

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], the Parties’ December 15, 2015 *Joint Status Report Concerning Progress of Negotiations* [Doc. 342], and the Court’s December 16, 2015 *Order Directing Submission of Status Report* [Doc. 343].

1. Since the Parties’ December 15, 2015 status report [Doc. 342], technical representatives from the Zuni Tribe and the Navajo Nation held an in-person meeting on certain technical matters on February 18, 2016. Following that meeting, the negotiation technical committee met on February 24, 2016, and again on May 10, 2016, to continue information exchanges and discussions relevant to development of a model to assist settlement and administrative initiatives. The meetings have included participation by counsel for all parties and

consultants separately retained by the Zuni Tribe, the Navajo Nation and the United States, and by technical staff of the State and the United States. The next technical committee meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2016.

2. The Zuni Tribe continues to develop a draft settlement proposal and has been working with the United States' technical consultants to obtain background technical information relevant to the proposal. The Zuni Tribe anticipates meeting with the United States during the next several months and presenting the draft settlement proposal to the other Parties shortly thereafter.

3. The Parties jointly agree further work by the technical committee is needed and that more time is necessary to determine whether these negotiation efforts 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, 2016, 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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