

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: December 30, 2002

CIVIL NO. W1-11-1174
(Consolidated)

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re PWR 107 Claims.*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Special Master grants the United States' Motion to Extend the December 31, 2002 Deadline to File Amended Claims.

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ORDER

On December 26, 2001, the United States requested an extension of time to January 31, 2003, to file amended statements of claimant in this contested case. The amended statements are due on December 31, 2002. The motion states that the Bureau of Land Management has "recently completed a new field investigation of each claimed source," and these examinations "will result in adjustments to certain elements" of the claims, "but these changes are not substantial." Furthermore, the motion states that settlement of these claims may be reached. The United States avows that it contacted the objecting parties, and with the exception of one party and two counsel who could not be contacted in time, the other parties in this contested case did not object to the motion.

The Special Master finds good cause to grant the motion.

Pending in this case are the Special Master's determinations of two designated issues of broad legal importance and the Arizona Department of Water Resources' supplemental contested case hydrographic survey report ("HSR") that is due on March 3, 2003. As this extension and the determinations of the issues of broad legal importance may affect the timeline for the preparation of the HSR, the Special Master will address the March 3, 2003, deadline in his order on the issues of broad legal importance.

IT IS ORDERED that the motion of the United States for an extension of time to and including Friday, January 31, 2003, to file amended statements of claimant is GRANTED, but no further extensions will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances.

DATED: December 30, 2002.

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

The foregoing mailed this 30th day of December to those parties who appear on the Court-approved mailing list for Contested Case No. W1-11-1174 (Consolidated) dated December 10, 2002.

/s/ KDolge
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