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June 21, 2012

Mr. Edward Drusina
Commissioner, United States Section
International Boundary and water Commission
The Commons, Building C, Suite 310
4171 N. Mesa Street
El Paso, Texas 79902

Re: Allocation of Waters of the Rio Grande at Fort Quitman

Dear Commissioner Drusina:

On May 18, 2012, Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality corresponded with you concerning the allocation between the United States and Mexico of Rio Grande waters at Fort Quitman. Commissioner Rubinstein challenges the International Boundary and Water Commission's (IBWC) historic practice of allocating these waters 50-50 between the United States and Mexico and argues persuasively that the waters of the Rio Grande that originate above and accumulate at Fort Quitman should be allocated entirely to the United States. On June 21, 2012, the six members of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) voted unanimously to support the position set forth by Commissioner Rubinstein.

The TWDB is the Texas agency primarily responsible for water planning and for administering water financing for the state. The Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group has called attention to this issue in the Region M Regional Water Plan, which the TWDB has approved as a part of the most recent state water planning process. The TWDB fully supports Commissioner Rubinstein's request that the proper allocation of Rio Grande waters at Fort Quitman be addressed and that the IBWC recognize that the United States is entitled to that water.

Sincerely,



Melanie Callahan
Executive Administrator

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cc: Carlos Rubinstein, Commissioner
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Glenn Jarvis, Chairman
Rio Grande Regional Water Planning Group