

I. WORK PERFORMED

This six-month period was dedicated to structuring the adjudication to address appropriately the circumstances unique to the Zuni Basin. At the January 16 status conference, involved attorneys and I discussed the United States's proposed procedural and scheduling order. Shortly thereafter, I circulated yet another, more comprehensive order to counsel and received further comments. Following an April 11-12 field trip and status conference in the Zuni Basin area, and after conferring with counsel for the State and United States, and researching the issues, I entered a June 24 Interim Procedural Order requiring all water rights claimants in the basin, whether or not they are named defendants, to come forward with descriptions of their water rights claims. This interim order lays the groundwork for the hydrographic surveys and for assembling the data necessary to make decisions regarding the quantitative scope of the adjudication, i.e., whether domestic rights will be included in this case, or, if included, regulated in any way.

March 13, 2003, I filed a Special Master's Report and Recommendations on the Geographic Scope of the Adjudication, which was adopted, with modifications, by the Court's May 21 Order.

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, has been performed satisfactorily. Hourly records of work performed are available from the contractor if needed.

Dated: July 24, 2003

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SPECIAL MASTER VICKIE L. GABIN