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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 29, 2013

Mr. Edward Drusina, Commissioner
International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. Section
The Commons, Building C, Suite 310
4171 North Mesa
El Paso, TX 79902-1441

Re: Scheduled Meeting of August 29, 2013

Dear Commissioner Drusina:

It is regrettable and concerning that the meeting scheduled for August 29, 2013 was cancelled by Mexico. I know you share my disappointment. You mentioned September 11, 2013 as a possible future meeting.

I am very concerned about the implications of the meeting cancellation as it relates to the even more pressing question – when will Mexico start to treat the U.S. as a user and set aside water for compliance? Clearly, this cancellation/delay in meeting by Mexico makes the October 1, 2013 allocation issue even more critical. With this delay, it appears to me that Mexico may remain unwilling to address the real issues with compliance with the Treaty. Any discussions on or about September 11, 2013 must include a concrete proposal from Mexico to address providing water to the U.S. as a user in 2014 and going forward.

Water users in the Rio Grande Valley have endured enough damage. The cancellation of the August 29, 2013 meeting will likely be very disconcerting to the water users in the Texas Rio Grande Valley and officials who represent them. Texas stands ready and willing to assist in any manner to achieve resolution of the issues. Please advise of actions to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Rubinstein".

Carlos Rubinstein
Commissioner