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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
Receipt No.

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Re: New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission's Request to be Designated as Joint Lead Agency for Environmental Compliance under NEPA for the New Mexico Unit of the Central Arizona Project

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 212(h)(3) of the 2004 Arizona Water Settlements Act, Public Law 108-451, the State of New Mexico, through the Interstate Stream Commission, requests to be designated as joint lead agency along with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, with respect to environmental compliance under NEPA for the New Mexico Unit of the Central Arizona Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim T. Dunlap".

Jim T. Dunlap
Chairman
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Leslie Meyers, Phoenix Area Manager, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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RESOLUTION OF THE NEW MEXICO INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION REGARDING THE REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR DESIGNATION AS JOINT LEAD WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FOR THE NEW MEXICO UNIT OF THE CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2004, the President of the United States signed into law the Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA), Public Law 108-451; and

WHEREAS, the AWSA awarded New Mexico up to an annual average of 14,000 acre-feet of water and funding to develop that water through a New Mexico Unit of the Central Arizona Project (CAP); and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission has special knowledge and expertise related to water management and the water laws of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the AWSA gives power to the Interstate Stream Commission to act on behalf of the State of New Mexico in a number of respects related to the AWSA; and

WHEREAS, during its November 24, 2014 public meeting, the Interstate Stream Commission voted to notify the Secretary of the Interior that New Mexico intends to pursue construction of a New Mexico Unit of the CAP; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2014, the State of New Mexico, acting through its Interstate Stream Commission, gave notice to the Secretary of the Interior that it intends to construct the New Mexico Unit of the Central Arizona Project; and

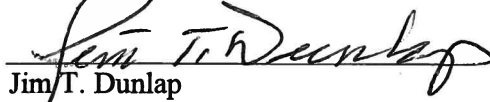
WHEREAS, the AWSA requires that, upon request by the State of New Mexico acting through the Interstate Stream Commission to the Secretary of Interior, the State of New Mexico shall be designated as a Joint Lead agency, together with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, with respect to environmental compliance and in particular under the National Environmental Policy Act, Pub. L. 108-451, Section 212(h)(3), 118 Stat. 3478, 3529.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State of New Mexico, through its Interstate Stream Commission, will request of the Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, that the Interstate Stream Commission be designated as

Joint Lead Agency with respect to environmental compliance for the New Mexico Unit of the Central Arizona Project.

Approved this 26th day of February 2015, at the meeting of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

BY:



Jim T. Dunlap

Chairman

New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission