

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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RESPONSE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
TO MATTERS RAISED IN STATUS CONFERENCE  
OF OCTOBER 16, 2015  
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In accordance with the teleconference of the parties on October 16, 2015 and Case Management Order 8 of October 20, 2015, New Mexico respectfully advises the Court as follows:

1. The State of New Mexico, by and through its Attorney General Hector Balderas, has reviewed the transcript of the teleconference referred to above.
2. New Mexico hereby advises it has determined that the matters disclosed by Special Master A. Gregory Grimsal, in which Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC, are representing or have represented clients technically adverse or which may become adverse the United States and/or one of its agencies, present no issues of current or potential conflict, appearance of impropriety, bias, or prejudice in relation to the continuation of service of Mr. Grimsal as Special Master herein. It is New Mexico's view that the Special Master's impartiality may not reasonably be questioned because of the matters disclosed.
3. To the extent that such conflict or appearance of impropriety may be deemed to exist, it is waived by New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.



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