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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE, Plaintiff-Intervenor, vs. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a corporation, et al., Defendants.	IN EQUITY NO. C-125-ECR SUBFILE NO. C-125-C **MOTION TO REQUIRE MINERAL COUNTY TO IDENTIFY AND FILE A REPORT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF SERVICE ON EACH INDIVIDUAL WALKER RIVER CLAIMANT**

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The Walker River Irrigation District (the "District") hereby moves this Court for an order requiring Mineral County by a date certain to identify, on an individual basis, all claimants to the waters of the Walker River and its tributaries (the "Walker River Claimants") against whom it seeks permission to assert the claims set forth in its proposed First Amended Complaint. In addition, the District moves the Court for an order requiring Mineral County

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by a date certain to file a report concerning the status of service of its Intervention Documents with respect to each individual it identifies as a Walker River Claimant.

This Motion is based on the following memorandum of points and authorities and all of the pleadings and papers on file herein.

DATED this 10th day of March, 1997.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

In October of 1994, Mineral County filed documents with this Court in an attempt to intervene in the above-captioned lawsuit. As a result, in February of 1995 this Court entered an order requiring Mineral County to serve its Intervention Documents on all claimants to the waters of the Walker River and its tributaries (the "Walker River Claimants") pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the "Service Order"). See Docket No. 19.

Since the entry of the Service Order, Mineral County has attempted to serve its Intervention Documents on numerous individuals and entities. In conducting these service efforts, however, Mineral County has failed and refused to take into consideration a paramount factor that must be established in every lawsuit. Mineral County has not identified

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the parties against whom it proposes to assert its claims. In other words, Mineral County has failed and refused to identify each and every individual and entity that it claims is a Walker River Claimant and is therefore a necessary and proper party to this action. Absent this identification, Mineral County's proposed intervention cannot possibly proceed.

II. THE COURT SHOULD REQUIRE MINERAL COUNTY TO IDENTIFY (BY NAME) ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES IT CLAIMS ARE WALKER RIVER CLAIMANTS AND TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE COURT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF ITS SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO EACH

In order to comply with the Court's orders addressing service of its Intervention Documents (See Docket Nos. 19, 44, 48, 74), Mineral County must identify each individual and entity it proposes to assert claims against and offer the Court evidence concerning completed or attempted service on those individuals and entities. Until Mineral County submits this information to the Court, it is impossible for Mineral County to be relieved of service or ordered to complete service through publication.

On or about June 2, 1995, Mineral County filed a list with this Court under the cover "Proof of Service by Mailing." Mineral County has not, however, indicated whether all or merely some of the names contained in the Proof of Service by Mailing list comprise the list of Walker River Claimants against whom Mineral County proposes to assert its claims. Therefore, at the present time, neither the Court nor any other party knows the specific identity of the individuals and entities that Mineral County will assert claims against if allowed to intervene in this matter.

In February of 1996, Mineral County claimed that it had complied with the Court's orders concerning service and had served substantially all Walker River Claimants. To rebut this claim, it was necessary for the District to attempt to determine the status of Mineral County's service by reviewing the information contained in the Return of Service and Waiver

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of Service forms (the "Service Forms") filed by Mineral County. By comparing the information contained in the Service forms to the names appearing on the "Proof of Service by Mailing" list, the District determined that Mineral had not complied with the Court's service orders or served substantially all Walker River Claimants.

At this point in Mineral County's attempted intervention, however, the initial burden of determining the status of service should be on Mineral County and not the District or any other party. As a proposed plaintiff, Mineral County should have the initial burden to establish that it has effected service on all necessary and proper parties, as defined by the Court, and that its proposed intervention is therefore ready to move forward. To make this initial showing, Mineral County must first name each individual Walker River Claimant that may someday be impacted by its claims and then, with respect to each, make a representation as to whether or not service has been accomplished. If service has not been accomplished on a specific individual or entity, Mineral County should state the reason for failing to effect service.

III. CONCLUSION

In order for this Court to relieve Mineral County of further service obligations or to order the completion of service through publication, Mineral County must first identify the Walker River Claimants that it proposes to assert claims against. In addition, to comply with the Court's service orders, Mineral County must establish completed service or offer reasons as to why service is not complete with respect to each individual and entity that it identifies as a Walker River Claimant. Initially, the burden of making this showing should fall on Mineral County as the proposed plaintiff.

Given these circumstances, the District respectfully requests that the Court enter an order: 1) requiring Mineral County by a date certain to identify, by name, each individual and

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entity it believes comprises the Walker River Claimants; and 2) requiring Mineral County by a date certain to file a report concerning the status of service of its Intervention Documents with respect to each individual Walker River Claimant which, in the event service is incomplete for a particular Walker River Claimant, states the reason as to why service has not been effected.

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