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COMMISSION
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TO: Office of the Chief Clerk

RE: Reply to responses regarding contested case hearing request.

I, Nathan Ryser, wish to reply to the responses of the Executive Director of the TCEQ, and of the North Texas Municipal Water District. I hope to clarify my ownership in property and the effect the project would have on my personal life. The proposed Lower Bois D'Arc Reservoir, permit number 12151, will have a negative impact on my business, Ryser Farms, and create an enormous burden on my financial well being. Although my residential address is in Honey Grove, TX, I own and farm land in the footprint of the proposed reservoir. (See attached Appendix A&B.) Ryser Farms consists of a 2,000 acre wheat, cotton, soybean, sunflower, and grain sorghum operation. It is owned and operated by my father Wayne Ryser and me, Nathan Ryser. Of the 2,000 acres, approximately 1,300 of those acres are located in the footprint of the proposed reservoir.

Our family has owned and farmed land for over 100 years in the Bois D'Arc creek basin. We have leased or rented land in the creek basin for over 40 years. Should we lose the 1,300 acres of arable bottomland, Ryser Farms' annual revenue will be reduced by over 65%. Our search for desirable land of like kind and quality has been in vain. The quality of land in Bois D'Arc bottom doesn't exist within a logistically viable area of our farming operation. The construction of Lower Bois'D Arc Reservoir could possibly put Ryser Farms out of business.

Please kindly consider my request for a contested case hearing as I am greatly affected by the decisions regarding this project.

Sincerely,



Nathan Ryser

Appendix A: Designated parcel numbers of property owned, rented, or leased by Ryser Farms.

Appendix B: Map of land parcels. Circled #'s indicate owned/leased acreage. Proposed dam site and current highway, FM 1396, notated in orange. Shoreline notated in yellow.

Appendix A

Land owned, rented, or leased by Ryser Farms in footprint of LBR.

Owned Acreage

Parcel Number

Nathan Ryser

70187, 70189, 78154

Wayne Ryser

79613, 75773, 79949, 83134

Leased/Rented

Parcel Number

Cathy Ryser

78534, 79614, 79840, 79842, 79841, 75775, 74266, 74267, 70746, 74265

Harold D. Witcher

78157, 78156

Marlene Tubbs

85799, 83136, 70186

Ramsey et al

78533, 79950, 79948

Bruce Witcher*

78160, 78150, 113699, 83159

Lela Foreman*

119099

Fred Allison Tru.*

82358, 83157, 83969, 78538, 78536, 79947, 79945

Francis Moran*

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Note: Land purchased by NTMWD from owner/lessor is indicated with “*”. Ryser Farms currently leases acreage through former landowner.

