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**In the  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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STATE OF TEXAS,  
Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO and  
STATE OF COLORADO,  
Defendants,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Intervenor.

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**JOINDER OF UNITED STATES IN STIPULATION OF TEXAS, STATE  
OF NEW MEXICO, AND STATE OF COLORADO REGARDING  
INVOICES; [PROPOSED] ORDER**

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On October 24, 2025, the States of Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado (Compacting States) filed a Stipulation approving the submission of a [Proposed] Order for the following Mediator invoice: Arthur J. Boylan ADR LLC, Invoice #082025, October 6, 2025, for services from September 1, 2025, through October 6, 2025. Doc. 64 (the Stipulation). The invoice was attached as Exhibit A to the Stipulation. As recited in the Stipulation, the Compacting States submitted that filing “without the review and/or prior approval of intervening party the United States . . . in light of the current shutdown of the federal government.” *Id.* at 2. The Stipulation further recited that “[t]he Compacting States are informed that counsel for the United States cannot approve payment until the shutdown is concluded.” *Id.*

On Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Congress enacted and the President signed legislation restoring the appropriation of funds to federal agencies, including the Department of Justice. The United States has since reviewed and hereby joins in the Stipulation and requests entry of the [Proposed] Order submitted by the Compacting States at Doc. 64.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of December, 2025.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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This is to certify that on the 10th day of December, 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the **JOINDER OF UNITED STATES IN STIPULATION OF TEXAS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND STATE OF COLORADO REGARDING INVOICES; [PROPOSED] ORDER** to be served on the parties and filed with the Special Master through the Third Circuit Case Management and Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System.

Respectfully submitted,

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