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IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION  
BOULDER RIVER, TRIBUTARY OF THE JEFFERSON RIVER (41E)  
PRELIMINARY DECREE

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**CASE BASIN-0004-41E-1985**

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
OBJECTIONS**

The objection period for the Preliminary Decree in Basin 41E closes on April 17, 2023. On April 5, 2023, Edward McCauley (“McCauley”) filed a *Request for Extension*.

This Court may extend the objection period in a Basin, provided good cause is shown and the request for extension is received before the end of the current objection period. Section 85-2-233(2), MCA. McCauley’s extension request satisfies both statutory criteria. As to good cause, McCauley documents in his request the substantial efforts made to evaluate his claims and potential objections during the objection period. However, due to external factors, including the time necessary to receive requested document not available online, McCauley cannot complete the objection work prior to the current deadline. In light of these factors, and the timeliness of the filing, McCauley’s request for a 90-day extension is reasonable. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the request is GRANTED, and the objection period is EXTENDED until and including **Monday, July 17, 2023** to file, **not mail**, objections to

the Preliminary Decree in Basin 41E. This extension applies to ALL WATER CLAIMANTS AND OBJECTORS for claims in this Basin, regardless of whether they asked for an extension. The Court will publish at least one notice of the extension in the *Whitehall Ledger*, the *Boulder Monitor*, the *Montana Standard*, and the *Independent Record*.

**ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.**

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