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Dear Mr. Bridgewater:

In response to your pleading and the attached report entitled "Amended Water Claims By The United States Of America For The Indian Lands In The Little Colorado River Basin", dated November 22, 1994, the Arizona Department of Water Resources (DWR) is requesting further clarification. As you are aware, the role of DWR is to provide administrative and technical assistance to the Apache County Superior Court for the Little Colorado River General Adjudication. This support includes receiving, recording, processing, and examining all statements of claimant (SOCs) and their subsequent changes or amendments.

Your November 22, 1992 amendments blanket all tribes in the Little Colorado River basin without any reference to the SOC(s) which correspond to the water use figures listed in the attached report. In order for DWR to properly amend the original SOC's filed by the United States on behalf of these tribes, DWR needs to know which SOC(s) pertains to the amended water use figures. Currently, DWR has only one SOC on record that has been filed by the United States on the tribes behalf; this SOC is No. 39-91441 submitted on behalf of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes. If some of the water use figures pertain to SOC's filed by the Tribes, each Tribe is required to file amendments to those SOC's to have them legally amended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Michael Winn at (602) 417-2442.

Sincerely,

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