



approving interim fees and expenses for work performed in this case from January 1, 2004, through June 30, 2004. Most of the fees and expenses have already been paid from the trust account.

## I. WORK PERFORMED

### A. Federal and Indian Claims.

Following a combined status conference on federal and Indian claims and working session on the hydrographic survey process, I entered a procedural and scheduling order outlining the adjudication process generally for federal and Indian claims, and providing a final deadline for the filing of all such claims.

### B. Non-federal Claims

I entered two very brief reports on attorneys' fees and entitlement to appointed counsel, both of which were adopted by the Court.

Following a longer than anticipated review period by the Office of the State Engineer, the United States completed its hydrographic survey for Subareas 4 and 8 (the parties initially projected completion by December 31, 2003; the report was filed July 16). The delay in publishing the report, coupled with attorney turnover and competing demands on attorneys, resulted in delaying the status conference and field trip I had originally planned for the beginning of summer. That conference is now slated for September, and will result in a procedural and scheduling order for serving the subfile documents and returning, or disputing, proposed consent orders. A similar process is working well in the Rio Chama adjudication, and should be easily replicated in this case.

## 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, and Karla McCall/AquaTek, the data manager, has been performed satisfactorily. Hourly records of work performed are available from the contractors if needed.

Dated: July 28, 2004

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SPECIAL MASTER VICKIE L. GABIN