IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

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IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE Supreme Court No.) WC-79-0006 [WC-6] Apache County No. 6417 **ORDER**

Judge Michael C. Nelson has resigned as judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Apache County. While actively serving on the Apache County bench, this court approved the appointment of Judge Nelson to facilitate settlement negotiations among the parties participating in proceedings to resolve matters pertaining to the use of water in the Little Colorado River System and Source.

By reason of Judge Nelson's resignation, it becomes necessary to discontinue authority previously vested in him as a facilitator and settlement judge in the General Adjudication above referenced.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the authority granted to former Judge Nelson in the Little Colorado General Adjudication was effectively terminated upon his resignation from judicial office.

DATED this <u>26th</u> day of March, 2004.

/s/Charles E. Jones Charles E. Jones Chief Justice

This order is sent to all persons appearing on the Courtapproved mailing lists for the Gila River adjudication and the Little Colorado River adjudication, both dated October 6, 2003.