1 2 3 4 5 6 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF APACHE 8 9 IN RE THE GENERAL 10 ADJUDICATION OF ALL RIGHTS TO 11 USE WATER IN THE LITTLE CV 6417-203 COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM AND 12 **SOURCE** ORDER DENYING THE LCR 13 COALITION'S MOTION FOR LEAVE 14 TO FILE CONSOLIDATED REPLIES AND 15 DENYING MOTION TO EXCEED PAGE **LIMITATIONS** 16 17 CONTESTED CASE NAME: In re Hopi Reservation HSR 18 HSR INVOLVED: Hopi Reservation 19 DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The LCR Coalition shall file a reply to each response 20 received to its motions that complies with the Ariz. R. Civ. P. 7.1(a)(3). 21 NUMBER OF PAGES: 2 22 23 DATE OF FILING: March 9, 2020 24 25 On March 4, 2020, the LCR Coalition filed a Motion for Leave to File Consolidated 26 Replies. The Hopi Tribe and the United States opposed the motion arguing that consolidated 27 replies with a page designation that is the product of the 11-page limitation and the number of

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responses would give the LCR an undue advantage because it would allow the LCR Coalition the opportunity to devote more than 11 pages to a single party's response. The Hopi Tribe and the United States argue that this result could occur given the brevity of some of the parties' responses.

On March 9, 2020, the LCR Coalition effectively filed a response by submitting a Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limitations. In its Motion, the LCR Coalition essentially acknowledged that it sought to file consolidated replies because it required the additional pages to fully respond to arguments made by the Hopi Tribe and the United States. In addition to the pleadings, the parties also have the opportunity to fully explain their positions at oral argument.

Given the potential for prejudice or the perception of prejudice, the established rules of civil procedure shall be applied as written. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED denying the LCR Coalition's Motion for Leave to File Consolidated Replies and Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limitations.

Susan Ward Harris Special Master

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On March 9, 2020, the original of the foregoing was mailed to the Clerk of the Apache County Superior Court for filing and distributing a copy to all persons listed on the Court approved mailing list for the Little Colorado River Adjudication Civil No. 6417-203.

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