

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO

GF&C HOLDING COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

HARTFORD CASUALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., A
CONNECTICUT CORPORATION;
HARTFORD STEAM BOILER
INSPECTION & INSURANCE
COMPANY, A CONNECTICUT
CORPORATION; AND DOES 1-20,
INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:11-cv-00236-BLW

ORDER

The Court has before it Plaintiff's Motion to Extend Time to Serve Defendants (Dkt. 4). District courts have broad discretion to extend time for service under Rule 4(m). *Efaw v. Williams*, 473 F.3d 1038, 1040 (9th Cir. 2007). Although a district court's discretion is not limitless, Rule 4(m) "*permits* the district court to grant an extension even in the absence of good cause." *Id.* (emphasis in original). Courts may consider factors such as statute of limitations, actual notice, prejudice to the defendant and eventual service. *Id.*

Here, Plaintiff asks for only a 14-day extension. Moreover, Plaintiff explains that

Defendant has known about the case because of a related case. Therefore, the Court finds that a 14-continuance will not prejudice Defendants. Accordingly, the Court will grant the motion.

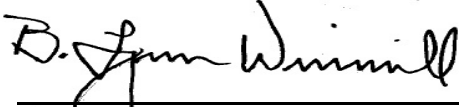
ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff's Motion to Extend Time to Serve Defendants (Dkt. 4) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall have until **October 28, 2011** to serve Defendants.

DATED: **October 13, 2011**





B. LYNN WINMILL
Chief U.S. District Court Judge