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Montana Water Court

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

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Numerous motions currently are pending before the Court. On September 24, 2024, the Court modified the briefing schedule to set November 1, 2024, as the deadline for reply briefs on pending motions. The order also reset the dates for oral argument to November 14 and 15, 2024. Additionally, the Court set an October 4, 2024, deadline for parties desiring oral argument on a pending motion to make a request and to identify the issues proposed for the argument.

On October 1, 2024, a group of seven objectors (some of whom are joint family objectors) asked the Court to extend the deadline for oral argument requests and topics to October 31. (Doc. 1983.00). The request explains attempts being made to coordinate the argument requests and topics. The request also notes that the Court has been amenable to certain requests for extensions to the briefing schedules. Additionally, even though not required to do so, the requesting parties evidently made efforts to determine whether the Compact Parties oppose the request. On October 3, 2024, the Compact Parties filed a response generally opposing the request. (Doc. 1985.00).

The Court concludes the request shows good cause for an extension. However, at this juncture, the Court only grants the extension through October 14, 2024. This date coincides with the deadline to file topics for the next scheduled case management

conference at which the Court intends to discuss oral argument logistics. If the requesting parties desire additional time, they may renew the request at the October 17, 2024 conference.

ORDER

Therefore, the request to extend the deadline for filing requests for oral argument and topics is GRANTED IN PART. As to the signatories to the request, the deadline is extended to **October 14, 2024**, without prejudice for them to seek a further extension at the October 17, 2024 case management conference.

This Order is served on the parties who filed the October 1, 2024 Motion and the Compacting Parties. The Order also is published on the Water Court's website.

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