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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 80

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 80, Contested Case Hearings, proposed new §80.110, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill 2694, §3.04, 82nd Legislature, 2011, Regular Session, relating to Texas Water Code, §5.276, Factors for Public Interest Representation. The proposed rule would establish factors the public interest counsel must consider before deciding to represent the public interest as a party to a commission proceeding, including factors to determine the nature and extent of the public interest and factors to consider in prioritizing the workload of the office of public interest counsel.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on January 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Building E, Room 201S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Patricia Duron, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <http://www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the *eComments* system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2011-035-080-AD. The comment period closes on January 30, 2012. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's Web site at [http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose\\_adopt.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html). For further information, please contact Vic McWherter, TCEQ Office of Public Interest Counsel, (512) 239-6363.