

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

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel.**     )  
**State Engineer,**                     )  
  )  
  **Plaintiff,**                     )  
  **v.**                                     )  
  )  
**R. LEE AAMODT, et al.,**             )  
  )  
  **Defendants,**                     )  
**and**   )  
  )  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**     )  
**PUEBLO DE NAMBE,**                 )  
**PUEBLO DE POJOAQUE,**            )  
**PUEBLO DE SAN ILDEFONSO,**     )  
**and PUEBLO DE TESUQUE,**         )  
  )  
  **Plaintiffs-in-Intervention.)**  
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**NO. 66cv6639 MV/LCS**

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE SPECIAL MASTER SEARCH  
AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COURT**

COMES NOW, the State of New Mexico on the Relation of the State Engineer (“State”), by and through its undersigned attorney, and hereby moves this Court to extend the time to complete the search for a special master and develop recommendations for the Court until December 15, 2007, and in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On June 6, 2007, at the Status Conference held that day, the Court ordered that the Mediation Parties complete their search for a special master, and make recommendations to the Court regarding the appointment of a special master, no later than September 1, 2007.
2. On September 5, 2007, the Court entered its Order extending that deadline to November 1, 2007 (No. 6253).

3. On Friday, September 28, 2007, the Mediation parties undertook face-to-face interviews with four special master candidates in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

4. During the month of September the parties also re-advertised the position in the New Mexico Bar Bulletin in hopes of bolstering the candidate pool with a greater number of in-State applicants.

5. As a result of that advertisement, a significant number of additional applications were received.

6. At the mediation session on October 25, 2007, the Mediation Parties reviewed those applications, and selected four candidates from among them for further consideration.

7. The Mediation Parties have set aside Friday, November 30, 2007 to be available in Santa Fe, New Mexico for face-to-face interviews with the special master candidates selected from among those additional applications.

8. This extension of the process beyond the November 1, 2007 deadline was necessitated by challenges of scheduling, and coordinating the availability of Mediation Parties and special master candidates.

WHEREFORE the State requests the Court to extend the time to complete the search for a special master and develop recommendations for the Court until December 15, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on November 2, 2007, I filed the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time to Complete Special Master Search and Develop Recommendations for the Court electronically through the CM/ECF system, which caused the parties or counsel reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing to be served by electronic means: