

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*
State Engineer

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROMAN ARAGON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

69cv07941-BB

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM
Section 1, Chama Mainstream

Winfield Morten Ditch
Subfile Nos. 3.27 & 4.11

MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES

COMES NOW the Plaintiff State of New Mexico, *ex rel.* State Engineer and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(a)(1) moves the Court to issue its order substituting the persons or entities listed below for defendant RANCHO DE ABIQUIU, INC., with respect to the water rights under subfiles 3.27 and 4.11 in the Chama Mainstream Section, and as grounds states the following:

1. The following persons or entities now own portions of the water rights described in the *Order and Decree* filed August 7, 1969 (Doc. No. 509) that sets forth the rights of Rancho de Abiquiu, Inc., under the Winfield Morten Ditch (Tracts 3.27 & 4.11):

Stanley P. Bader
Arlene M. Bader
P.O. Box 738
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Portion of Tr. 3.27

Susanne E. Vertel
1500 Wilderness Gate Rd.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Portion of Tr. 3.27

Jack L. Kerr Janis C. Kerr 1327 Declovina Sante Fe, NM 87505	Portion of Tr. 3.27
Dahl Harris Ana Ortiz Harris 1889 Candelaria Santa Fe, NM 87505	Portion of rights in Tr. 3.27 (by transfer)
Grey Revocable Living Trust 2515 S. Solano Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001	Portion of Tr. 3.27 & 4.11
Donald K. Willis Virginia Gabaldo 58379 Vera Lane Yucca Valley, CA 92284	Portion of Tr. 4.11
Ellen Arntz P.O. Box 733 Abiquiu, NM 87510	Portion of Tr. 4.11
David A. Swingle P.O. Box 155 Abiquiu, NM 87510	Portion of Tr. 4.11
Dan Medina Mickie Medina HC 64 Box 6-A Chimayo, NM 87522	Portion of Tr. 4.11
Scott Paul Markman Toshiyuki Kawahara P.O. Box 169 Abiquiu, NM 87510	Portion of Tr. 4.11
Jean A. Archer P.O. Box 197 Abiquiu, NM 87510	Portion of Tr. 4.11

2. The *Order and Decree* filed August 7, 1969 (Doc. No. 509) determined a priority date of 1947 for the water rights of the Rancho de Abiquiu, Inc., under the Winfield Morten Ditch. This priority date was based on a license issued by the New Mexico State Engineer (OSE No. 2590), with a priority date of February 20, 1947, for the appropriation of 270.9 acre feet of water diverted from the Rio Chama through the Winfield Morten Ditch.

3. The lands under the Winfield Morten Ditch were left out of the Order to Show Cause proceedings with respect to the redetermination of priority dates in Section 1. *See generally, Order re Form of Notice and Form of Order to Show Cause re Priority Dates for Individual Irrigation Subfiles* filed October 3, 1994 (Doc. No. 3521); *Order Amending July 8, 1994 Order re Adjudication of Water Right Priorities* filed October 21, 1994 (Doc. No. 3956); *Second Order Amending July 8, 1994 Order re Adjudication of Water Right Priorities* filed December 5, 1994 (Doc. No. 3971).

4. In order to enter a final order on the priorities of all ditches in Section 1, and to hold comprehensive *inter se* proceedings within Section 1 on priorities, the Court needs to address the question of whether or not the priority date of the Winfield Morten Ditch should be revised.

5. The State believes that there is no basis to reconsider the previous determination of the priority date of the Winfield Morten Ditch (1947), and that the Court should enter an Order that confirms the 1947 priority date after appropriate notice and opportunity to be heard from the persons or entities listed above.

6. Following a substitution of parties, the State will file a motion for approval of a Notice and Order to Show Cause to be served on the new defendants that would require them to notify the Court of any objection they might have to an Order of the Court that would confirm the 1947 priority date.

WHEREFORE the State of New Mexico requests the Court to enter its order substituting the persons or entities listed above for defendant Rancho de Abiquiu, Inc., with respect to the water rights under the Winfield Morten Ditch under subfiles 3.27 and 4.11 in the Chama Mainstream Section.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ed Newville

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 26th day of June, 2009 I filed the foregoing electronically through the CM/ECF system which caused the parties listed on the electronic service list, as more fully set forth in the Notice of Electronic Filing, to be served via electronic mail, and served the following non-CM/ECF Participants in the manner indicated:

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