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WC-79-0001

ADJUDICATION OF THE RIGHTS TO USE THE GILA RIVER

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Side 1. IN THE MATTER OF THE RIGHTS TO THE USE OF THE GILA RIVER, Other

(Litigant Group) PHELPS DODGE CORPORATION

- **Freeport-McMoRan Corporation, Petitioner**

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(Litigant Group) BUCKEYE IRRIGATION COMPANY

- **Buckeye Irrigation Company, Petitioner-in-Intervention**

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(Litigant Group) HAL BUTLER FARMS, INC/SEVEN SPRINGS RANCH/ST. JOHNS IRRIGATION

- **Hal Butler Farms Inc, Respondent**
- **Seven Springs Ranch, Respondent**
- **St Johns Irrigation & Ditch Company, Respondent**

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(Litigant Group) THE HOPI TRIBE

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(Litigant Group) SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT/SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION

- **Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District, Respondent**
- **Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, Respondent**

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(Litigant Group) PINETOP-LAKESIDE SANITARY DISTRICT/WHITE MOUNTAIN SUMMER HOMES DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/OJO BONITO DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/LITTLE COLORADO SANITARY DISTRICT/PONDEROSA DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/HEBER DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/OVERGAARD DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/WONDERLAND ACRES DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/PORTER CREEK DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/SKY-HI DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT/VERNON DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

- Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District, Respondent
- White Mountain Summer Homes Domestic Water Improvement Dist, Respondent
- Ojo Bonito Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent
- Little Colorado Sanitary District, Respondent
- Ponderosa Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent
- Heber Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent
- Overgaard Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent
- Wonderland Acres Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent
- Porter Creek Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent
- Sky-Hi Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent
- Vernon Domestic Water Improvement District, Respondent

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(Litigant Group) ASARCO INCORPORATED

- ASARCO Incorporated, Respondent

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(Litigant Group) LAWRENCE J. SLADE/JESSIE A. SLADE, TRUSTEES

- Lawrence J Slade, Respondent
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SOLE PRACTITIONER
Admitted 9/26/70

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- Jessie A Slade, Respondent

(Litigant Group) SHOW LOW UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

- Show Low Unified School District No 10, Joinder-in-Opposition

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(Litigant Group) CECIL NAEGLE/MILDRED NAEGLE/H. CLIVE WILTANK/MELBA WILTBANK/RONALD WILTBANK/EDITH WILTBANK

(Litigant Group) CITIES OF AVONDALE, CHANDLER, GLENDALE, MESA AND SCOTTSDALE

- City of Chandler, Respondent
- City of Glendale, Respondent
- City of Scottsdale, Respondent
- City of Tempe, Respondent
- City of Avondale
- City of Mesa

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(Litigant Group) CITY OF SHOW LOW/TOWN OF PINETOP-LAKESIDE/LAKE OF THE WOODS COMPANY, LTD.

- City of Show Low, Respondent
- City of Pinetop-Lakeside, Respondent
- Lake of the Woods Company LTD, Respondent

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(Litigant Group) SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE/TONTO APACHE TRIBE/YAVAPAI APACHE INDIAN COMMUNITY/CAMP VERDE RESERVATION

- San Carlos Apache Tribe, Respondent
- Tonto Apache Tribe, Respondent
- Yavapai Apache Indian Community, Respondent
- Camp Verde Reservation, Respondent

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ARIZONA CHAPTER OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY;
ASARCO LLC;
AZTEC LAND & CATTLE COMPANY, LTD.;
AZTEC LAND COMPANY, LLC;
BABACOMARI RANCH COMPANY;
BAR T BAR RANCH, INC.;
EUELL BARNES;
BAYLESS & BERKALEW COMPANY;
BRIGHTHAWK, LLC;
J. ALBERT BROWN RANCHES, INC.;
CENTRAL ARIZONA IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT;
CITIES OF AVONDALE, CHANDLER, COTTONWOOD, GLENDALE, HOLBROOK, MESA,
PHOENIX, SCOTTSDALE, SHOW LOW, ST. JOHNS, TEMPE, TUCSON, AND WINSLOW;
CRATER RANCH, LLC;
DOBSON LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LLC;
EUREKA SPRINGS CATTLE COMPANY;
FLYING M RANCH;
FOREST LAKES DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT;
FRANKLIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT;
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FREEPORT MINERALS CORPORATION;
GILA VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT;
LACKNER LIVING TRUST;
LAKESIDE IRRIGATION COMPANY;
LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT;
MARICOPA-STANFIELD IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT;
MARKHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT;
NEW MAGMA IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT;
PIMA COUNTY;
PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT;
PINETOP-LAKESIDE SANITARY DISTRICT;
DAVID RYCHENER AND JOYCE H. SKELDON;
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT;
SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION;
SAN CARLOS IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT;
SHOW LOW/PINETOP-WOODLAND IRRIGATION COMPANY;
SILVER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT;
ST. DAVID IRRIGATION DISTRICT;
TOWNS OF EAGAR, SNOWFLAKE, SPRINGVILLE, AND TAYLOR;
TURCOTTE FAMILY TRUST;
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(Litigant Group) FREEPORT MINERALS CORPORATION

