

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
and)	07cv00681-BB
ZUNI INDIAN TRIBE)	
Plaintiffs,)	ZUNI RIVER BASIN
)	ADJUDICATION
-v-)	
)	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, <i>ex rel.</i> State)	Subproceeding 1
ENGINEER, <i>et al.</i>)	Zuni Indian Claims
Defendants)	
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION

THIS MATTER is before the Special Master on the Request to Withdraw from Participation filed January 2, 2008, by Defendants Michael Merrill and Sharon Mason-Merrill (Docket No. 146). The Request is made pursuant to the Initial Scheduling and Planning Order entered January 3, 2008 (No. 151). Being fully advised in the premises, I find that this Request should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED, THEREFORE, that the above-named parties (a) may no longer participate in the adjudication of the water rights claims for surface and groundwater use made in this civil action on behalf of the Zuni Indian Tribe and its members, and (b) have waived all rights to further notice of, or participation in, the adjudication of these water rights claims.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above-named parties are bound by the final judgment entered herein.

Vickie L. Gabin
SPECIAL MASTER