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SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In Re:

THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION

OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN

THE GILA RIVER SYSTEM AND SOURCE

Maricopa County

Nos. W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4

[Consolidated]

Contested Case

No. W1-207

ORDER

A pre-submittal conference was held on August 11, 2008. During the conference, the parties that filed Notices of Appearance discussed further briefing on the merits and the scheduling of oral argument for the petition granted interlocutory review in this matter. Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED that the request for further briefing is GRANTED. Petitioner's brief may be filed by ASARCO, LLC on or by October 15, 2008. Respondents United States of America and Gila River Indian Community may file responding briefs on or by November 14, 2008. Petitioner may file its reply on or by December 15, 2008. The briefs shall comply with the Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file their designation of record, if any, with their briefs, and that the record may include documents filed in Contested Cases W1-207 and W1-203. Each written designation of record shall include a short description identifying with specificity the portion of the document pertinent to the presentation of the arguments and shall identify the specific issue to which the designation is relevant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the date and time for oral argument on the petition for interlocutory review will be set after the completion of the briefing.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the argument on the petition for interlocutory review filed by ASARCO, LLC shall proceed according to the following format: petitioner ASARCO, LLC may have 20 minutes for opening argument/rebuttal, respondent United States may have 10 minutes for response, and respondent Gila River Indian Community may have 10 minutes for response. Respondents and any other party joining in a responding brief may agree among themselves for a different allocation of argument and shall inform the Court of any such allocation not later than 20 days prior to oral argument.

DATED this 15th day of August, 2008.

RUTH V. McGREGOR

Chief Justice

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