



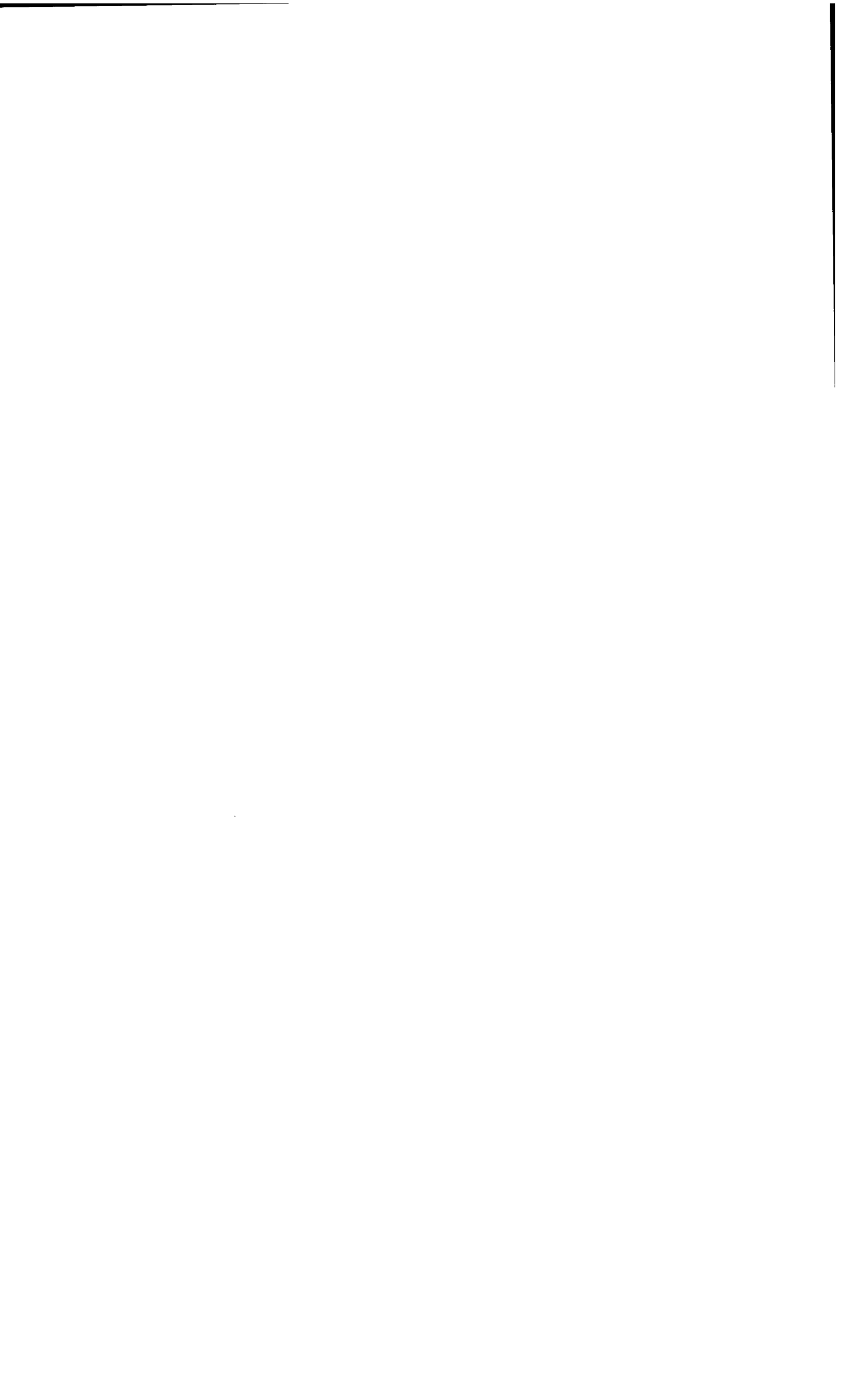
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**TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum**

