

No. 141, Original

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In the  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO and  
STATE OF COLORADO,

Defendants.

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OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER

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NOTICE TO COUNSEL

February 5, 2020

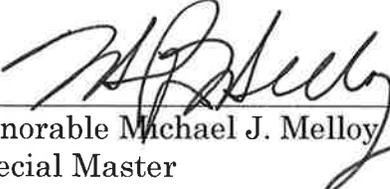
## NOTICE TO COUNSEL

I had anticipated more frequent contact with counsel in this case (either telephonically or in person) over discovery disputes and other matters. However, there has been little necessity, to date, for hearings and meetings with counsel. Parties are to be commended for their cooperation and ability to resolve disputes over discovery and other matters without court intervention. However, I think it would be appropriate at this time to schedule a status conference in order to discuss the current status of the case, including matters such as completion of discovery, setting of hearing dates, establishing a trial date, mediation and settlement, and any other relevant issues that may come before the court.

I would anticipate that a more formal agenda will be established prior to the actual hearing date. The parties will also be free to suggest issues that should be addressed at a status conference.

I am looking at setting a hearing for either the week of March 23 or March 30. I plan to hold the hearing at the federal courthouse in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I would request that each of the counsel who intends to participate in the hearing advise as to whether there are any days within that two-week window on which they are not available to participate. You do not need to file a formal pleading, but rather you can respond by e-mail. Please use the email address on the Service List [TXvNM141@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:TXvNM141@ca8.uscourts.gov). Use of that address will automatically forward the email on to all interested parties. Please let me know your availability by the close of business next Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Dated: February 5, 2020.

  
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