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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

TRISTAN FAHRNOW,

Appellant,

v.

E-5 OILFIELD SERVICES, LLC
and EIKER, INC.,

Appellees.

No. DA 24-0668

**EIKER, INC.'S
UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME AND BRIEFING
SCHEDULE**

Appellee Eiker, Inc. moves under Montana Rule of Appellate Procedure 26 for a 60-day extension of time to file its opening brief up to and including April 21, 2025. Eiker has not previously sought or obtained an extension of this briefing deadline. Eiker is requesting this extension because its appellate counsel completed a three-week trial on January 31, 2025, creating conflicting deadlines in other cases, and also has previously scheduled, family-related travel during two weeks in March.

In accordance with Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure 16(1) and 26(1), Eiker's counsel has contacted counsel for the other parties regarding this motion. Appellant Tristan Fahrnow does not object to the extension, but will need a 14-day extension of the deadline for his reply brief. Appellee E-5 Oil Services does not object to the extension, but requests that its brief be filed simultaneously with Eiker's brief to avoid differing deadlines. Rather than filing a series of individual motions regarding briefing deadlines, the parties have met and conferred and stipulated to the following briefing schedule for this appeal in the event Eiker's requested extension is granted:

- Appellant’s brief was filed on January 21, 2025
- Any amicus briefs due April 7, 2025
- Appellees’ briefs due April 21, 2025
- Appellant’s reply brief due May 19, 2025

Eiker thus respectfully requests that the Court grant its requested extension and enter the stipulated briefing schedule to which the parties have agreed.

Dated: February 6, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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