

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for Itself)
 and as Trustee for the Zuni Indian Tribe, Navajo)
 Nation and Ramah Band of Navajos and)
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. STATE)
 ENGINEER,)
 Plaintiffs,)
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 and)
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 ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION,)
 Plaintiffs in Intervention,)
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 v.)
)
 A & R PRODUCTIONS, et al.,)
 Defendants.)

No. 01cv00072-BB
 ZUNI RIVER BASIN
 ADJUDICATION

WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Bradley S. Bridgewater, Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice

I, PATRICIA RUPPE, acknowledge receipt of your request that I waive service of summons in the civil action United States and State of New Mexico, ex rel. State Engineer v. A & R Productions, et al., Civil Action No. 01cv00072 BB-ACE, in the Federal District Court for the District of New Mexico.

I also acknowledge that I have received a copy of the United States' Amended Complaint, two copies of this instrument (Waiver of Service of Summons), and a means by which I can return one copy of the signed waiver to the United States without cost to me.

I agree to avoid the cost of service of a summons and an additional copy of the United States' Amended Complaint in this lawsuit by not requiring that I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) be served with judicial process, in the manner provided by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as indicated in the Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Summons that accompanied this form, and in the Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons, attached to this form.

I (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) will retain all defenses or objections to the lawsuit or to the jurisdiction or venue of the court, except for objections based on a defect in the summons or in the service of the summons.

I understand that I retain the right to file an Answer or motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure objecting to the sufficiency of the United States' Amended Complaint. I understand that a judgment may be entered against me (or the entity on whose behalf I am acting) if I do not return a *Request for Consultation* form within 60 days, or if I fail to serve on you and file with the Court an Answer or motion under Rule 12 within 20 days after being sent a *Notice That The Consultation Period Has Ended*.

Signature: Patricia Ruppé Date: 12/4/06
print or type name: Patricia Ruppé

If you are signing on behalf of the named party, please indicate the source of your authority here:

and print or type the full name and address of the party on whose behalf you are acting here:

Upon agreeing to and completing this form, return one signed original in the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided (addressed to Bradley S. Bridgewater, U.S. Department of Justice, 1961 Stout Street – 8th Floor, Denver, CO, 80294).

Keep one copy of this form for your records.

Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of a summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for its failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that the party believes that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against that defendant.