

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

<p>WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS,</p> <p style="text-align:center"><i>Plaintiff,</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">vs.</p> <p>JENNIFER GRANHOLM, in her official capacity as Secretary of Energy; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,</p> <p style="text-align:center"><i>Defendants.</i></p>	<p>Case No. 4:20-cv-98-BMM</p> <p style="text-align:center">ORDER STAYING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS</p>
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Plaintiff Western Organization of Resource Councils and Defendants, the United States Department of Energy and Jennifer Granholm, in her official capacity as Secretary of Energy, jointly move to stay further proceedings in this case so that the parties may discuss the possible resolution of this case without further action by the Court. Accordingly, the Court grants that motion, stays all remaining summary-judgment briefing deadlines, and continues *sine die* the January 11, 2022 hearing on the parties' motions for summary judgment. The Court further orders the parties to file

a joint status report on or before January 24, 2022, apprising the Court of the status of their discussions and, if appropriate, proposing a schedule for further proceedings.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2021

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Brian Morris, Chief District Judge
United States District Court