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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**

**Evidentiary Hearing No. 11  
 (Jore Group)**

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**ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE**

The prehearing deadlines applicable to the parties identified in the Request for Hearing filed as Doc. no. 2121.00 (collectively, the “Jore Group”)<sup>1</sup> have been modified several times since the Court issued the schedule for this case. To recap, the following deadlines currently are in place:

Description	Original Deadline	Modified deadline	Last order reference
Discovery served	March 20, 2025	None	2142.00 (CMO-6)
Discovery conf.	March 20, 2025	None	2142.00 (CMO-6)
Witness disclosure	March 25, 2025	April 1, 2025	2286.00 (Minutes)
Discovery resp.	April 11, 2025	None	2142.00 (CMO-6)
Motions in limine	April 15, 2025	April 22, 2025	2389.00
Prefiled testimony	April 15, 2025	Pending request	2142.00 (CMO-6)
In limine responses	April 22, 2025	April 29, 2025	2389.00
Prehearing order	April 22, 2025	Pending request	2142.00 (CMO-6)
Prehearing conf.	April 25, 2025	Pending	2142.00 (CMO-6)
Hearing	April 30, 2025	Pending	2142.00 (CMO-6)

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of the scheduled hearing, the Jore Group no longer includes Stephen and Vicki Dennison and Paul LaMarche, each of whom withdrew from the group request for an evidentiary hearing.

On April 14, 2025, Objector Rick Jore filed a motion requesting to extend the time to file prefiled written testimony from April 15, 2025 to April 22, 2025. (Doc. 2407.00). The Compact Parties filed a response the same day. (Doc. 2413.00). The response notes potential scheduling conflicts that may occur if the request is granted. The response also notes some confusion as to whether the Jore motion is filed solely as to Jore, or whether it applies to the other remaining Objectors in the Jore Group. The response also includes a potential modified schedule, which would include moving the hearing date from April 30, 2025 to May 7, 2025. This schedule change would require moving the hearing location from Lake County to Flathead County.

On April 15, 2025, Jore filed prefiled testimony. (Doc. 2443.50). The filing indicates it is on Mr. Jore's own behalf and for his wife Nancy. This appears to make the request for extension moot, but given the uncertainty with the pending requests, Jore may participate in a conference immediately following the prehearing conferences scheduled for April 18, 2025 to provide any necessary clarification.

### **ORDER**

Therefore, it is ORDERED a conference is set for April 18, 2025 to address the Jore extension request and the Compact Parties' response. If Jore fails to attend, the Court will conclude the extension request has been withdrawn as moot. The conference will immediately follow the scheduled prehearing conferences. The instructions to address the conference are as follows (which is the same as for the prehearing conferences):

Instructions to access the conference are as follows:

To join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Click on this URL, or type the URL into your browser to join:

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/89016188801?pwd=MutkfCmWRbDJQXZH3UBwoXtOc3CWs3.1>

Password: 079221

To join by phone:

Dial: +1 206 337 9723

Meeting ID: 890 1618 8801

Participant ID: Press # to skip

Password: 079221

If you have any questions or if you experience technical difficulties, please contact the Montana Water Court at (406) 586-4364.

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