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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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**ORDER OF THE SPECIAL MASTER**

The Special Master having conducted a day-long status conference at the Alfred A. Arraj Courthouse in Denver, Colorado, on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, with the participation of counsel of record for the Compacting States and for the United States of America, and with input from those

amicus curiae who elected to attend, and no counsel having objected to a resumption of mediation aimed at a resolution of any and all unresolved issues presented in this eleven-plus year old litigation, it is hereby

ORDERED AND DIRECTED this 25<sup>th</sup> of October, 2024, that counsel of record for the parties, and those amici who elect to participate, shall attend a mediation to be conducted by the Honorable Arthur Boylan on a date no later than December 16, 2024, and at such time and place as the Mediator shall designate. Mediation shall be held in Washington, D.C. Counsel of record for the parties who attend shall be possessed of full authority to make decisions as to settlement, and shall also have prompt access to any decisionmakers to whom counsel are answerable.

It is further ORDERED that the parties shall forthwith make arrangements to satisfy the invoice of the court reporter for the October 24, 2024, Status Conference.

s/D. Brooks Smith  
Honorable D. Brooks Smith  
Special Master  
United States Circuit Judge  
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