

No. 141, Original

**In the
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO and
STATE OF COLORADO,**

Defendants

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER

ORDER

November 21, 2022

ORDER

For the purposes of the proceedings before the Special Master, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Order entered on November 9, 2022 directed the United States to file any motion asserting that the States' recent filings violate of the parties' confidentiality agreement, the Orders entered by the undersigned Special Master, or Federal Rule of Evidence 408 by November 23, 2022. The Order did not specify whether the filings should be filed under seal.

On November 18, 2022, the United States moved for leave to file its motion and any supporting materials under seal because they may disclose confidential settlement information exchanged by the parties, including the States. The United States further requested that access to any of its filings made under seal be limited to the Court and the States.

The Court being sufficiently advised, it is therefore ordered that the United States' motion asserting confidentiality violations and all supporting documents shall be filed under seal with access limited to the Court and the States. The United States shall file a notice of motion on the public docket.

Dated: November 21, 2022

/s/ Michael J. Melloy
Honorable Michael J. Melloy
Special Master
United States Circuit Judge