- Freeport Minerals Corporation, Joinder

(Litigant Group) THE ARIZONA CHAPTER OF NATURE CONSERVANCY

- Arizona Chapter of Nature Conservancy, Joinder

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(Litigant Group) UNITED STATES

- United States, Commentor

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(Litigant Group) YAVAPAI-APACHE NATION and PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE

- Yavapai Apache Nation, Respondent
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Respondent

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(Litigant Group) GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

- Gila River Indian Community, Respondent

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- Atkinson Trading Company Inc, Joinder

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(Litigant Group) NAVAJO NATION

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CASE STATUS

Jun 11, 1979....Pending

| PREDECESSOR CASE(S) | Cause/Charge/Class | Judgment/Sentence | Judge, Role <Comments> | Trial | Dispo |
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| PIN 31768 | | | <Judge: Jack G. Marks, Retired/Stanley Z. Goodfarb> | | |

69 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 20-May-1997 ****SEE DATATRIEVE FOR ALL EVENT ENTRIES PRIOR TO 5/20/1997****

FILED: [Copy of] Notice of Change of Law Firm and Address [Jerry L. Haggard, Esq., Atty for Phelps Dodge Corporation] [Orig filed in WC-90-0001]
- 26-Mar-2004 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 on the Upper Gila River System "among the United States, the State of Arizona, the Gila River Indian Community, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, the Gila Valley Irrigation District, the Franklin Irrigation District, the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, and such other parties as Judge Nelson concludes should be invited to participate in the negotiations."

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

ORDERED that the authority granted to former Judge Nelson in the Gila River General Adjudication was effectively terminated upon his resignation from judicial office. [Chief Justice Jones]
- 1-Oct-2008 FILED: Notice of Corporate Name Change for Phelps Dodge Corporation [Freeport-McMoRan Corporation]
- 1-Oct-2008 FILED: Notice of Change of Contact Person and Address for Freeport-McMoRan Corporation

