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## State Energy Conservation Office Health and Safety Code 388.005 Reporting Information

(as required by Health and Safety Code 388.005(e))

Please respond by July 1, 2002

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Health and Safety Code 388.005(d): A political subdivision that does not attain the goals under Subsection (c) must include in the report

## ATTACHMENT "1"

## NORTHGATE CROSSING MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

November 6, 2002

Mr. Glenn Jennings, Program Administrator State Energy Conservation Office Comptroller of Public Accounts 111 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Annual Report Under Senate Bill 5, 77th Texas Legislature ("SB 5")

Dear Mr. Jennings:

The Board of Directors of Northgate Crossing Municipal Utility District No. 1 ("District") has recently become aware of the electricity conservation requirements set forth in the captioned SB 5. We would like to make the State Energy Conservation Office ("SECO") aware of the District's position in regard to the requirements of SB 5.

We understand and support the goal of energy conservation. However, the nature of a municipal utility district makes it very difficult, if not impossible, to achieve the energy conservation goals set forth in SB 5.

The District, as is the case with all municipal utility districts, was created primarily to provide water supply, water treatment, sanitary sewer collection, wastewater treatment, and storm water collection and drainage facilities to serve the land within the District's boundaries. To achieve its purposes, the District has financed and constructed water treatment plants, a wastewater treatment plant, lift stations, and other facilities that consume large amounts of electricity. All of the District's electricity is consumed by the District's treatment facilities mentioned above.

At the time the facilities were constructed, they were designed to industry standards, which included energy-efficient equipment considered cost-effective at the time. Likewise, as the facilities were expanded or renovated over the years, energy-efficient equipment was used if it was deemed to be cost-effective. However, any modification of these large and often complex facilities is very expensive, and modifying them only for the purposes of adding energy conservation systems would be cost-prohibitive.

The amount of electricity that the District consumes in a particular year is determined much more by the number of utility connections (i.e., residential, commercial, and other buildings and structures) served by the District than by the use or non-use of energy conservation measures. The more utility connections that are added to the District, the harder the facilities will operate and the more electricity the District will consume. In addition, as utility connections are added, the District must construct additional facilities in order to serve its customers, thereby increasing the amount of electricity used.

For your information, a factor that could affect any future reports that the District and other political subdivisions submit to SECO will be the ease or difficulty of obtaining electricity consumption data from Retail Electric Providers.

If you have any questions about these matters, please contact Maria Salinas Parker with Coats, Rose, Yale, Ryman & Lee, P. C., the District's Attorney, at (713) 653-7370.

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Brian Anderson

Very truly yours

President, Board of Directors

cc: Mr. John Peyton
Coburn Linseisen & Ratcliff, Inc.

Ms. Maria Salinas Parker Coats, Rose, Yale, Ryman & Lee, P. C.

Mr. Bob Wooten H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation

Texas Public Utility Commission