

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF CHAVES
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*
STATE ENGINEER
and PECOS VALLEY ARTESIAN
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT,
Plaintiffs,
vs.

L.T. LEWIS, *et al.*,
and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendants.

Nos. 20294 and 22600
Consolidated

Hon. James J. Wechsler
Judge *Pro Tempore*

Pecos River Stream System
Roswell Basin Section

Court No. D-504-WD-4000000

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO COMPLETE SERVICE
OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE PACKETS IN THE RELATION BACK PROCEEDINGS**

The State of New Mexico, *ex rel.* State Engineer (“State”) moves for an enlargement of time until June 30, 2027, for the State to complete service of the Revised Notice and Order to Show Cause entered by the Court on May 24, 2023.

1. On October 25, 2023, the Court entered the *Second Revised Procedural Order Governing the Completion of Relation Back Proceedings in the Roswell Section of the Pecos River Stream System Adjudication*. (“Procedural Order”) which controls service of the Revised Notice and Order to Show Cause (“Order to Show Cause”) entered by the Court on May 24, 2023.
2. The Procedural Order states that service of the Order to Show Cause shall be completed within one (1) year from the date of the service of the first Show Cause Packet. *Procedural Order*, I.D.
3. Service of Show Cause Packets began June 14, 2024.
4. Determining the Show Cause Claimants and their successors in interest (collectively “Show Cause Claimants”) requires that the subject water right files of the State Engineer be reviewed before the Show Cause Packets can be served.
5. Although the State Engineer’s water right file data management systems in the Roswell Basin are being updated, the process is not yet complete. Consequently, the State requires additional time to complete the ownership analysis of the water rights to determine the Claimants who must be served with Show Cause Packets.
6. Undersigned counsel for the State conferred with counsel for the Pecos Valley Artesian Conservancy District, who did not object to the enlargement of time.

WHEREFORE, the State requests that the Court grant its request and establish June 30, 2027, as the deadline for the State to complete service of the Show Cause Packets.

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I certify that on this 13th day of August, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Unopposed Motion for Enlargement of Time** was sent to the following persons by U.S. mail, postage, pre-paid or electronic transmission:

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