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IN THE WATER COURTS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
UPPER AND LOWER MISSOURI RIVER DIVISIONS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADJUDICATION  
OF ALL THE EXISTING AND RESERVED RIGHTS  
TO THE USE OF ALL THE WATER, BOTH  
SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND OF THE  
ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE  
FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION WITHIN  
THE STATE OF MONTANA.

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THE UNITED STATES' MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF  
THE STATE OF MONTANA'S MOTION TO  
APPROVE FORT PECK-MONTANA  
COMPACT

The United States joins in the State of Montana's Motion to Approve the Fort Peck-Montana Compact (Compact) for the reasons stated generally therein and for the reasons stated in the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes' joinder in the State's Motion.

We note that the State and the Tribes also have moved for the dismissal of objections filed in opposition to the Compact. As we have not been served with the parties' briefs in support of these objections we cannot take a position, at this time, regarding their merits.

Respectfully submitted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1997.



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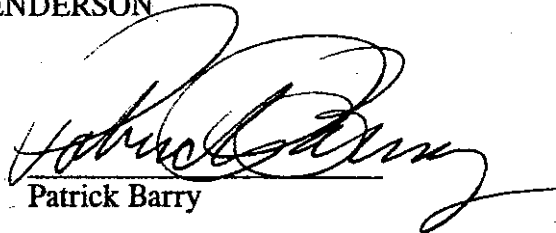
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