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House Bill (HB) 1600 and Senate Bill (SB) 567 83<sup>rd</sup>  
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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Checklist of Appeal of Rates by Ratepayers Seeking Review of Rates for Sales  
of Water (Wholesale Water & Sewer)[TWC  
Sections 11.036-11.041, 12.013, and 13.043(f)]

Appeal/Petition:

Name of Petitioner: Travis County MUD #12  
Name of Provider: West Travis County ~~Public~~ Public Util. 1.7  
CCN Number of Provider: P 1449  
Application Number (s) 38012-A  
Administrative Review #P - 017-14  
Date TCEQ Received Application 7-31-14  
Date Assigned to program area 8-12-14  
County(s) Hays,

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- ☐ Account Fees Due ☐ Regulatory Assessment Fees Dues
- ☐ Need an original and four copies of all required information.
- ☐ Petition must contain the following information:
  - ☐ Petitioner's name
  - ☐ Name of Water Supplier from which water service is received or sought
  - ☐ Specific section of the code under which the petition is seeking relief with an explanation of why petitioner is entitled to receive or use the water
  - ☐ Statement that the petitioner is willing and able to pay a just and reasonable price
  - ☐ Statement the party owning or controlling the water supply has water not contracted to others and available for petitioner's use
  - ☐ Statement that the party owning or controlling the water supply fails or refuses to supply the available water to the petitioner, or that the price or rental demanded for available water is not just and reasonable or is discriminatory
  - ☐ Statement that the petition filed a copy of the appeal with the water supplier
- ☐ Copy of notice of rate change (if filed under 13.043(f), must be filed within 90 days from the effective date of the change)
- ☐ Copy of Contract
- ☐ Application Filing Fee
  - ☐ If under TWC Sections 11.036-11.041 or 12.013 - \$100
  - ☐ If under TWC Section 11.041 - deposit of \$25
- ☐ Not on file with Central Registry. Core Data Form Needed.
- ☐ Attach a copy of CN and RN from WUD

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## ? Utility details for (DBA) TRAVIS COUNTY MUD 12 (P1449)

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### Responsible Party

Organization: TRAVIS COUNTY MUD 12

Address: 100 CONGRESS AVE STE 1300  
AUSTIN , TX 78701-2744

Individual: DANIEL L ROBERTSON

Job Title: PRESIDENT

Phone: (512) 970-0233 Ext:

### Official Address / Phone

Address: 100 CONGRESS AVE STE 1300

AUSTIN , TEXAS 78701-2744

Telephone: (512) 435-2300

### Properties

CR Regulated Entity Number:

CCEDS Status: NO ACTIVE NOE EXISTS

Utility Type: WATER UTILITY

Ownership Type: DISTRICT \ AUTHORITY

Primary County: TRAVIS

County Code: 227

### Counties

Code	County Name	Primary
227	TRAVIS	Y

### Activity

Activity Status: ACTIVE

Start Date: 07/31/2014  
Activity Date: 07/31/2014

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## ? Utility details for WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY (13207)

  
Affiliations  
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### Responsible Party

Organization: **WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY**Address: **816 CONGRESS AVE STE 1900  
AUSTIN , TX 78701-2478**

### Customers

**Reference Number**  
CN604021980**Name**  
WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUA**Role**  
RESPONSIBLE PARTY

### Official Address / Phone

Address: **816 CONGRESS AVE STE 1900  
AUSTIN , TEXAS 78701-2478**Telephone: **(512) 472-0532**

### Properties

CR Regulated Entity Number: **RN106319361**CCEDS Status: **NO ACTIVE NOE EXISTS**Utility Type: **WATER UTILITY**Ownership Type: **DISTRICT \ AUTHORITY**Primary County: **HAYS**County Code: **105**

### Comments

Comment Date	Text	Staff Name
04/27/2014	OBTAINED DUAL CERTIFICATION WITH CITY OF AUSTIN, CCN 11322	
01/30/2012	PURCHASED A PORTION OF THE FACILITIES AND SERVICE AREA FROM THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY THROUGH APPLICATION 37232-S; ORDER SIGNED 01/17/2012 TO APPROVE THE TRANSACTION	

