

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATE OF AMERICA )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 -v- )  
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 STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. STATE )  
 Engineer, A & R Productions, et al., )  
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 Defendants. )

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ADJUDICATION

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Defendant Commissioner of Public Lands, through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this court for an extension of time in which to file claims in this matter, and as grounds therefore offers the statements set out in the numbered paragraphs below.

1. Defendant has contacted counsel for the United States and for the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, and both have sated that they have no objection to the granting of the extension requested herein.

2. Defendant's staff have been diligently processing the relevant State Land Office records to obtain and render water rights claims in sub-areas 4 and 8, and will have those to Dr. Allen contemporaneously with the filing of this Motion.

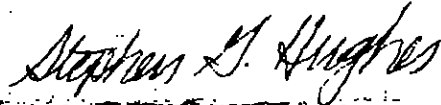
3. The staff who have been working to provide the necessary data to support claims in sub-areas 4 and 8 have indicated that they cannot reasonably expect to complete a survey of all current and historical water uses in the remaining sub-areas of this adjudication until the end of April, 2004. Their efforts require locating current, older microfiched, and State Archived

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leases for grazing, mineral, and oil and gas uses. These must all be compared with records on Defendants' ONGARD main-frame system, and in some case confirmed with existing lessees. Defendant's lands are checker-boarded throughout the adjudication area.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully prays this Court to grant an extension of time to Defendant for inventorying and making all water rights claims until May 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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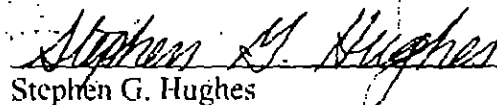
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