

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
and)	
ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE,)	07cv00681-MV/WPL
Plaintiffs,)	
)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN
v.)	ADJUDICATION
)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel.)	Subproceeding 1:
STATE ENGINEER, et al.,)	Zuni Indian Claims
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT CONCERNING PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS

The State of New Mexico *ex rel.* State Engineer (“State”), the United States of America (“United States”), the Zuni Indian Tribe (“Zuni”), and the Navajo Nation (“Navajo”) (collectively, the “Parties”), through undersigned counsel, jointly submit this Status Report to the Court pursuant to its December 10, 2013 *Order Vacating Scheduling Orders and Directing Submission of Status Report* [Doc. 333].

1. The State, the United States, and Zuni met several times during the past six months to frame issues and identify tasks to best pursue settlement discussions.

2. Based on these initial discussions, the State, the United States, and Zuni agreed settlement negotiations would benefit from development of certain technical information and formed a technical subcommittee for that purpose. The State, the United States, and Zuni determined it was prudent to engage the Navajo Nation in the work of the technical committee, and Navajo has since joined the technical subcommittee.

3. The Parties' technical subcommittee has conferred on several occasions, including meetings on February 24, 2014 and May 15, 2014, and is initiating work on a hydrologic model to be used to facilitate settlement discussions.

4. Counsel for the Parties have drafted a Negotiation Process and Confidentiality Agreement governing settlement discussions which counsel expect to finalize in the near future.

5. The Parties jointly agree more time is necessary to determine whether these negotiations will prove fruitful. Therefore, the Parties propose to continue settlement discussions and related technical work for an additional six months and to provide the Court with a second Status Report on the progress of negotiations six months from the date of filing this Status Report.

Respectfully submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on June 10, 2014, I filed the foregoing Joint Status Report Concerning Progress Of Negotiations electronically through the CM/ECF system, which caused CM/ECF Participants to be served by electronic means, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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