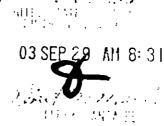
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

UNITED STATES, for itself and as Trustee for the Zuni Indian Tribe, Navajo Nation, and Ramah Bank of Navajos, et al.

v.

Plaintiffs.



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

Defendants

ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS TIM AND WENDY TWOMBLY

COME NOW Defendants TIM and WENDY TWOMBLY, by and through their attorneys Garber & Hallmark, P.C., and for their answer to the Amended Complaint state as follows:

- 1. Defendants admit the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, and 25 of the Complaint.
- 2. Referring to Paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Defendants admit that they, as grantors, trustees, and beneficiaries of the Twombly Family Trust, claim an interest in waters of the Zuni River stream system in New Mexico, including the right to use those waters. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and therefore deny the same.
- 3. Defendants are without sufficient knowledge to admit or deny the allegations in Paragraphs 15, 18, 19, 20, and 21 of the Complaint, and therefore deny the same.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Twombly pray that this Court adjudicate the rights of each of the parties hereto and grant such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed to the following persons on September 24, 2003:

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