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House Bill (HB) 1600 and Senate Bill (SB) 567 83rd
Legislature, Regular Session, transferred the functions
relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer
utilities from the TCEQ to the PUC effective
September 1, 2014

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City of Lyford

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Re: City of Lyford
TNRCC ID No. 2450003
Willacy County

Dear Mr. Pope:

First, let me thank you for visiting with me on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, eventhough, I did not have an appointment scheduled.

This letter is in reference to the City's current extension of the temporary exception to the backup transfer pump rule which is due to expire on February 20, 2003.

As Mr. Napier previously discussed with our city engineer, Orlando Cruz, we have had much difficulty in completing the plans and having the required backup pump installed. Since his letter to Mr. Napier on September 16, 2002, the City has been unsuccessful in trying to resolve this matter. Mr. Cruz is no longer working for us in trying to resolve this issue.

Due to the difficulties encountered, the excessive time spent trying to resolve this issue, and the short amount of time remaining, we want to submit the following plan instead and request for a permanent exception to the rule.

With the .648 mgd water treatment plant and the two-225 gpm filter pumps on line, we feel that by installing the spare 225-gpm pump in case of a breakdown (ready to be installed within one hour), we can provide the necessary water to our residents.

Our total storage capacity with the four storage tanks is 600,000 gallons =

2 elevated tanks	200,000 gals.
2 ground tanks	400,000 gals.

Our records for daily max flow is =

July	.366 gallons
August	.461 gallons
September	.406 gallons

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Mr. James E. Pope
December 20, 2002

$648,000 - 461,000 = 187,000 \text{ gals.}$

$450 \text{ gpm} \times 1 \text{ hr.} = 27,000 \text{ g/hr.}$

187,000 gals.

$27,000 \text{ g/hr.} = 6.9 \text{ hrs. off line}$

We guarantee that we will be able to provide adequate water to our residents (#727 connections) with the storage capacity we now have.

* Also, we have an interconnect meter with North Alamo Water Supply Corporation as a backup option (see water supply contract attached).

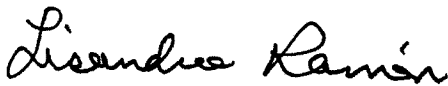
Our plan would be to replace the spare pump within 1 hour when the plant is off line. If we were to replace the pump with the plant on line, the existing pump would filter 13,500 g/hr. Mr. Filemon Olvera is also familiar with this plan and our water system.

* As we discussed during our meeting, our City has requested RFP's for a study and the development of a master plan for our water treatment plant, since our plant is currently at 88% capacity.

I enjoyed visiting with you and sharing our experiences.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call my city secretary, Lydia Moreno, at (956) 347-3512.

Sincerely,



Lisandro Ramon
Mayor

Enc.

Cc: Mr. Filemon Olvera, TCEQ Region 15
TCEQ Central Office

