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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

ORDER MODIFYING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

On July 11, 2025, the Court issued an order resetting the schedule for post-hearing briefs for the evidentiary hearings in this case. (Doc. 2608.00). The schedule set August 15, 2025 as the deadline for post-hearing opening briefs, and September 12, 2025 as the deadline for responses. The Court later set a revised schedule in Evidentiary Hearing No. 1 (Sego/Slack), with deadlines of August 22, 2025 for opening briefs and September 12, 2025 for responses. (Doc. 2619.00). (The September 12 date should have been adjusted to September 19 – this Order corrects that error).

The Court has received several other requests for modifications to the briefing schedule. The parties requesting modifications include the Hearing 14 objectors represented by Kimberly Field (Doc. 2617.00); Hearing 2 objectors James F. and Alice A. Ammen (Doc. 2621.00); Hearing 3 objectors Mission and Jocko Irrigation Districts (Doc. 2622.00); and Hearing 11 objectors Jore, etc. (Doc. 2625.00).

Although the time has not yet run on responses and it is unclear whether these requests are opposed, given the pendency of the deadline and the content of the requests,

the Court finds good cause to realign all briefing deadlines with those already reset for Hearing 1 (Sego/Slack). The deadlines now are the same for all briefing for all hearings.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ORDERED that the motions to modify the briefing schedule are GRANTED or GRANTED IN PART. The briefing deadlines set forth in the Court's July 11, 2025 Order are revised for all parties as follows:

- 1. The deadline for filing a post-hearing brief is **August 22**, **2025**.
- 2. The deadline for filing a response brief is **September 19, 2025**.

These deadlines now apply to all post-hearing briefs for all evidentiary hearings.

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

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