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5. 30-Aug-2012 Judge Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr., the trial judge assigned to the adjudication of the Little Colorado River System and Source case and the Gila River System and Source case, has accepted an appointment to the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona. As provided by A.R.S. § 45-252(C), this Court must assign another water judge to hear these cases.
- The Court is considering assigning the Little Colorado River System and Source case and the Gila River System and Source case to one of the following superior court judges: the Honorable Mark Brain, the Honorable Joseph Kraemer, the Honorable John Rea. The Court desires the input of the parties in these cases before making this assignment. Therefore,
- IT IS ORDERED that notice of the proposed assignment of the general adjudication of the Little Colorado River System and Source case and the Gila River System and Source case to the Honorable Mark Brain, the Honorable Joseph Kraemer, or the Honorable John Rea shall be sent to all claimants in these cases. Any claimant may file written comments with the Clerk of the Supreme Court by September 21, 2012, regarding the proposed assignment.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after the assignment is made, no change of judge under Arizona Rule of Civil Procedure 42(f)(1) will be permitted. (Hon. Rebecca White Berch)
6. 21-Sep-2012 FILED: Salt River Project's Comments Regarding the Selection of a Replacement Water Adjudications Judge; Certificate of Service (Real Party in Interest SRP)
7. 21-Sep-2012 FILED: LCR Claimants' Comments Regarding the Selection of a Replacement Water Adjudications Judge; The certificate of service is included with the original pleading, attached again. (Claimants et al)
8. 17-Oct-2012 Judge Eddward P. Ballinger, Jr., the Maricopa County Superior Court trial judge assigned to the adjudications of the Gila River system and source and the Little Colorado River system and source, cannot continue to serve in this capacity because he has been appointed as a judge of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona. As provided by A.R.S. § 45-252(C), this Court must assign the cases to another superior court judge. The Court sought comments from the parties regarding the proposed judges. After considering those comments and interviewing the candidates,
- IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Mark Brain is assigned as judge in all matters related to both general stream adjudications until such time as the matters are finally resolved, or until further order of this Court.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no change of judge under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42(f)(1) will be permitted. (Hon. Rebecca White Berch)
9. 23-Aug-2018 FILED: Exhibit 1-B (to Motion for Adoption of Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims) (Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al)
10. 24-Aug-2018 FILED: Request for Court Ordered Comment Period & Public Hearing or, in Alternative, Extension of Time to File a Brief on the Merits in Response to Motion for Adoption of Special Procedural Order for Review & Approval of Water Rights Settlements and Exhibit 1; Certificate of Service (Respondent Yavapai-Apache Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
11. 24-Aug-2018 FILED: Application for Ex Parte Order Approving Substitution of Counsel and Request to be Added to Mailing List and Exhibit 1 (Attorney Montgomery and Interpreter replace Sparks, Tehan, and Ryley for Yavapai-Apache Nation) ; Certificate of Service (Respondent Yavapai-Apache Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
12. 27-Aug-2018 FILED: Entry of Appearance (Thomas L. Murphy for Gila River Indian Community) Certificate of Service (Respondent Gila River Indian Community)
13. 28-Aug-2018 FILED: Response to Request for Court Ordered Comment Period and Public Hearing or, in the Alternative, an Extension of Time to File a Brief on the Merits in Response to the Motion for Adoption of a Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights; Certificate of Service (Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al)
14. 5-Sep-2018 FILED: Reply of the Yavapai-Apache Nation & Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Support of Request for 90-Day Court Ordered Comment Period and Public Hearing Or, In The Alternative, An Extension of Time to File a Brief on the Merits in Response to the Motion for Adoption of a Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims; Exhibits A-B; Certificate of Service (Respondent Yavapai-Apache Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe)
15. 12-Sep-2018 FILED: San Carlos Apache Tribe and Tonto Apache Tribe's Notice of Joining Yavapai-Apache Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe in the Request for Court Ordered Comment Period and Public Hearing or, in the Alternative, an Extension of Time to File a Brief On the Merits in Response to the Motion for Adoption of a Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims Filed By Salt River Project, et al.; Certificate of Service (Joinder San Carlos Apache Tribe and Tonto Apache)
16. 12-Sep-2018 FILED: Application for Substitution of Counsel (Attorney Campbell, Fraser, Londen in place of O'Connell and Sachse for Hopi Tribe); Certificate of Service (Respondent Hopi Tribe)