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### PWS for this Utility

PWS Name	PWS ID	Status	District(Number)
<u>WEST TRAVIS COUNTY REGIONAL WS</u>	2270235	A	<u>LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY(5460000)</u>

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### Counties

Code	County Name	Primary
105	HAYS	Y
227	TRAVIS	N

### Activity

Activity Status: **ACTIVE**  
Start Date: **12/22/2011**  
End Date: **12/31/3000**  
Activity Date: **04/03/2012**  
Activity Reason: **CHANGE**

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August 11, 2014

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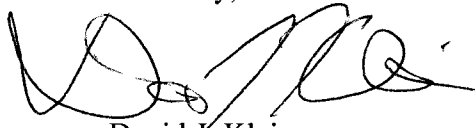
Re: West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Response to Travis County  
Municipal Utility District No. 12's Second Petition

Dear Ms. Fuentes:

Please find enclosed for filing the West Travis County Public Utility Agency's ("WTCPUA") Response to the Second Petition of Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 12 Appealing Change of Wholesale Water Rates Implemented by WTCPUA, City of Bee Cave, Texas, Hays County, Texas and West Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 5

Please return a file-stamped copy with our runner for our records. If you have questions regarding this filing or otherwise, do not hesitate to contact me at the above listed number.

Sincerely,



David J. Klein

DJK/lmr  
Enclosure

cc: Don Rauschuber, General Manager  
Service List

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SECOND PETITION OF TRAVIS	§	
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY	§	
DISTRICT NO. 12 APPEALING	§	BEFORE THE
CHANGE OF WHOLESALE	§	
WATER RATES IMPLEMENTED	§	TEXAS COMMISSION
BY WEST TRAVIS COUNTY	§	
PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY, CITY	§	ON
OF BEE CAVE, TEXAS, HAYS	§	
COUNTY, TEXAS AND WEST	§	
TRAVIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5	§	

**WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY'S RESPONSE TO TRAVIS  
COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12'S SECOND PETITION**

TO: *THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY:*

COMES NOW, Respondent West Travis County Public Utility Agency ("**WTCPUA**"), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, and files this Response (the "**Response**") to the "Second Petition of Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 12 Appealing Change of Wholesale Water Rates, Implemented by West Travis County Public Utility Agency, City of Bee Cave, Texas, Hays County, Texas, and West Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 5; Request for Interim Rates; and Request for Expedited Consolidation with TCEQ Docket No. 2014-0439-UCR, SOAH Docket No. 582-14-3382" (the "**Second Petition**"). The Executive Director should deny the Second Petition without a contested case hearing because (1) the Executive Director does not have jurisdiction to consider this Second Petition under Texas Water Code §§11.036, 11.041, or 12.013, as the rate change in question is not for the sale of a raw water supply, and (2) Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 12's (the "**Petitioner**") Second Petition fails to allege facts demonstrating that WTCPUA's challenged increase to the



volumetric rate (the “**Drought Surcharge**”), effective July 1, 2014, adversely affects the public interest, which is a requirement for a wholesale rate petitioner under Texas Water Code § 13.043(f)<sup>1</sup> and 30 Texas Administrative Code (“**TAC**”) §§ 291.130(b) and 291.133(a).

Alternatively, if the Executive Director decides that the Second Petition should be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (“**SOAH**”) for a contested case hearing, then (1) such hearing should be limited to issues under Texas Water Code § 13.043(f) and the TCEQ’s corresponding rules in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (“**TAC**”), Chapter 291, Subchapter I;<sup>2</sup> and (2) such contested case hearing should be conducted under the TCEQ’s bifurcated process under 30 TAC § 291.132(b) because the Drought Surcharge is charged pursuant to a written contract and the WTCPUA does not agree to hold a consolidated hearing under 30 TAC § 291.132(d). Accordingly, the Petitioner must first be required to demonstrate that the WTCPUA’s Drought Surcharge, *which is an increase of less than 11% for only the volumetric portion of the rate and below 10% when combined with the unchanged monthly charge*, somehow violates the public interest.

