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Judge to rule on water project soon

BISMARCK – A federal judge in Washington, D.C., could soon decide whether a project to bring Missouri River water to northwest and north-central North Dakota requires more study.

U.S. District Judge Rosemary Collyer heard arguments in the case late last week.

“Both sides have filed a motion for summary judgment,” state Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said. “I expect we will have her decision within a month or so.”

The province of Manitoba sued the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and its parent agency, the Interior Department, in October 2002, challenging the Northwest Area Water Supply project.