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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

CASE NO. WC-0001-C-2021

COURT MINUTES AND ORDER SETTING DEADLINES

Pursuant to the Court's Order dated June 26, 2025 (Doc. 2607.00), a Zoom conference was held on July 10, 2025. The purpose of the conference was to reset post-hearing briefing deadlines. The parties proposed a schedule and the schedule is acceptable.

The Court also clarifies that each side may file one post-hearing brief per hearing, not to exceed 20 pages, and one answer brief, not to exceed 10 pages, regardless of whether the hearing involved multiple parties. The Court also clarifies that Evidentiary Hearing Nos. 12 and 13 were conducted as a single combined hearing, so one brief per side is the limit for that combined hearing. Finally, if additional delay occurs in connection with receipt of the final transcripts, the parties may request a status conference if additional adjustments to the briefing schedule become necessary.

Therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The deadline for filing a post-hearing brief is **August 15, 2025**.
- 2. The deadline for filing a response brief is **September 12, 2025**.

3. Except as modified by this Order, all provisions of prior case management orders remain in effect.

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