

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] and the Parties’ December 15, 2014 *Joint Status Report Concerning Progress of Negotiations* [Doc. 339].

1. The negotiation technical subcommittee did not formally meet during the past six months but technical representatives from the Zuni Tribe completed mapping work required for development of a model to assist settlement and administrative initiatives. Zuni’s representatives met informally with technical representatives from the Water Rights Division of the Office of the State Engineer. The negotiation technical committee is scheduled to meet on July 10, 2015 to provide an update on the model and other technical work and to continue discussions.

2. The Zuni Tribe is actively developing a settlement proposal it anticipates presenting to the other Parties later this year.

3. 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 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 15, 2015, I filed the foregoing *Joint Status Report Concerning Status 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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