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|  | 25  | AND RELATED CROSS ACTIONS )  |  |
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United States has participated in settlement conferences mediated by Justice Robie on June 28 and 29, and August 9 and 10, and will attend the settlement conference scheduled for August 30 and 31. In preparation for the August 30-31 sessions, the parties were asked by Justice Robie to provide information regarding past water usage and groundwater pumping. The United States submitted this information on August 19.

Progress toward a negotiated resolution has been made at the settlement conferences, and the United States believes a complete resolution of the case is possible. Accordingly, the United States supports continued negotiations prior to establishment of future phases of trial or other litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of August, 2011.

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