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TRINITY AQUIFER PRIORITY § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE
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 GROUND WATER § OF
 MANAGEMENT §
 AREA § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

HILL COUNTY'S COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ORDER

Hill County respectfully submits the following comments on the Proposal for Decision ("PFD") issued by the Administrative Law Judge on July 28, 2008:

Hill County is in favor of creating the Priority Ground Water Management Area ("PGMA") as set forth in the PFD. However we disagree with the following Ground Water Conservation District Recommendations:

58. If both GCDs are confirmed, two multi-county GCDs in the proposed PGMA would be the best option for the PGMA. One GCD would consist of Bosque, Somervell, and Coryell Counties, and the other would consist of McLennan and Hill Counties.

Hill County has made plans to form a Ground Water Conservation District ("GCD") regardless of the outcome of either the McLennan County Ground Water Conservation Districts' ("McLennan District") confirmation election or the Tablerock Ground Water Conservation Districts' ("Tablerock District") confirmation election.

Hill County has entered into discussions with both Johnson County and Ellis County to form a multi -county GCD. Both Johnson County and Ellis County are currently in an existing PGMA. The formation of a Hill, Johnson and Ellis County GCD has the support of State Senator Kip Averitt and both State Representative Jim Pitts and State Representative Rob Orr.

Hill County proposes that if both GCDs are confirmed or if one GCD is confirmed and the other is not, that the McLennan District be able to choose another partner, as Hill County will not be available.

For the reasons stated above language should be included to provide McLennan County with a different partner should their GCD either pass or fail.

Respectfully submitted,



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