

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
and)	
NAVAJO NATION,)	No. 12cv1298 MV/WPL
Plaintiffs,)	
)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN
v.)	ADJUDICATION
)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, <i>ex rel.</i> STATE)	Subproceeding 2
ENGINEER, <i>et al.</i>)	Navajo Indian Claims
Defendants.)	

JOINT STATUS REPORT

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 30, 2015 *Order for Periodic Status Reports* [Doc. 375].

Since the Parties’ November 29, 2016 status report [Doc. 384], the negotiation technical committee met on January 19, 2017 and February 17, 2017, 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 and technical staff for all parties and consultants separately retained by the Zuni Tribe, the Navajo Nation and the United States. In an effort to streamline the model development process, the Parties decided at the February meeting to continue with regular smaller technical working group meetings, convening the larger group at decision points. Model development is progressing, and it is the intent of the Parties to have a complete and fully calibrated steady state numeric model later this summer, that can be

used to run possible water use scenarios and to evaluate potential impacts of such uses. The technical working group met in April and is in the process of scheduling the next meeting for mid-June. The larger group will meet once the numeric model is complete to discuss modeling scenarios and next steps.

The Parties jointly agree that further work by the negotiation technical committee is needed and that further time is necessary to determine whether a negotiated resolution of Subproceeding 2 is feasible. The Parties respectfully request the Court to hold all litigation deadlines in Subproceeding 2 in abeyance so that the Parties may continue their settlement negotiations and related efforts.

Respectfully submitted:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on June 1, 2017, I filed the foregoing Joint Status Report 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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