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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for Itself and as Trustee for the Zuni Indian Tribe, Navajo Nation and Ramah Band of Navajos, and	)	
and	)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel*. State ENGINEER,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
and	)	01cv00072-BB-ACE
ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION,	)	
Plaintiffs-in-Intervention,	)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION
-v-	)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS and A & R PRODUCTIONS, *et al.*	)	
Defendants.	)	

MOTION OF SPECIAL MASTER
FOR INTERIM FEES AND EXPENSES

TO: The Honorable Bruce D. Black
United States District Judge

FROM: Vickie L. Gabin
Special Master

A Motion requesting the Court to approve interim fees and expenses, a brief summary of the work performed, and the Special Master's Declaration in support of Motion

This Motion is submitted pursuant to the Administrative Order entered May 4, 2001 (Docket No. 54), regarding the manner in which the Special Master, data manager and other personnel required by the Special Master are paid for services, costs, expenses and New Mexico gross receipts taxes related to this adjudication. The Special Master hereby moves for an order of the Court

approving interim fees and expenses for work performed in this case from July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. Most of the fees and expenses have already been paid from the trust account.

I. WORK PERFORMED

General case management work dedicated to structuring the adjudication continued. I entered a July 20 Procedural and Scheduling Order setting out general procedures, including the hydrographic survey process. Following a September 9 status conference on federal and Indian water rights claims, I filed a Special Master's Report and Recommendations for Federal and Indian Water Rights Claims Proceedings. Work on general procedures as well as scheduling continues. In general administrative matters, I produced a first draft of a proposed administrative order which would facilitate filing and notice by electronic means. The Court's data manager has begun construction of a data base for the Court's use.

II. DECLARATION

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MASTER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

I, Vickie L. Gabin, declare that the work described above is the basis for my fee application, and that the work of Geta A. Gatterman, paralegal and administrative assistant, and Karla McCall/ AquaTek, the data manager, has been performed satisfactorily. Hourly records of work performed are available from the contractors if needed.

Dated: February 13, 2004

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SPECIAL MASTER VICKIE L. GABIN