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17. 12-Sep-2018 The Court has received a "Motion for Adoption of Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims" filed by several claimants in these two general stream adjudications (hereinafter "Movants").
- The Court has also received a "Request for Court Ordered Comment Period and Public Hearing Or, in the Alternative, an Extension of Time to File a Brief on the Merits in Response to the Motion for Adoption of a Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims." The request was filed by the Yavapai-Apache Nation and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The San Carlos Apache Tribe and Tonto Apache Tribe joined. The Movants responded.
- Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED that the request for extension of time to file a brief on the merits of the motion for adoption of the proposed special procedural order is GRANTED.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party to the Gila River Adjudication, W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 (Consolidated), or the Little Colorado River Adjudication, No. CV 6417, may file comments to the merits of the request for adoption of the proposed special procedural order on or December 11, 2018. See Court-Approved Mailing Lists, prepared by the Special Master (eff. 8/16/2018 and 8/22/2018). Parties wishing to comment are highly encouraged to join together in briefing their comments to avoid duplication
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Movants may file a combined response to any comments filed on or before January 25, 2019.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the request for oral argument is DENIED. (Hon. Robert M. Brutinel)
18. 13-Sep-2018 FILED: Amended Application for Ex Parte Order Approving Substitution of Counsel and Request to be Added to the Mailing List; Certificate of Service (Respondent Yavapai-Apache Nation)
19. 14-Sep-2018 The Court has received an "Application for Ex Parte Order Approving Substitution of Counsel and Request to Be Added to the Mailing List" filed on behalf of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED substituting Susan B. Montgomery, Robyn L. Interpreter, Jay M. Thomkus, and the law firm of Montgomery & Interpreter, PLC as counsel of record for the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the above-captioned proceedings. Substituting counsel shall replace Joe P. Sparks, Kevin T. Tehan, and John H. Ryley of the Sparks Law Firm, P.C.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED treating the request to be added to the mailing list as a formal appearance in these proceedings, since Montgomery & Interpreter, PLC and its individually-named attorneys already appear on the court-approved mailing lists for the Gila River and Little Colorado River adjudications that will be used for these proceedings. (Hon. Robert M. Brutinel)
20. 14-Sep-2018 The Court has received an "Application for Substitution of Counsel" filed on behalf of the Hopi Tribe. Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED substituting Colin F. Campbell, Eric M. Fraser, and Phillip W. Londen of the law firm of Osborn Maledon, P.A. in place of Michael P. O'Connell and Harry R. Sachse and the law firm of Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP as counsel for the Hopi Tribe for the proceedings in the above-captions matters. (Hon. Robert M. Brutinel)
21. 31-Oct-2018 FILED: Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al)
22. 31-Oct-2018 FILED: Appendix to Salt River Project's Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service (Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al)
23. 5-Nov-2018 FILED: Joinder in Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service (Joinder Freeport Minerals Corporation)
24. 5-Nov-2018 FILED: Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Joinder Freeport Minerals Corporation)
25. 6-Nov-2018 RECEIPT No.: ASC2018-01137 ; \$280.00 Applied to: SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND PO - Petitioner's Filing Fee (\$280.00) Paid for: SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT/SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION - By nCourt LLC
26. 8-Nov-2018 RECEIPT No.: ASC2018-01142 ; \$280.00 Applied to: FREEPORT MINERALS CORPORATION - Petitioner's Filing Fee (\$280.00) Paid for: FREEPORT MINERALS CORPORATION - By nCourt LLC
27. 9-Nov-2018 FILED: The Arizona Chapter of Nature Conservancy Joinder in Salt River Project's Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service (Joinder Arizona Chapter of Nature Conservancy)
28. 9-Nov-2018 FILED: Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Joinder Arizona Chapter of Nature Conservancy)
29. 13-Nov-2018 FILED: Joinder in Salt River Project's Petition for Interlocutory Review by Cities of Avondale, Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe; Certificate of Service (Joinder Cities of Avondale et al)

