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

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

No. CV 6417

ORDER TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF ADJUDICATION EXPENSES

This matter coming before the Court on its own motion to transfer funds from the Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court to the Administrative Office of the Courts ("AOC") for the purpose of paying expenses related to the conduct of the Adjudication;

The Court finds that:

- 1. The Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court administers the fund that the Apache County Treasurer manages.
- 2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-255(B), the Superior Court shall fix the expenses related to the conduct of the Adjudication.
- 3. The AOC requires a transfer of monies from the fund of filing fees to pay for expenses related to the conduct of the Adjudication incurred in fiscal year 2019 which began on July 1, 2018, and ends on June 30, 2019.
- 4. The expenditure of this money for expenses related to the conduct of the Adjudication is appropriate under A.R.S. § 45-255(B).

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- 5. Certain expenses paid in fiscal year 2019 were directly related to the Little Colorado River Adjudication in the amount of \$1,900, and this amount should be paid from the fund of filing fees and transferred to the AOC.
- 6. For fiscal year 2019, the Court approved the allocation of compensation and expenses between the two adjudication as 15 percent of the compensation and expenses related to the conduct of the Adjudications were to be paid from the fund of filing fees in this adjudication, and 85 percent from the Gila River Adjudication fund. These expenses are considered common to both adjudications.
- 7. The common expenses incurred in this adjudication during fiscal year 2019 were \$28,994.46.
- 8. The legislature appropriated a total of \$190,700.00 for compensation and expenses incurred in both Adjudications during fiscal year 2019, of which \$28,605.00 has been or will be used to pay the common expenses incurred in this adjudication.
- 9. The balance of common expenses for the Little Colorado Adjudication for the fiscal year 2019 that should be paid from the fund of filing fees and transferred to the AOC is \$389.46.
- 10. The transfer of \$2,289.46 (\$1,900 + \$389.46) from the fund of filing fees to the AOC for payment of fiscal year 2019 expenses is timely and in accordance with law.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court shall immediately obtain the transfer of \$2,289.46 from the account maintained for the filing fees in this proceeding to the AOC, Attn: Ms. Candy Frazier.
- 2. This transfer is not a final determination of the question of what proportion of the Special Master's compensation and expenses should be paid from the filing fees collected in this adjudication. The Court specifically reserves final determination of the basis for allocating the Special Master's compensation and expenses between the two adjudications.

DATED: June <u>17</u>, 2019.

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Judge of the Superior Court

On June 18, 2019, the original was mailed to the Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court for filing and distributing to those parties who appear on the Court-approved mailing list for Case No. CV 6417.