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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ZUNI INDIAN TRIBES,

Plaintiffs,

v. CV 07-681 MV/WPL

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. STATE ENGINEER, et al.,

ZUNI RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION

Defendants.

Subproceeding 1: Zuni Indian Claims

ORDER DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF STATUS REPORT

This matter is before me on the parties' Joint Status Report Concerning Progress of Negotiations. (Doc. 336.) On December 10, 2013, the Honorable Lorenzo F. Garcia vacated all scheduling orders filed since September 2008 to allow the parties time to pursue a negotiated settlement of the Tribe's claims. (Doc. 333.) Pursuant to Judge Garcia's Order, the parties filed the instant Joint Status Report on June 10, 2014. According to that document, the parties, along with the Navajo Nation, have formed a technical subcommittee that is working on a hydrologic model to be used to facilitate settlement discussions. The parties also state that a Negotiation Process and Confidentiality Agreement is expected to be completed in the near future. In light of these proceedings, the parties ask for another six months to continue settlement discussions and related technical work.

Being fully advised in these matters, I find that the parties' request is well-taken. Accordingly, the parties are granted an additional six months to continue their settlement negotiations and related efforts. No later than six months from the filing of this Order, the

parties will file another report concerning the status of their negotiations and as to further scheduling in this Subproceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

William P. Lynch

United States Magistrate Judge