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Mr. Carlos Rubinstein
Chairman
Texas Water Development Board
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Dear Chairman Rubinstein:

Thank you for your letter dated June 17, 2014 in which you express your disappointment regarding Mexico's response to the current deficit in Mexico's Rio Grande deliveries to the United States under the 1944 Water Treaty. I share your concern regarding the deficit and remain committed to reaching a permanent solution. As you note in your letter, my staff has conducted extensive historic research, technical analysis and has developed a proposal for water deliveries by Mexico based on naturalized flow that we think is a fair way to address the deficit and furthers the intent of our forefathers who drafted the Treaty. I am pleased that you acknowledge the extensive work the U.S. Section has undertaken and support the technical approach we have proposed.

Our technical analysis included substantial review of over 60 years of historical records regarding conditions in the Rio Grande basin and we have developed a water management model that has enabled us to analyze the impact of various technical scenarios to address Mexico's deficit in deliveries. The model utilizes the same technical approach the US government uses in its water management of the Colorado River. While Mexico is now using our modeling approach and applying it to river systems in their country, they are still studying our completed model for the Rio Grande basin. We continue to urge Mexico to join us in implementing the completed model or to show us what changes they would like for us to consider. Technical staffs from both countries continue to work on this utilizing updated data in an effort to identify an approach that both countries will agree to implement.

I am certainly aware of the significant impact U.S water users have suffered for decades and I will continue to advocate on their behalf to address the deficit with a goal of reaching a long-term solution.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor, State of TX
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