



December 22, 2014

Mr. Richard Hyde, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Austin, TX 78711-3087

Ms. Bridget Bohac, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Dear Mr. Hyde and Ms. Bohac:

On November 19, 2014, the Lower Colorado River Authority's (LCRA) Board of Directors approved a resolution directing the General Manager to prepare and file an application for the emergency modification of certain instream flow requirements under its 2010 Water Management Plan (WMP) for lakes Buchanan and Travis (Permit No. 5838). The requested relief is identical to relief granted for the Spring of 2014.

LCRA urges that this relief be granted notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the 2010 WMP, and has included in its application the information needed to support TCEQ's processing of this application under any or all of TCEQ's emergency authorities it may deem most appropriate, including Texas Water Code §§ 5.506, 11.139, 11.148, and the Governor's Emergency Disaster Proclamation related to drought.

To the extent the Commission deems appropriate, and consistent with the Governor's Proclamation, LCRA requests that procedural requirements associated with this request, or any portion thereof, be waived to expedite the processing of this request. LCRA also requests that TCEQ process this request under whatever authority it deems most appropriate in light of the exceptional drought and in a manner that allows LCRA to gain the benefit of the authorization as soon as practicable.

A check to cover the application and filing fees has been submitted with LCRA's application. Please advise if additional fees are required.

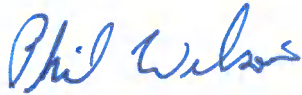
In addition, one original and seven copies of the Lower Colorado River Authority's (LCRA's) Application for Emergency Modification of Certain Instream Flow Requirements Under Its Water Management Plan for lakes Buchanan and Travis (Permit No. 5838) have been filed with the Chief Clerk, pursuant to Texas Water Code § 11.148.

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As required by Commission rules, one copy of this Application has also been filed with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) simultaneous with the filing of this application with your office.

To the extent that TCEQ has questions or concerns, we stand ready to promptly respond and are willing, of course, to meet with you and your staff to review the application materials and address any questions. For questions or a meeting, please contact David Wheelock, Manager of Water Supply and Conservation, at (512) 730-6822 or Lyn Clancy, Managing Associate General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor, at (512) 578-3378.

Sincerely,



Phil Wilson
General Manager

cc: Carter Smith, Executive Director, TPWD