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:** January 16, 2009

W-1 (Salt)

W-2 (Verde)

W-3 (Upper Gila)

W-4 (San Pedro)

(Consolidated)

ORDER GRANTING THE
REQUEST OF THE UNITED
STATES FOR AN EXTENSION OF
TIME TO FILE REPORT AND
EXTENDING THE TIME FOR
OTHER CLAIMANTS TO FILE
COMMENTS

CONTESTED CASE NAME: None.

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 to February 2, 2009, to file its report and extends the time for other claimants to file comments to March 6, 2009.

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The United States has requested an extension of time to February 2, 2009, to file its report pursuant to the order issued on September 22, 2008. The United States needs

additional time to confer and submit comments concerning organizing a contested case it believes "may be precedent-setting" for water rights claims filed pursuant to the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-628, 104 Stat. 4469 (1990).

No objections to the request have been received. Accordingly, the request will be granted, and the time for other claimants to file comments will be extended to March 6, 2009.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. On or before **February 2, 2009**, the United States shall file its report as directed in the order issued on September 22, 2008.
- 2. On or before **March 6, 2009**, any claimant in the San Pedro River Watershed may file comments concerning the organization of a contested case and any of the matters listed in the September 22, 2008, order.

DATED: January 16, 2009.

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

On January 16, 2009, 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 the Gila River Adjudication Nos. W-1, W-2, W-3, and W-4 (Consolidated) dated July 25, 2008, and the City of Benson, P. O. Box 2223, Benson, Arizona 85602.

/s/ George A. Schade, Jr.
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