

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 ) 01cv00072-BDB-ACE  
 -v- )  
 ) ZUNI RIVER BASIN  
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.* STATE )  
 Engineer, A & R Productions, *et al.*, )  
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 Defendants. )  
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MOTION OF SPECIAL MASTER  
FOR INTERIM FEES AND EXPENSES

TO: The Honorable Bruce D. Black FROM: Vickie L. Gabin  
United States District Judge Special Master

A Motion requesting the Court to approve interim fees and expenses, a brief summary of the work performed, and the Special Master's Declaration in support of Motion

This Motion is submitted pursuant to the Administrative Order entered May 4, 2001 (Docket No. 54), regarding the manner in which the Special Master, law clerk, and other personnel required by the Special Master are paid for services, costs, expenses and New Mexico gross receipts taxes related to this adjudication. The Special Master hereby moves for an order of the Court approving interim fees and expenses for work performed in this case from July 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. Most of the fees and expenses have already been paid from the trust account.

## I. WORK PERFORMED

Special Master duties were light during this six-month period. I conferred at various times with the judicial clerk, monitored the United States' December submittal and made recommendations to the Court for proceeding, and planned for a January 2003 status conference.

## 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, has been performed satisfactorily. Hourly records of work performed are available from the contractor if needed.

Dated: March 8, 2003

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SPECIAL MASTER VICKIE L. GABIN