In any event, if the Executive Director decides that the Second Petition should be referred to SOAH for a contested case hearing, then the Executive Director should not consolidate such hearing with the ongoing contested case hearing, styled as SOAH Docket No. 582-14-3382 (the “**First Petition**”), under 30 TAC § 80.13(a) because consolidation (1) will unnecessarily confuse the unique issues related to these two protested rates, unfairly prejudicing the WTCPUA, (2) will extend the time needed to complete the contested case hearing on the First Petition, and (3) will

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<sup>1</sup> This statute is evaluated in conjunction with Texas Local Government Code § 572.061(d).

<sup>2</sup> The bifurcated contested case hearing process is as follows: SOAH must first conduct a contested case hearing on whether the protested rate is adverse to the public interest, and then, at the direction of the TCEQ, conduct a second contested case hearing on the wholesale provider’s cost of service.

not reduce any expenses for the Parties. In short, the First and Second Petitions challenge two distinct rate increases, based upon two separate analyses.

Last, Petitioner's request for interim rates should be denied because Petitioner has not pled any facts describing how the minimal amount of the Drought Surcharge will result in a financial hardship. In support of its Response and for cause, WTCPUA would respectfully show the following:

## **I. BACKGROUND**

On October 22, 2009, the Lower Colorado River Authority ("**LCRA**"), entered into a certain Wholesale Water Services Agreement ("**Wholesale Agreement**") with Petitioner, providing in part that for a specified rate, the LCRA will divert, treat and deliver Petitioner's raw water supply that it obtains from LCRA under a separate raw water agreement.<sup>3</sup> Such services are defined in the Wholesale Agreement as "Wholesale Water Services."<sup>4</sup> Additionally, LCRA and Petitioner agreed in the Wholesale Agreement that Petitioner is subject to LCRA's Water Conservation and Drought Plan.<sup>5</sup> On March 19, 2012, LCRA subsequently assigned the Wholesale Agreement to WTCPUA, a public utility agency and political subdivision of the state governed by Chapter 572 of the Texas Local Government Code. Petitioner provided its express written consent to such assignment on July 12, 2012.<sup>6</sup>

On May 15, 2014, the Board of Directors of WTCPUA voted to amend its water volumetric rates to implement the Drought Surcharge on all of its retail and wholesale customers. For Petitioner, the Drought Surcharge amount did not change its monthly minimum fee, but it

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<sup>3</sup> Wholesale Agreement, Sections 3.01(a) and 4.01. A copy of the Wholesale Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

<sup>4</sup> Wholesale Agreement, Section 1.01.

<sup>5</sup> Wholesale Agreement, Section 3.03(f).

<sup>6</sup> Agreement Regarding Transfer of Operations of the West Travis County Water System from the Lower Colorado River Authority, to the West Travis County Public Utility Agency, § 1 (page 2). A copy of this Agreement is Attached hereto as Exhibit B.

increased the existing \$2.11 per 1,000 gallons volumetric rate charged under the Wholesale Agreement by \$0.23 per 1,000 gallons. WTCPUA provided written notice of the Drought Surcharge to Petitioner on May 28, 2014.<sup>7</sup> On July 31, 2014, Petitioner filed its appeal of the Drought Surcharge by WTCPUA, alleging jurisdiction with TCEQ under Texas Water Code §§ 11.036, 11.041, 12.013, and 13.043(f) and the Texas Local Government Code § 572.061(d). As discussed in more detail in this Response, Petitioner's claims should be denied and the Second Petition should be dismissed.

## **II. RESPONSE**

### **A. SECOND PETITION DOES NOT MERIT A CONTESTED CASE HEARING**

The Second Petition fails to cite applicable laws and fails to allege sufficient facts to justify referring the matter to SOAH for a contested case hearing.

#### **1. Second Petition Does Not Trigger TCEQ Jurisdiction under Texas Water Code §§ 11.036, 11.041, or 12.013**

Petitioner incorrectly asserts that the TCEQ has jurisdiction to consider this appeal under Texas Water Code §§ 11.041 (*Denial of Water: Complaint*), 11.036 (*Conserved or Stored Water: Supply Contract*), and 12.013 (*Rate Fixing Power*). These statutory provisions do not apply to the Wholesale Water Services provided or Drought Surcharge charged by WTCPUA to Petitioner under the Wholesale Agreement.

