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THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AND THE CONCEPT OF 'EQUITABLE' APPORTIONMENT: A CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE

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ABSTRACT: Under the United States Constitution, the Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction to hear cases involving conflicts between states. The first interstate conflict over water was filed with the Court in 1901. Over the past century, the Court has developed the concept of "equitable apportionment" as a means of resolving interstate water conflicts. This study identifies and discusses specific "equitable" factors that the Court has indicated should be considered in the resolution of interstate water conflicts.

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