

No. 141, Original

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

STATE OF TEXAS,
Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO and
STATE OF COLORADO,
Defendants.

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL MASTER

**STIPULATION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
AND STATE OF COLORADO REGARDING INVOICES;
[PROPOSED] ORDER**

The States of Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado (Compacting States) stipulate to submit the following [Proposed] Order herein, without the review and/or prior approval of intervening party the United States. The Compacting States do so in light of the current shutdown of the federal government. The Compacting States are informed that counsel for the United States cannot approve payment until the shutdown is concluded. The split of expenses within the [Proposed] Order is consistent with the prior agreement of the Compacting States and the United States.

Since there is no current indication of how long the shutdown will continue, the Compacting States submit this [Proposed] Order for the Special Master's current consideration in an effort to avoid delay relative to the subject Mediator invoice and respectfully request the Special Master's approval of the same.

[PROPOSED] ORDER

On January 15, 2025, I issued an order directing the procedure I would require to secure approval of all invoices submitted by the Mediator (1/15/25 Order). Pursuant to section II of the 1/15/25 Order, the parties jointly seek approval herein, and I hereby approve the following Mediator invoices:

A. Arthur J. Boylan ADR LLC, Invoice #082025, October 6, 2025, for services from September 1, 2025, through October 6, 2025 [Exhibit A].

1. Time: 27.75 hrs.
2. Fees: \$15,225.00
3. Expenses: \$2,461.10
4. Total Due: \$17,686.10
 - a. Split between the parties under section I.D of the 1/15/25 Order as follows:
 - i. Texas: \$5,305.83
 - ii. New Mexico: \$5,305.83
 - iii. Colorado: \$1,768.61
 - iv. United States: \$5,305.83

Date: _____

Honorable D. Brooks Smith
Special Master
United States Circuit Judge
1798 Plank Road, Suite 203
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SUBMITTED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: /s/ Stuart L. Somach

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 24 day of October 2025, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **STIPULATION OF THE STATE 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 Third Circuit Case Management and Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) System.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stuart L. Somach