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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
 STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

In Re: The General Adjudication of Rights to)	Case No. 89576
the Use of Water from the Kootenai River)	
Basin Water System)	
)	JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF
)	TIME TO FILE PRE-HEARING
)	DOCUMENTS AND TO RESCHEDULE
)	COMMENCEMENT HEARING

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PRE-HEARING
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On January 9, 2025, the Court issued an order setting a commencement hearing on April 15, 2025, for a general adjudication *inter se* of all rights arising under state or federal law to the use of surface and ground water for the Kootenai River basin water system and for the administration of such rights. The order also set a deadline of March 28, 2025, for notices of appearance, pre-hearing statements, and briefs or memorandums in support of any legal

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arguments to be presented. The United States and the State of Idaho respectfully request a 90-day extension of time to file pre-hearing statements and briefs or memorandums in support of any legal arguments. The parties further respectfully request the Court reschedule the commencement hearing for a date at least 14 days after the filing of pre-hearing statements briefs or memorandums.

As good cause for this request, the parties inform the Court that they need additional time to allow for comprehensive discussion on the commencement of this adjudication and on their respective positions on issues that will be raised in this adjudication. The parties believe they may be able to reach agreement on some of the issues with additional time for discussion, which would promote judicial efficiency and conserve judicial resources.

Accordingly, the parties request that the deadline to file pre-hearing statements and briefs or memorandums in support of any legal arguments be extended June 26, 2025, and that the commencement hearing be rescheduled for a date on or after July 10, 2025.

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Dated this 26th day of March 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 25th day of March 2025, I served true and correct copies of the foregoing JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PRE-HEARING DOCUMENTS AND TO RESCHEDULE COMMENCEMENT HEARING as follows:

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