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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 1, 2018

Mr. Bob Davee
P.O. Box 1222
Hext, Texas 76848

Re: Response to Priority Call by Mr. Robert Davee in the San Saba Watershed of the Colorado River Basin

Dear Mr. Davee:

On July 27, 2018, you submitted a priority call based on your superior domestic and livestock use to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) San Angelo Regional Office. San Angelo Region staff conducted investigations of your priority call on July 28, 2018. Based on those investigations and as discussed below, sufficient water was observed as available for beneficial use at your location. Therefore, suspension of diversion or impoundment of state surface water by junior water rights is not appropriate at this time.

TCEQ field investigations were conducted at your location, at one site located upstream of your property, and at one site located downstream of your property in the San Saba River watershed. Flow measurements and photographs were taken at the time of the investigation. No flow was observed in the locations investigated in the areas upstream and downstream of your property. Additionally, small and large pools of water were observed in the San Saba River. At your property, large pools of water were present at the southwest and northeast boundaries. Smaller isolated pools were also present on your property.

Currently, this area of the state is experiencing severe drought conditions. Consequently, the TCEQ's San Angelo Regional Office has been conducting routine monitoring in the San Saba River Basin. The TCEQ will continue monitoring for as long as these conditions persist.

If the river condition changes on your property and you believe a new priority call is warranted, please contact Mr. Christopher Mayben at TCEQ's San Angelo Regional Office via email at Christopher.Mayben@tceq.texas.gov or by phone at (325) 655-9479. Contacting Mr. Mayben to discuss the river conditions and to coordinate arrangements for access will greatly assist the Regional Office in investigating your priority call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Bergeron Perdue".

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Via email
Attention: Mr. Kurt Thomas

Re: Response to Priority Call by Mr. Kurt Thomas in the San Saba Watershed of the Colorado River Basin

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On July 27, 2018, you submitted a priority call based on your superior domestic and livestock use to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) San Angelo Regional Office. San Angelo Region staff conducted investigations of your priority call on July 27, 2018. Based on those investigations and as discussed below, sufficient water was observed as available for beneficial use at your location. Therefore, suspension of diversion or impoundment of state surface water by junior water rights is not appropriate at this time.

TCEQ field investigations were conducted at your location and at two sites located upstream of your property in the San Saba River watershed. Flow measurements and photographs were taken at the time of the investigation. At your Blockhouse Ranch property, a large pool was present at the western boundary. Smaller pools were present at the Block House Creek low water crossing. Very low flows appeared to connect the pools.

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