

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

**STATE OF COLORADO'S MOTION FOR PRESENTATION TIME AT
STATUS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 23, 2024**

Colorado requests the Special Master allow it fifteen minutes to present at the status conference scheduled for October 23, 2024. Colorado has conferred with the other parties and the United States, Texas, and New Mexico do not object to this motion.

Colorado has been a party to this case since its beginning. Texas named Colorado as a defendant because it was a signatory to the Rio Grande Compact.

Texas's Complaint, ¶5. Likewise, the United States intervened and recognized that Colorado is a party to the compact. United States Complaint in Intervention, ¶5. No party has asserted any claims against Colorado, and consequently, it has taken a more limited role in this litigation. However, Colorado has repeatedly asserted its interests to prevent adjudication of its rights in the Rio Grande Compact or to preclude adverse precedent in the law of interstate compacts in this original action. As a party, Colorado has an interest in a declaration of the meaning of the Rio Grande Compact. Colorado is also a signatory to nine interstate water apportionment compacts and recognizes the importance of original actions interpreting them. It is aware that, although this case is specific to the Rio Grande Compact, the limited number of original actions often places outsized importance any interstate compact litigation.

Allotting fifteen minutes to Colorado at the status conference will help the Special Master more fully understand the scope of the litigation and further proceedings. Colorado will coordinate its presentation with the other Compacting States in presenting the requested tutorial to the special master and will not provide

duplicative material. This will allow the special master to get a more complete understanding of the Compacting States' position on the litigation and the best path forward without unnecessarily prolonging the status conference.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of October 2024,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 15th day of October, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **State of Colorado's Motion for Presentation Time at Status Conference Scheduled for October 23, 2024** to be served on the parties and filed with the Special Master through Third Circuit Case Management and Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System.

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