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DATE: September 18, 2013

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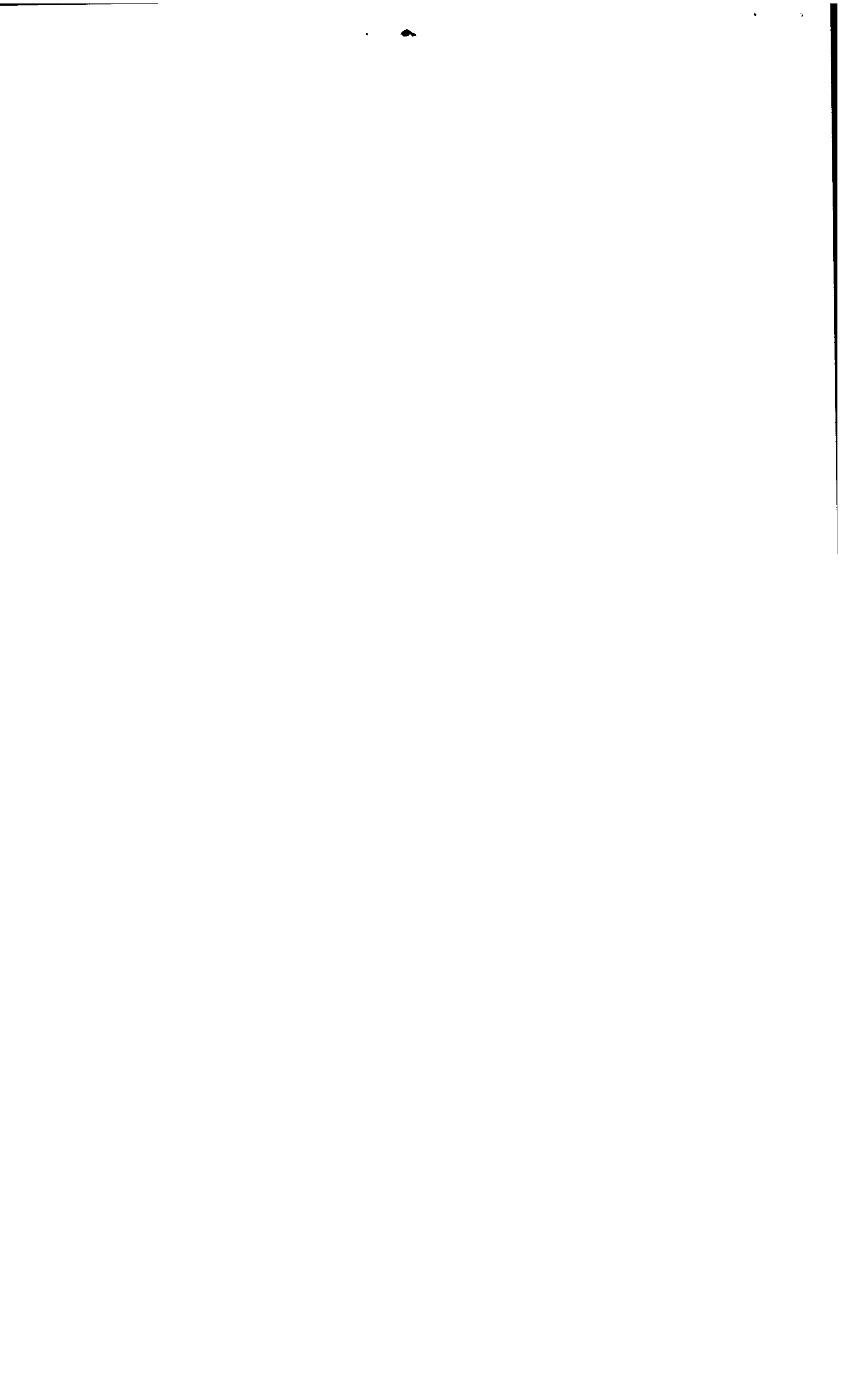
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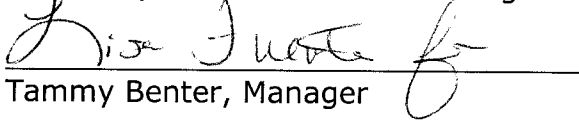
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Technical - Heidi Graham

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Tammy Benter, Manager

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cc: TCEQ Public Interest Counsel; ATTN: Vic McWherter  
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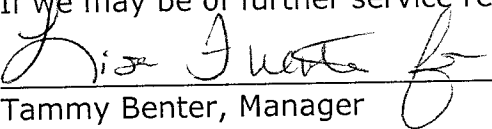
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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

September 18, 2013

Mr. Mark H. Zeppa, Attorney  
4833 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 202  
Austin, Texas 78759

Re: Docket No. 2013-1735-UCR; Protest of the application for a Water Rate/Tariff Change of Douglas Utility Company, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11369, in Harris County; Application No. 37554-R

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Dear Mr. Zeppa:

On March 12, 2013, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) received applications for water and sewer rate/tariff changes. The applications have been assigned Docket No. 2013-1735-UCR. Any further communication should refer to this docket number.

The TCEQ has received 33 protests from a total of 202 water customers and 199 sewer customers, which is more than ten percent (10%) of the affected customers.

This matter has been referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for scheduling. Once the hearing is scheduled, you will receive a notice of hearing explaining when and where the hearing will be held.

In order to review this rate change request, the staff of the TCEQ may need additional information regarding the utility's cost of providing service. You may be receiving Staff Requests for Information (RFI's) within a few weeks. We would appreciate your cooperation in providing the information requested.

If you have questions about this process or what material you should bring with you to the hearing, please contact Ms. Sheresia Perryman at 512/239-3654 or Ms. Heidi Graham at 512/239-0844, by fax at 512/239-6972, by email at [sheresia.perryman@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:sheresia.perryman@tceq.texas.gov) or [heidi.graham@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:heidi.graham@tceq.texas.gov). If you contact our office by correspondence, please include MC153 in the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tammy Benter".

Tammy Benter, Manager  
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