

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF APACHE

IN CHAMBERS ( X ) IN OPEN COURT ( )

SPECIAL MASTER GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.

Presiding

IN RE THE GENERAL ADJUDICATION  
OF ALL RIGHTS TO USE WATER IN THE  
LITTLE COLORADO RIVER SYSTEM  
AND SOURCE

DATE: May 7, 2008

CIVIL NO. 6417

ORDER RESCHEDULING  
TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE  
TO JUNE 2, 2008

CONTESTED CASE NAME: Undesignated.

HSR INVOLVED: None.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Special Master vacates the telephonic conference set on May 12, 2008, and reschedules it on June 2, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the organization of a contested case in accordance with the Court's order of reference.

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On April 30, 2008, the Special Master received a request from the Hopi Tribe to reschedule the telephonic conference set on May 12, 2008, to a date in June for the reason that counsel for the Tribe has a trial in another case in May and would not be available to attend the telephonic conference. On May 2, 2008, the Special Master informed by electronic mail the majority of the parties listed on the Little Colorado River Adjudication Court approved mailing list that the conference would be rescheduled to June 2, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. unless an objection to the new date and time was received by 5:00 p.m. (MST) on May 6, 2008. The Special Master did not receive a timely objection.

Generally, the Special Master will not continue a telephonic conference or hearing except for extraordinary reasons. Conferences and hearings are set weeks in advance in order to accommodate a large number of counsel some of whom do not reside in Arizona, and second, to allow the hearing to appear in the monthly docket sheet which provides official notice to other claimants. Requests for changes often do not allow the permitted time to file responses or objections. A change close to the date of a hearing will require notification by electronic mail, and not every person on the Court approved mailing list has provided an e-mail address. Postal delivery service is often not timely.

The Special Master will grant the request in light of the facts that the movant is the Hopi Tribe, whose water rights claims are being addressed in this new proceeding, and this matter is just beginning.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The telephonic conference set on May 12, 2008, is vacated. The telephonic conference shall be held on **Monday, June 2, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. (MST)**. The parties who wish to participate in the conference will call 1-866-921-2203, press the star key (\*), dial the room number 2743132, and press the star key again. The star key must be pressed before and after the room number. Each participant will bear any long distance telephonic charges.

2. The order issued on April 18, 2008, remains in effect in all other respects.

DATED: May 7, 2008.

/s/ George A. Schade, Jr.  
GEORGE A. SCHADE, JR.  
Special Master

On May 7, 2008, 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 dated January 28, 2008.

/s/ George A. Schade, Jr.  
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