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

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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,

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Plaintiffs,

and

ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION,

Plaintiffs in Intervention,

v.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS, and A & R PRODUCTIONS, et. al.,

Defendants.

No. 01cv00072-BB-ACE

ZUNI RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION

Subfile No: ZRB-2-0077

## **SUBFILE ANSWER**

COME(S) NOW DENNIS M. NORTON & LINDA J. NORTON and answer(s) the complaint as follows:

Subfile No: Object Claim No Right

ZRB-2-0077

(Instructions: Initial in one of the two boxes to indicate whether you object to the description of water right(s) contained in the proposed Consent Order offered by the United States and the State, or whether you make no claim as to the water right(s) described in the proposed Consent Order. Provide the appropriate explanation below, and indicate what you have done to resolve your disagreement with the United States and the State, in the spaces provided below.)

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Order for Subfile Number ZRB-2-0077 because:
(explain) We feel That The allotment of
Water will be insufficient for The
(explain) We feel That The allot ment of Water will be insufficient for The Number of Livestock That we have.
(Attach additional pages if necessary)
I (We) made a good faith effort to resolve my (our) disagreement with the Consent Order proposed by the United States and the State by:  (describe)
(Attach additional pages if necessary)
I (We) claim no right for the water right(s) described by the proposed Consent Order for Subfile Number ZRB-2-0077 because: (explain)
(ехріані)
(Attach additional pages if necessary)
I (We) understand that by making this claim and filing this document I (we) am (are) not waiving my (our) rights to later raise, in an Amended Answer, any jurisdictional or affirmative defenses I (we) may have.

(Instructions: Each named defendant, or the defendant's attorney, must sign and date this Answer. If multiple defendants are named and you have separate addresses or telephone numbers, please attach an additional page providing address information for each defendant. If you are signing on behalf of a named defendant, you must indicate the source of your legal authority to do so and provide both your address and the address of the named defendant.)

Signature(s) – DENNIS M. NORTON & LINDA J. NORTON:

<u>Fence Lake</u> N.M. 87315 (Address: Print Clearly) (505) 788-2242 (Phone Number: Print Clearly)

IMPORTANT: Within 20 days of October 9, 2007, you must EITHER accept the last Consent Order offered by the United States and the State for Subfile ZRB-2-0077 OR file an answer in this Subfile with United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. Any right you may have to use waters of the stream system may be adjudicated by default judgment in conformity with the Consent Order proposed by the United States and the State if you fail to accept the proposed Consent Order or file an answer within 20 days of October 9, 2007. Answers may be mailed to the Clerk of Court at 106 S. Federal Place, Santa Fe, NM 87501. A copy of the answer filed with the district court must also be sent to counsel for the United States and counsel for the State at the following addresses:

> **BRADLEY S. BRIDGEWATER** U.S. Department of Justice 1961 Stout Street - 8th Floor **Denver, CO 80294**

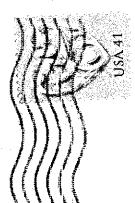
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