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Honorable Michael J. Melloy, Special Master

United States Circuit Judge

United States Courthouse

111 Seventh Avenue S.E., Box 22

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[Judge Michael Melloy@ca8.uscourts.gov](mailto:Michael.Melloy@ca8.uscourts.gov); TXvNM141@ca8.uscourts.gov

Re: *State of Texas v. State of New Mexico and State of Colorado, Original No. 141;*
Elephant Butte Irrigation District – Request for Permission to Appear Telephonically
at March 31, 2020 Status Conference.

Dear Special Master Melloy,

As counsel for the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, I am writing to request permission to appear and participate telephonically in the Status Conference scheduled for March 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Cedar Rapids. I understand you may already be considering converting this hearing to a telephonic hearing instead of an in-person hearing, and I have no intention of outweighing any of the parties to this litigation regarding their opinions on whether an in-person hearing is necessary. In fact, until recently, I had planned on attending the Status Conference in person. My request is necessary because I am nearing the end of my second trimester of pregnancy and, due to pregnancy abnormalities and COVID-19 (Coronavirus), my doctors have both advised me not to travel out of state and to stay close to home in the event of any further complications.

Your attention to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BARNCASTLE LAW FIRM

By /s/Samantha R. Barncastle

Samantha R. Barncastle, Counsel for EBID

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