

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

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<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><b>JOINT STATUS REPORT</b></p>
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In its December 13, 2021 order, ECF No. 45, the Court stayed further proceedings in this case so that the parties could discuss a possible resolution of this case. The Court further ordered the parties to file a joint status report

by January 24, 2022. Pursuant to that order, the parties jointly and respectfully submit the following update regarding their discussions:

1. Since the Court's December 13, 2021 order, the parties have had productive discussions concerning the issues raised in this case.

2. Following those discussions, the parties remain optimistic that this matter may be resolved without further action by the Court. However, the parties have not yet agreed upon any final resolution at this time.

3. The parties believe that additional time would benefit their discussions and enable them to thoroughly consider how best to resolve this case.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Court adopt the Proposed Order set forth as Exhibit 1 to this joint status report, extending the stay of further proceedings in this case and requiring a second joint status report on or before February 23, 2022.

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