 7. Material injury based on noncompliance with treaty rights and obligations related to water and the administrative processes.
- d) Objectors estimate that testimony and evidence can be offered in less than one hour.
- e) The Missoula venue on April 22 through 25 or Lake County venue is best for Objectors. Objectors are not available for May 6 through May 8 in Kalispell.
- f) Objectors state that discovery is necessary to prove material injury and requests production by the Compact Parties of the Damages Report referred to in Paragraph D of objection 1, including Volume I, Volume II, and Volume III and that supplement of February 2016, all on file with the Department of Justice.

This information is relevant for Objectors and the Water Court pursuant to MCA 85-20-1901, Article VII(B)(2), as the Water Court's jurisdiction extends to "the determination of water rights and their administration" and the Water Quality Claims of the Compactors referred to in the hearing on November 15, 2024 as a "right", as we believe are disclosed and identified in the Damages Report.

- g) Objectors request that the Compact Parties disclose to Objectors herein a full and complete copy the Damages Report referenced in paragraph f) herein within 2 weeks of this request and request that the Court discuss the same at the February 26, 2025 Case Management Conference.

The Court is advised that the information and testimony provided by these witnesses will be utilized by other Objectors we represent as representative witnesses and exhibits.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Walter E. Congdon

WALTER E. CONGDON

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kimberly L. Field, do hereby certify that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2025, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by email with a request for delivery receipt upon the person(s) named below.

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