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30. 13-Nov-2018 FILED: Appendix to Joinder in Salt River Project's Petition for Interlocutory Review by Cities of Avondale, Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe; Certificate of Service (Joinder Cities of Avondale et al)
31. 13-Nov-2018 FILED: Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Joinder Cities of Avondale et al)
32. 16-Nov-2018 RECEIPT No.: ASC2018-01150 ; \$280.00 Applied to: THE ARIZONA CHAPTER OF NATURE CONSERVANCY - Petitioner's Filing Fee (\$280.00) Paid for: THE ARIZONA CHAPTER OF NATURE CONSERVANCY - By nCourt LLC
33. 16-Nov-2018 FILED: Joinder in SRP's Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Joinder Aravaipa Farms LLC et al)
34. 16-Nov-2018 FILED: Amended Joinder in SRP's Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service for Amended Joinder (Joinder Aravaipa Farms LLC et al)
35. 21-Nov-2018 RECEIPT No.: ASC2018-01172 ; \$280.00 Applied to: * ARAVAIPA FARMS, LLC; ARIZONA CHAPTER OF THE NAT - Petitioner's Filing Fee (\$280.00) Paid for: * ARAVAIPA FARMS, LLC; ARIZONA CHAPTER OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY; ASARCO LLC; AZTEC LAND & CATTLE COMPANY, LTD.; AZTEC LAND COMPANY, LLC; BABACOMARI RANCH COMPANY; BAR T BAR RANCH, INC.; EUELL BARNES; BAYLESS & BERKALEW COMPANY; BRIGHTHAWK, LLC; - By nCourt LLC
36. 11-Dec-2018 FILED: United States' Comments in Opposition to the Motion for Adoption of Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims (Respondent United States)
37. 11-Dec-2018 FILED: Yavapai-Apache Nation's and Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Comments on the Merits of the Proposed Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Respondent Yavapai-Apache Nation)
38. 11-Dec-2018 FILED: Appendix to the Yavapai-Apache Nation's and Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Comments On the Merits of the Proposed Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims; Certificate of Service (Respondent Yavapai-Apache Nation)
39. 11-Dec-2018 FILED: Notice of Appearance as Co-Counsel (Judith M. Dworkin, Jeffrey S. Leonard, Evan F. Hiller, and Joe W. Keene as co-counsel for Navajo Nation); Certificate of Service (Joinder Navajo Nation)
40. 11-Dec-2018 FILED: Navajo Nation's Joinder in the Comments in Opposition by
(1) the Yavapai-Apache Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe and
(2) the United States on the Merits of the Proposed Special Procedural Order for Approval of Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims; Certificate of Service (Joinder Navajo Nation)
41. 11-Dec-2018 FILED: San Carlos Apache Tribe and Tonto Apache Tribe's Comments in Opposition to the Request for Adoption of the Proposed Special Procedural Order and Notice of Joining the Comments Filed by the United States; Certificate of Service; Exhibit A; Exhibit A-1 (Joinder San Carlos Apache Tribe and Tonto Apache Tribe's)
42. 12-Dec-2018 FILED: Hopi Tribe's Joinder in (1) The United States' Comments in Opposition to the Motion for Adoption of Special Procedural Order and (2) Yavapai-Apache Nation's and Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Comments on the Merits of the Proposed Special Procedural Order; Certificate of Service (Respondent Hopi Tribe)
43. 13-Dec-2018 FILED: United States' Response in Opposition to Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service (Respondent United States)
44. 14-Dec-2018 FILED: Response to Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Respondent Gila River Indian Community)
45. 17-Dec-2018 FILED: Response of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Tonto Apache Tribe to Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service; Certificate of Compliance (Respondents San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Tonto Apache Tribe)
46. 21-Dec-2018 RECEIPT No.: ASC2018-01299 ; \$140.00 Applied to: UNITED STATES - Respondent's Filing Fee (\$140.00) Paid for: UNITED STATES - By nCourt LLC
47. 21-Dec-2018 RECEIPT No.: ASC2018-01300 ; \$140.00 Applied to: GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY - Respondent's Filing Fee (\$140.00) Paid for: GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY - By nCourt LLC

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48. 21-Dec-2018 RECEIPT No.: ASC2018-01331 ; \$140.00 Applied to: SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE/TONTO APACHE TRIBE/YAVAPAI - Respondent's Filing Fee (\$140.00) Paid for: SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE/TONTO APACHE TRIBE/YAVAPAI APACHE INDIAN COMMUNITY/CAMP VERDE RESERVATION - By nCourt LLC
49. 7-Jan-2019 FILED: Salt River Project's Reply In Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service (Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al)
50. 8-Jan-2019 FILED: Joinder in Salt River Project's Reply in Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service to Joinder (Joinder Freeport Minerals Corporation)
51. 9-Jan-2019 FILED: Joinder in Salt River Project's Reply in Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review by Cities of Avondale, Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe; Certificate of Service (Joinder City of Avondale et al)
52. 11-Jan-2019 FILED: Letter to [Mr. Barry] (Verification of Pro Hac Vice Status for Yosef Negose, R. Lee Leininger and John L. Smeltzer)
53. 11-Jan-2019 FILED: Joinder in Salt River Project's Reply in Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service to Joinder in Salt River Project's Reply in Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review (Joinder Aravaipa Farms et al)
54. 11-Jan-2019 FILED: Joinder in Salt River Project's Reply in Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service (Joinder Atkinson Trading Company, Inc.)
55. 14-Jan-2019 FILED: The Arizona Chapter of Nature Conservancy's Joinder in Salt River Project's Reply in Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review; Certificate of Service (Joinder Arizona Chapter of Nature Conservancy)
56. 14-Jan-2019 FILED: Certificate of Compliance; Certificate of Service (Joinder Arizona Chapter of Nature Conservancy)
57. 15-Jan-2019 RECEIPT No.: ASC19-00048 ; \$280.00, Authorization: 827465957784208501, Applied to: CITIES OF AVONDALE, CHANDLER, GLENDALE, MESA AND S - Overpayment Class A (\$280.00) Paid for: CITIES OF AVONDALE, CHANDLER, GLENDALE, MESA AND SCOTTSDALE - By nCourt LLC
58. 25-Jan-2019 FILED: Movants' Combined Response to Comments on Motion for Adoption of Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims; Certificate of Service; Exhibit A (Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al)
59. 28-Jan-2019 SENT: Return of Payment in the amount of \$280.00, State of Arizona Warrant No. 108849 dated 01/24/2019 to Engelman Berger PC for "Joinder in Salt River Project's Reply in Support of Petition for Interlocutory Review" filed by Joinder City of Avondale et al (See Dkt No. 189)
60. 23-Jul-2019 FILED: Ex Parte Application to Withdraw as Counsel of Record for the Tonto Apache Tribe (Joe P. Sparks and Laurel A. Herrmann of the Sparks Law Firm to be replaced by Rosettee, LLP); Certificate of Service; [Proposed] Order (Respondent Tonto Apache Tribe)
61. 31-Jul-2019 FILED: Notice of Appearance of Counsel of Record for the Tonto Apache Tribe (Lucas T. Christian and Julian Nava of Rosettee, LLP); Certificate of Service (Respondent Tonto Apache Tribe)
62. 15-Nov-2019 Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al. filed a "Motion for Adoption of Special Procedural Order for Review and Approval of Water Rights Settlements Involving Non-Indian Claimants and Certain Non-Indian Federal Water Rights Claims" on August 23, 2018 under Arizona Supreme Court No. WC-79-0001. To expedite the special procedure order, filings regarding this matter have been moved to Arizona Supreme Court case No. WC-18-0001.
- IT IS ORDERED any additional filings in this matter shall be filed in Arizona Supreme Court No. WC-18-0001. (Hon. James P. Beene)
63. 15-Nov-2019 Movants Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District et al. filed a "Petition for Interlocutory Review" on October 31, 2018 under Arizona Supreme Court No. WC-79-0001. To expedite the interlocutory review, filings regarding this matter have been moved to Arizona Supreme Court case No. WC-18-0002-IR.
- IT IS ORDERED any additional filings in this matter shall be filed in Arizona Supreme Court No. WC-18-0002-IR. (Hon. James P. Beene)

