

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

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ZUNI RIVER STREAM SYSTEM

v.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*,
State Engineer, A & R Productions, *et al.*

Defendants.

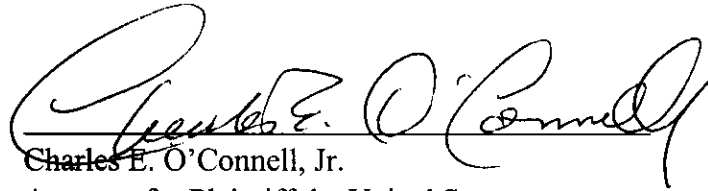
UNITED STATES' MOTION TO
EXTEND TIME TO RESPOND/
OBJECT TO THE SPECIAL MASTER'S
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
ON ZUNI RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION
PROCEDURE

On April 29, 2002, the United States was served with the Special Master's Report and Recommendations On the Zuni River Basin Adjudication Procedure, dated and filed April 26, 2002. The report recommends, inter alia, "that the Court order the United States to conduct the hydrographic survey of the entire Zuni River basin, bear the costs of the survey and the fees of the Special master and necessary staff during the hydrographic survey phase." See Report of Special Master, p. 10-11.

Rule 53(e)(2) mandates the court accept the master's recommendations unless objections are served within 10 days of service of the master's report. The Secretary of the Interior has the Special Master's report under consideration and is reviewing the availability of funds necessary to conduct a hydrographic survey of the Zuni River basin. Such an assessment cannot be completed within the 10-day period allowed to file objections to the report. Accordingly, the United States respectfully requests that it be granted an additional 30 days to determine whether an objection to the report is necessary. If granted, it is assumed that the 30 day extension will apply to all parties.

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Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of May, 2002.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles E. O'Connell, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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