

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
DA 23-0640

IN THE MATTER OF:
GRAND RIVER ENTERPRISES, INC.,

Respondent-Counter Plaintiff-Appellant,

GRAND RIVER ENTERPRISES, INC.,

Counter Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

STATE OF MONTANA ex rel. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Counter Defendant-Appellee.

**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE OPENING BRIEF**

On Appeal from Montana First Judicial District Court
Lewis and Clark County, Cause No. ADV-2012-246
Honorable Mike Menahan

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In accordance with Montana Rule of Appellate Procedure 26(1), Appellant brings this unopposed motion seeking a 30-day extension of time in which to file its opening brief. The filing deadline for Appellees' opening brief is currently December 20, 2023. The filing deadline with a 30-day extension of time is January 19, 2024. This is the first extension of time requested by Appellant.

Counsel for Appellee has been contacted concerning this motion and does not object. The extension of time is needed to accommodate counsel's briefing and hearings schedule on other matters.

A proposed order is submitted herewith.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 15th day of December 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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