

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

KRISTIN A. KING,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:13-cv-00163-JDL
)	
MAINE DEPARTMENT OF)	
CORRECTIONS, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**ORDER ON DEFENDANT’S OBJECTION TO MEMORANDUM OF
DECISION**

Plaintiff Kristin A. King has moved to amend the complaint in her employment discrimination suit against the Maine Department of Corrections, seeking to join David Garrison as a defendant and to add additional claims. *See* ECF No. 34. The Department of Corrections objected, ECF No. 36, and the motion was referred to Magistrate Judge John Nivison. On May 5, the Magistrate Judge entered a Memorandum of Decision granting King’s motion to amend. ECF No. 40. The Department of Corrections objected again. ECF No. 42.

A magistrate judge’s decision on a nondispositive pretrial matter is subject to correction by a judge of the district court only if it is “clearly erroneous or is contrary to law.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). *See also Pagano v. Frank*, 983 F.2d 343, 346 (1st Cir. 1993) (treating motion to amend as nondispositive). This deferential standard means a district court must accept a magistrate judge’s conclusions unless it has “a strong, unyielding belief that a mistake has been made.” *United States v. Stone*, 824 F. Supp. 2d 176, 185 (D. Me. 2011) (citing *Phinney v.*

Wentworth Douglas Hosp., 199 F.3d 1, 4 (1st Cir. 1999)). After carefully reviewing the relevant materials, I have no such belief. The objection to the Memorandum of Decision is hereby **OVERRULED**.

SO ORDERED.

/s/Jon D.Levy
United States District Judge

Dated this 4th day of June, 2015.

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