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Montana Water Court

IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION
OF EXISTING AND RESERVED RIGHTS
TO THE USE OF WATER, BOTH SURFACE
AND UNDERGROUND, OF THE CROW TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

CASE NO. WC-2012-06

**ORDER GRANTING REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR OBJECTION PERIOD**

On December 21, 2012, the Montana Water Court issued its Notice of Entry of Crow Tribe – Montana Compact Preliminary Decree and Notice of Availability in Case No. WC-2012-06. Objections to the Compact were to be filed with this Court by June 24, 2013. Requests for extensions of time for the objection period were also to be filed by June 24, 2013. Numerous requests for extension were received and filed as of that date.

Section 85-2-233(2), MCA provides: “[t]he water judge may, for good cause shown, extend the time limit up to two additional 90-day periods if application for an extension is made prior to expiration of the original 180 day period”


On June 11, 2013, the United States of America, the Crow Tribe, and the State of Montana (the “Settling Parties”) filed a joint response to requests for extension of time. The Settling Parties indicated they did not object to an additional 90-day extension. The

agreement of the Settling Parties to an extension obviates the need for the court to apply the good cause standard contained in § 85-2-233(2), MCA.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that pending requests for extension of time to file objections are GRANTED, and the Objection Period will be extended for ninety days. Objections or requests for extension must be filed on or before **September 23, 2013**.

DATED this 12th day of July, 2013.


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