

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: September 26, 2006

CIVIL NO. W1-11-605

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST  
TO CONTINUE BRIEFING  
SCHEDULE

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Fort Huachuca.*

HSR INVOLVED: San Pedro River Watershed Hydrographic Survey Report.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Special Master grants the request of the United States to continue the briefing schedule set in the July 19, 2006, order. The telephonic status conference previously set on January 18, 2007, is not changed.

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The United States has requested that the briefing schedule of the designated issues be continued for four months. The additional time will allow the United States to confer with the other parties in this case about the possibility of a more comprehensive settlement of water right claims of the United States in the San Pedro River Watershed.

At a status conference held on September 19, 2006, in a matter involving the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, the Special Master heard the desire of several parties to explore the possibility of a comprehensive settlement involving other water right claims of the United States. Continuing this briefing schedule was believed to

be conducive to these exploratory discussions in which the United States will take the facilitating lead.

Because the deadline for filing motions is immediate and for the reasons stated in the prior orders granting extensions of the briefing schedule, the Special Master will rule on the motion without waiting for responses and will grant the request. These new deadlines will not be continued absent very extraordinary circumstances.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The request of the United States to continue the briefing schedule is granted. Section 8 of the May 5, 2005, Scheduling Order is revised to extend the deadline for filing motions concerning the designated issues to **January 25, 2007**.
2. Section 9 of the Scheduling Order is revised to extend the deadline for filing responses to **March 26, 2007**.
3. Section 10 of the Scheduling Order is revised to extend the deadline for filing replies to **May 29, 2007**.
4. This schedule will not be extended absent very extraordinary circumstances.
5. The telephonic status conference set on **Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. (MST)** is not affected by this order. The United States and other parties shall report on the progress of settlement discussions. The call-in telephone number for the conference will be provided at a later time.

DATED: September 26, 2006.

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

On September 26, 2006, 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. W1-11-605 dated July 7, 2006.

/s/ KDolge  
Kathy Dolge