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JOINT HEARING REQUEST

Pursuant to the Court's Order of June 1, 2015, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Tribes), the State of Montana (State), and the United States respectfully request to be heard prior to the Court vacating or modifying any of its prior orders

concerning the examination of claims in Basins 76L and 76LJ. The Court's June 1 Order set July 1 as the date for such a hearing should one be requested. Counsel for the State, however, is unavailable that date due to pre-existing schedule commitments. The Tribes, the State and the United States have conferred and respectfully request the Court to reschedule the hearing on this matter for the afternoon of Wednesday, July 15, 2015, or the morning of Thursday, July 16, 2015.

The Tribes, the State and the United States also respectfully request direction from the Court as to whether the Court would be receptive to pre-hearing briefing from one or more of the movants on the arguments they intend to present at the hearing on this matter. If the Court is open to such briefing, the movants also respectfully request the Court to identify the deadline by which the movants should file any such briefing individually or collectively.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of June, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Joint Hearing Request** was served on the Montana Water Court via email at
watercourt@mt.gov with a request for a delivery receipt. Also, a copy of the foregoing
was served via email to:

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Dated: June 11, 2015

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