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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

March 21, 2014

TO: All Persons on Mailing List

RE: **SOAH Docket No. 582-13-3040; TCEQ Docket No. 2013-0174-WR.**
Petition for the Appointment of a Watermaster in the Brazos River Basin Filed by the Brazos River Coalition

The above-referenced matter is scheduled to be considered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on **April 9, 2014**, at **9:30 a.m.** in Room 201S, Building E, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas.

30 TAC §80.263 provides as follows:

In proceedings where a judge has held a public hearing and has issued a proposal for decision or other report to the commission, all oral presentations before the commission shall be limited to five minutes each, excluding time for answering questions, unless the chairman or general counsel establishes other limitations. Before the commission meeting, the general counsel may allot time for oral presentations. Oral presentations and responses to questions shall be directed to the commission.

The General Counsel has directed me to extend the time for oral argument to **ten (10) minutes** for the Petitioners collectively; **ten (10) minutes** for the Protestants collectively; **five (5) minutes** for the Neutrals collectively; **five (5) minutes** for the Executive Director; and **five (5) minutes** for the Office of Public Interest Counsel. The Petitioners, Protestants, and Neutrals (as identified in the proposal for decision on pages 3 and 4) should apportion their minutes among themselves prior to the public meeting and contact Melissa Chao, Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-5234 by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014**, to let her know how the time will be apportioned. The Petitioners may save part of their time for rebuttal, as they bear the burden of proof. Parties should present their arguments on the Proposal for Decision during their allotted oral argument time.

Furthermore, if the Commissioners need additional information, they may ask questions of the parties after oral argument is completed. In light of the oral argument time periods previously found sufficient in complex matters and given the Commissioners' ability to question the parties to clarify any issues, the General Counsel has determined that the time periods provided should be sufficient.

Should you need any additional information, please contact Melissa Chao at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, (512) 239-3300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget C. Bohac". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'C'.

Bridget C. Bohac
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