

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

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DISTRICT COURT  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NM

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO *ex rel.*  
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT, *et al.*,**

**Defendants.**

**No. D-307-CV-96-888  
Lower Rio Grande Adjudication  
James J. Wechsler, Presiding Judge**

**Stream System Issue SS-97-104  
United States' Interests**

**Stream System Issue SS-97-107  
Pre-Project Interests**

**ORDER FOR  
CONTINUED STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**


**THIS MATTER** having come before the Court on the Joint Motion filed herein on August 16, 2017, by the State of New Mexico, the United States, the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, New Mexico State University, the City of Las Cruces, the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority, the Public Service Company of New Mexico, New Mexico Pecan Growers, and the Southern Rio Grande Diversified Crop Farmers' Association for Continued Stay of Proceedings in Stream System Issue 104 (SS-97-104) and Stream System Issue 107 (SS-97-107), and a hearing having been held on August 30, 2017, and the Court having been fully advised in the premises **FINDS:**

Good cause exists to continue the Court's suspension of proceedings in SS-97-104 and SS-97-107 for the purpose of allowing the parties to continue to make progress in their negotiations.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:**

1. the joint motion for continued stay of proceedings in SS-104 and SS-107 is GRANTED, and proceedings shall be stayed until March 2, 2018, during which time the parties should diligently proceed with their negotiations;
2. the parties shall, individually or collectively, report to the Court in writing no later than March 2, 2018 on the status of their negotiations; and
3. if appropriate, the parties shall propose new scheduling orders for SS-97-107 and SS-97-104 no later than March 2, 2018.

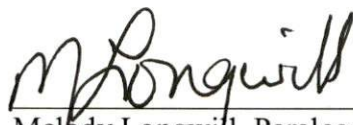
**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
James J. Wechsler  
Judge Pro Tempore

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the above file stamped date (or the following date thereafter), the foregoing **ORDER FOR CONTINUED STAY OF PROCEEDINGS** was served, as follows:

- Via e-mail to the parties listed on the SS-97-104 and SS-97-107 mailing lists located on the Lower Rio Grande Website at: <https://lrgadjudication.nmcourts.gov>
- Via regular US mail to the *pro se* parties who were not served via email
- By Posting said document on the Lower Rio Grande Website at:  
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