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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
and	)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. State	)	
ENGINEER,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
and	)	01cv00072-BB-ACE
ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION,	)	
Plaintiffs-in-Intervention,	)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN
	)	ADJUDICATION
-V-	)	
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A & R PRODUCTIONS, et al.	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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## <u>ORDER</u>

THIS MATTER is before the Special Master pursuant to the March 12, 2001, Order of Reference (Docket No. 14) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(c).

On February 21, 2003, co-plaintiffs the United States of America ("United States") and the State of New Mexico, ex rel. State Engineer ("State") filed a Joint Technical Progress Report on the Zuni River Basin Hydrographic Survey. According to the Report, the parties anticipated completing and filing the first hydrographic survey for sub-areas 4 and 8 by December 31, 2003. Following suggestions of counsel, the July 20, 2003, Procedural and Scheduling Order (No. 215) at Section VI, Hydrographic Survey Process, outlined the steps which would be undertaken for the preparation, review and filing of hydrographic survey reports for each sub-area. Prior to the filing of each report, the State and United States are to request a status conference at which proposed consent order and

answer forms, and a scheduling and procedural order for the sub-area, would be discussed and

finalized.

The Procedural and Scheduling Order for Federal and Indian Water Rights Claims (April 5,

2004, No. 323) requires that the hydrographic survey for this basin be completed by December 31,

2004, so that all non-federal, individual water rights claimants to the Zuni River stream system may

be identified by the time the adjudication of federal and Indian claims begins. To meet this deadline,

it is essential that the survey for each sub-area be completed in a timely fashion.

IT IS ORDERED, THEREFORE, that no later than June 30, the State and United States shall

file a joint status report on the progress of the hydrographic survey, and include the projected filing

date for sub-areas 4 and 8, plans for conducting the next hydrographic surveys, and a request for the

first status conference.

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SPECIAL MASTER VICKIE L. GABIN

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