SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-24-22552 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2023-1591-MWD

APPLICATION BY	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
CORIX UTILITIES (TEXAS) INC.	§	OF
FOR TPDES PERMIT	8 §	Or
NO. WQ0013977001	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPLY TO PROTESTANT'S EXCEPTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

The Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or Commission) maintains her position that the draft permit meets the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. Protestant Environmental Stewardship continues to reargue issues that were thoroughly vetted during the hearing.

The Executive Director supports the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ's) conclusions that the Applicant has met its burden of proof on all issues and the draft permit be issued.² Therefore, the Executive Director respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the ALJ's proposed order with the Executive Director's recommended changes presented in her Exceptions to the PFD and issue the proposed permit without changes.

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¹ 582-24-22552 Administrative Record, Tab C, at bates stamp 0003.

² 582-24-22552 PFD at 38.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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