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DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. STATE)
ENGINEER,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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R. LEE AAMODT, et al.,)
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Defendants,)
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And)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
PUEBLO DE NAMBÉ,)
PUEBLO DE POJOAQUE,)
PUEBLO DE SAN ILDEFONSO, and)
PUEBLO DE TESUQUE,)
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Plaintiffs-in-Intervention.)

No. 66cv6639 MV/WPL

**PRE-BASIN WELL OWNER RESPONSE TO NEW MEXICO STATE ENGINEER
MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Larry Romero *Estate of Jim Romero*, *Pro Se*, Pre-Basin Well Owner herein for (his/her/their) response
Virginia Espinoza (Print Well Owner Name)
Loretta Valdez
Ceraldine Towles
to the State Engineer's Motion for Order to Show Cause why Pre-basin should not be wholesale
reduced to 0.7 acre feet, and for their reasons state.

1. The State Engineer's attorneys acting with the authority of the Attorney General have previously promised that if a person registered their pre-basin well that they would be under no threat of having their permitted amount of water reduced in the future. This Motion is in direct contradiction of those promises.
2. The State Engineer has completely failed to identify and provide information as to which

wells this would apply to, making it nearly impossible to determine whether or not all affected persons are even aware of this new deception by the State Engineer's attorneys or whether or not the Attorney General supports the use of his authority in this manner.

3. Prior to granting the Motion it respectfully requested that the Court hold a public hearing on this matter and allow testimony of affected individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta R. Valerud

Signature of Pre-Basin Well Owner

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