

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
and)	01CV00072-BB
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, <i>ex rel.</i>)	
STATE ENGINEER)	
Plaintiffs,)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN
and)	ADJUDICATION
ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION)	
Plaintiffs in Intervention,)	
v.)	
A&R PRODUCTIONS, et al.)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

**THE NAVAJO NATION’S COMMENTS ON
THE UNITED STATES’ MOTION TO AMEND THE
PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING ORDER FOR INDIAN WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS**

The United States correctly points out in its motion (Doc. 1681) that the Navajo Nation does not oppose the proposed schedule. The Nation supports the seriatim scheduling of the adjudication of the two tribal claims and appreciates the United States's effort to put together as practical a schedule as possible.

While the schedule makes sense from a practical standpoint, the later scheduling of the Navajo Nation's claims may not allow the Navajo Nation to fully understand the impacts of the Zuni claim on the Navajo Nation's claims at the outset of the Zuni Indian Claims Subproceeding, member Case No. 07cv00681-BB. The Nation, however, will do its best to work within the schedule as proposed.

Respectfully submitted,
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