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SAN JUAN COUNTY NM  
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ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ex rel., STATE ENGINEER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Defendants,

vs.

THE JICARILLA APACHE TRIBE and  
THE NAVAJO NATION,

Defendant-Interveners.

D-1116-CV-75-184  
Honorable James J. Wechsler  
Judge Pro Tempore

SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN  
ADJUDICATION

La Plata River Section

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF APRIL 28, 2026 STATUS REPORT DEADLINE AND  
TO CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5, 2026**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.* State Engineer (“State”) respectfully requests that the Court extend the time for State to submit the Status Report to a deadline of May 28, 2026. The State also requests that the Court continue the Status Conference set for May 5, 2026, to a date on or after June 4, 2026. At a Status Conference on December 2, 2025, the Court ordered the State to submit a Status Report by a deadline of April 28, 2026. The Court also ordered the State to attend a Status Conference on May 5, 2026.

As good cause for this Motion, the State provides the following:

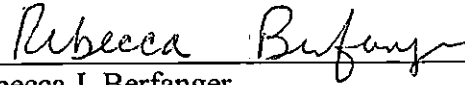
1. The State’s lead counsel on this case, Gary Storm, has recently retired.
2. The State is engaged in the process of moving from the office building where it has conducted business for more than 20 years. Although the State has been planning and preparing to move office buildings for two months, the timeline for the move has been

recently changed such that the State must be moved out of its current office building by May 5, 2026, the date of the Status Conference.

3. Due to the accelerated timeline for moving, legal staff has been engaged in organizing and packing important files and records for the move and expect that this activity will continue for the next several weeks making it difficult to submit the status report and attend the conference as scheduled.
4. Therefore, the State requests an additional 30 days for a deadline of May 28, 2026, as a reasonable amount of time to submit a Status Report.
5. The State anticipates it will be available for a Status Conference on or after June 4, 2026.
6. Additionally, on April 6, 2026, the Court ordered Municipalities of Farmington, Bloomfield and Aztec (“Municipalities”) or their counsel to appear at the status conference to be held in this case on May 5, 2026, to set a timeline for completing the adjudication of the Municipalities’ water rights.
7. The State therefore requests that the Court require Municipalities or their counsel to appear at a rescheduled Status Conference.

Wherefore, the State respectfully requests an extension of the deadline for a Status Report until May 28, 2026, and a continuance of the Status Conference until on or after June 4, 2026. The State also requests that the Municipalities or their counsel to be ordered to appear at the rescheduled Status Conference as they were ordered on April 6, 2026, to appear for the May 5, 2026 Status Conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on April 21, 2026, an electronic version of this document was filed and served by electronic mail to [sanjuanwater-grp@nmcourts.gov](mailto:sanjuanwater-grp@nmcourts.gov).



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