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64. 5-Dec-2019 Respondent Tonto Apache Tribe filed an "Ex Parte Application to Withdraw as Counsel of Record for the Tonto Apache Tribe" on July 23, 2019. On July 31, 2019, a "Notice of Appearance of Counsel of Record for the Tonto Apache Tribe" was filed by Lucas T. Christian and Julian Nava of Rosette, LLP. Upon consideration,
- IT IS ORDERED granting the application to withdraw of Joe P. Sparks and Laurel A. Herrmann of The Sparks Law Firm, P.C., as counsel for Respondent Tonto Apache Tribe.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED substituting Lucas T. Christian and Julian Nava of Rosette, LLP, as counsel for the Tonto Apache Tribe for the proceedings in the above-captioned matters.
(Hon. William G. Montgomery)
65. 28-Oct-2022 FILED: Comments of the Gila River Indian Community and San Carlos Apache Tribe Regarding Proposed Judge Assignment; Certificate of Service (Respondent)
66. 14-Dec-2022 FILED: Notice (of proposed assignment of additional water judge) (Hon. Joseph C. Welty, MCSC)
67. 3-Jan-2023 FILED: Salt River Project's Comments Regarding Proposed Assignment of Judge Scott Blaney; Certificate of Service (Appellant)
68. 17-Jan-2023 Judge Mark Brain, the Maricopa County Superior Court trial judge assigned to the adjudications of the Gila River System and Source and the Little Colorado River System and Source, will be rotating off his assignment as the water judge. As provided by A.R.S. § 45-252(C), this Court must assign the cases to another superior court judge. This Court requested the Maricopa County Superior Court to propose a judge for consideration in both cases. The superior court proposed the Honorable Scott Blaney for assignment as the water judge. Notice of the proposed assignment was sent to all claimants in both cases, informing them that once the assignment is made, no change of judge under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42.1 will be permitted. Claimants were also invited to file written comments with this Court no later than January 3, 2023, regarding the proposed assignment. After considering those comments,
- IT IS ORDERED that effective February 4, 2023, the Honorable Scott Blaney is assigned as judge in all matters related to both general stream adjudications until such time as the matters are finally resolved, or until further order of this Court.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge Brain retains authority to resolve matters that have been taken under advisement as of the date of this order for resolution in due course.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no change of judge under Ariz. R. Civ. P. 42.1 will be permitted. (Hon. Robert Brutinel)
69. 24-Mar-2023 Order (Filed 3/20/23 MCSC) (Hon. Scott Blaney)