

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

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
LITTLE COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM
AND SOURCE

DATE: October 26, 2011

CV 6417-201

SEVENTH ORDER MODIFYING
THE CASE INITIATION ORDER
AND THIRD ORDER MODIFYING
THE ORDER CONCERNING
BRIEFING ON SPANISH AND
MEXICAN LAW

CONTESTED CASE NAME: *In re Hopi Tribe Priority.*

HSR INVOLVED: None.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Special Master adopts and approves the briefing schedule proposed by the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, and the United States for discovery and briefing concerning the Spanish and Mexican law issues.

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The Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, and the United States submitted a joint proposal for a briefing schedule including discovery and filing of motions, responses, and replies concerning the Spanish and Mexican law issues. These parties advised that counsel for the Arizona State Land Department, Catalyst Paper (Snowflake) Inc., City of Flagstaff, Salt River Project, and the claimants represented by Brown & Brown Law Offices, P.C. did not object to the proposed schedule.

Brown & Brown Law Offices, P.C. commented on its preference for the location of hearings. The Special Master will give an opportunity to comment regarding dates, times, and locations of evidentiary hearings and oral arguments. It is anticipated that oral argument on motions concerning these issues will be held in October - November 2012.

The proposed schedule is adopted. The following modifications to the Case Initiation Order dated September 8, 2008, and the orders concerning briefing of the Spanish and Mexican law rights dated May 12, 2010, and September 13, 2011, are made.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Modifying Paragraph 10(C) (Discovery: Completion) of the Case Initiation Order to provide that depositions or other discovery concerning the reports on Spanish and Mexican law issues shall be completed by **March 30, 2012**.

2. Modifying Paragraph 11 (Motions) of the Case Initiation Order to provide that motions and statements of position on Spanish and Mexican law rights shall be filed by **April 27, 2012**.

3. Modifying Paragraph 12 (Responses) of the Case Initiation Order to provide that responses to motions and statements of position on Spanish and Mexican law rights shall be filed by **June 20, 2012**.

4. Modifying Paragraph 13 (Replies) of the Case Initiation Order to provide that replies to all motions on Spanish and Mexican law rights shall be filed by **August 10, 2012**.

DATED: October 26, 2011.

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

On October 26, 2011, the original of the foregoing was mailed to the Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for the Little Colorado River Adjudication Civil No. 6417-201 dated July 25, 2011. The Special Master distributed a copy by electronic mail.

/s/ Barbara K. Brown
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