

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN CHAMBERS ( X ) IN OPEN COURT ( )

SPECIAL MASTER GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.  
Presiding

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION  
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE  
GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

DATE: April 15, 2010

CIVIL NO. W1-11-232  
(Consolidated)

ORDER GRANTING THE  
REQUEST OF THE UNITED  
STATES FOR ADDITIONAL  
TIME AND EXTENDING THE  
TIME TO FILE RESPONSES

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Special Master grants the request of the United States for an extension of time until April 23, 2010, to file comments and May 7, 2010, to file responsive memoranda. The latter deadline shall apply to all parties who wish to file responses.

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The United States requested an extension of time until April 23, 2010, to file comments concerning the next phase of this case and until May 7, 2010, to file responsive memoranda. The United States needs additional time to consult with officials

of the Department of the Interior. The Special Master finds good cause for the request, which is granted.

Responses are forthcoming. Counsel is asked to be inventive and realistic in presenting recommendations. The current budget situation in state government and at the Arizona Department of Water Resources is unprecedented. We must respect legal requirements and precedents and make every effort to explore where progress in this case is achievable.

The United States is asked to suggest ways that will allow the government sufficient time to coordinate with all the people it must consult. The United States is expending resources in regularly requesting extensions of time. Good ideas to streamline the process will be appreciated.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Granting the request of the United States for an extension of time until **April 23, 2010**, to file recommendations concerning the next phase of this case.

2. Extending the time to file responsive memoranda to **May 7, 2010**. This extension of time shall apply to all parties who wish to file responses.

DATED: April 15, 2010.

/s/ George A. Schade, Jr.  
GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.  
Special Master

On April 15, 2010, the original of the foregoing was delivered to the Clerk of the Maricopa County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for Contested Case No. W1-11-232 dated January 20, 2010.

/s/ Barbara K. Brown  
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