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VS.	) Case No. 1:96CV01285-JR
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### FIFTH MODIFICATION OF DECEMBER 7, 2009 CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 1. The December 7, 2009 Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") in this case was entered into by and between Elouise Pepion Cobell, Penny Cleghorn, Thomas Maulson and James Louis Larose (collectively, the "Named Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and members of the Classes of individual Indians defined in this Agreement (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), on the one hand, and Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior, Larry Echohawk, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Indian Affairs, and H. Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury and their successors in office, all in their official capacities (collectively, "Defendants"). Plaintiffs and Defendants are collectively referenced as the "Parties."
- 2. In the Agreement, the Parties agreed that the Settlement is contingent on the enactment of legislation to authorize or confirm specific aspects of the Settlement as set forth in the Agreement. The Parties further agreed that if such legislation is not enacted on or before the Legislation Enactment Deadline as defined in the Agreement, unless such date is mutually

agreed to be extended by the Parties, the Agreement shall automatically become null and void. Settlement Agreement, paragraph B.1.

- 3. The Agreement originally defined the Legislation Enactment Deadline as December 31, 2009, 11:59 p.m. Eastern time. Settlement Agreement, paragraph A.22.
- 4. It subsequently became apparent to the Parties that in order for the Agreement to continue to be valid after December 31, 2009, the Legislation Enactment Deadline would need to be extended. Accordingly, the Parties agreed on four occasions to extend the Legislation Enactment Deadline set forth in paragraph A.22 of the Agreement. Most recently, the Parties agreed to extend the deadline to June 15, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.
- 5. It has now become apparent that the Legislation Enactment Deadline must be extended further in order for the Agreement to continue to be valid after June 15, 2010.
  - 6. The Parties desire that this Agreement continue to be valid after June 15, 2010.
- 7. Accordingly, the Parties hereby agree to extend the Legislation Enactment

  Deadline set forth in paragraph A.22 of the Agreement to July 9, 2010, 11:59 p.m. Eastern time.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Wherefore, intending to be legally bound in accordance with the terms of this Fifth Modification of the December 7, 2009 Class Action Settlement Agreement, the Parties hereby execute this Modification:

FOR PLAINTIFFS:

Dennis M. Gingold, Class Counsel

FOR DEFENDANTS:

Robert E. Kirschman, Jr.

**Deputy Director** 

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