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Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
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Re: Northern Arapahoe Tribe v. Wyoming (No. 17-1159)
Eastern Shoshone Tribe v. Wyoming (No. 17-1164)

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rule 30.4, Respondent, the State of Wyoming, requests that the time within which to respond to the petitions for certiorari in these related cases be extended 31 days, to and including April 23, 2018. The petitions for certiorari were served on and received by this Respondent on February 16, 2018, and the briefs in opposition are now due, unless extended, on March 23, 2018, and March 26, 2018, respectively.

This request is made necessary because of the significant demands placed on the Attorney General of Wyoming and his office during the current budget session of the Wyoming Legislature. The Wyoming legislature meets every second year for a period of twenty days to conduct a budget session. That session began on February 12, 2018, just days before the petitions were filed, and may last until March 14, 2018. During the brief period the Legislature is in session and for several weeks thereafter, the Attorney General and his office, including undersigned counsel, are required to focus the majority of their available time on legislative matters.

As Petitioners noted in their application for an extension of time within which to file their petitions for certiorari, these cases involve an extensive factual record and present

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complex legal issues. Because of the substantial demands of the brief legislative session, undersigned counsel and the Attorney General of Wyoming require additional time to thoroughly respond to the numerous arguments raised in the petitions.

The State of Wyoming attempted to confer with Petitioners' counsel, Paul Clement and Seth Waxman, prior to filing this request, but they were unable respond by the time of filing.

Sincerely,



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cc: All counsel of record