UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO



UNITED STATES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action No. CIV01-0072-BB-WWD

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENGINEER, STATE OF NEW MEXICO COMMISSIONER of PUBLIC LANDS, et al.,

Defendants.

ANSWER

COMES NOW the Defendants, ALBERT O. LEBECK, JR. and DAVID R. LEBECK, and for their answer to the Complaint filed in the herein entitled and numbered cause, state:

1. These Defendants are the owners in few simple to the following described real property, located in McKinley County, New Mexico, to-wit:

One Hundred (100) acres located in the NE-1/4 of Section 31, Township 13, Range 17, McKinley County, New Mexico.

2. These Defendants claim the water rights they have pursuant to their ownership of the above referenced real property including but not limited to the right granted to them as

provided in Chapter 72, N.M.S.A., 1978.

3. These Defendants are without information or belief as to the other allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint and, therefore, deny the same.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO : ss. COUNTY OF McKINLEY

ALBERT O. LEBECK, JR., being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a Defendant in the above entitled and numbered cause, that he has read the foregoing Answer, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of his knowledge.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 28th day of February, 2001.

Madonna M Shmael

My Commission Expires:

Feb 20 2005

STATE OF NEW MEXICO) : ss. COUNTY OF McKINLEY)

DAVID R. LEBECK, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a Defendant in the above entitled and numbered cause, that he has read the foregoing Answer, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of his knowledge.

DAVID R. LEBECK, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 28th day of February, 2001.

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My Commission Expires:

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I hereby certify I mailed a copy of the foregoing Answer to opposing counsel of record on this 28th day of February, 2001, addressed to the following:

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Albert O. Lebeck, Jr.