##### **a. Jurisdiction Is Not Available under Texas Water Code § 11.041**

The jurisdiction granted by the Legislature to the TCEQ under Texas Water Code § 11.041<sup>8</sup> does not apply to the Wholesale Water Services provided by WTCPUA to Petitioner. Accordingly, Petitioner may not appeal the Agency's Drought Surcharge under this statutory

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<sup>7</sup> A copy of such notice is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

<sup>8</sup> Second Petition, Section III, at page 4.

provision. Section 11.041(a) states that a person, “entitled to receive or use water from...any conserved or stored supply” may file a complaint in the form of a petition showing:

- (1) that he is entitled to receive or use the water;
- (2) that he is willing and able to pay a just and reasonable price for the water;
- (3) that the party owning or controlling the water supply has water not contracted to others and available for the petitioner's use; and
- (4) that the party owning or controlling the water supply fails or refuses to supply the available water to the petitioner, or that the price or rental demanded for the available water is not reasonable and just or is discriminatory.<sup>9</sup>

Here, the Wholesale Agreement does not contemplate WTCPUA selling any of its raw water supply to Petitioner. The Wholesale Agreement specifically provides that WTCPUA “agrees to provide Wholesale Water Services to [Petitioner]...for raw water purchased from LCRA” pursuant to the raw water contract between Petitioner and LCRA.<sup>10</sup> As defined under the Wholesale Agreement:

“Wholesale Water Services” means the diversion of raw water from the Colorado River, the transmission of the raw water to a place or places of treatment, the treatment of the water into potable form and the transmission of the potable water to the Delivery Point.<sup>11</sup>

Thus, it is impossible for WTCPUA to deny providing a water supply to Petitioner, because WTCPUA is merely a vehicle treating and delivering Petitioner’s raw water supply, which Petitioner has secured through a separate raw water contract with the LCRA. Rather, Texas Water Code § 11.041 is the appropriate statute if LCRA denied providing a water supply to Petitioner. Consequently, jurisdiction for Petitioner’s appeal of the WTCPUA’s wholesale rates

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<sup>9</sup> Tex. Water Code § 11.041(a)(West 2014).

<sup>10</sup> Wholesale Agreement, Section 3.01.a. at page 6.

<sup>11</sup> Wholesale Agreement, Section 1.01 at page 5.

is not available under Texas Water Code § 11.041, and the Executive Director should deny jurisdiction based on this section.

**b. Jurisdiction Is Not Available Under Texas Water Code § 11.036**

Additionally, Texas Water Code § 11.036 does not provide a basis for TCEQ jurisdiction in this matter because this law does not apply to the Wholesale Water Services provided by WTCPUA to Petitioner. Section 11.036 addresses the price and terms of a contract to provide water supply from an entity that has in its “possession and control any storm water, floodwater, or rainwater that is conserved or stored” pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Texas Water Code.<sup>12</sup> As stated in detail in Section II.A.1.a. of this Response, above, WTCPUA does not provide or charge rates for a water supply under the Wholesale Agreement; rather, the Wholesale Agreement contemplates the diversion, treatment and delivery of a raw water supply secured by Petitioner through a separate contract with the LCRA. Thus, since WTCPUA is not providing a water supply to Petitioner under the Wholesale Agreement, Petitioner’s appeal of WTCPUA’s wholesale rates for such services is not available under Texas Water Code § 11.036 and the Executive Director should deny jurisdiction based on this section.

**c. Jurisdiction Is Not Available under Texas Water Code § 12.013**

Next, Texas Water Code § 12.013, another law cited by Petitioner as a basis to appeal WTCPUA’s Drought Surcharge,<sup>13</sup> does not apply to the services provided under the Wholesale Agreement, and the Executive Director should deny jurisdiction under this portion of the Second Petition as well. Section 12.013(a) states that the “utility commission shall fix reasonable rates for the furnishing of raw or treated water for any purpose mentioned in Chapter 11 or 12” of the

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<sup>12</sup> Tex. Water Code § 11.036 (a) and (b)(West 2014).

<sup>13</sup> Second Petition, Section III, at page 4.

Texas Water Code.<sup>14</sup> As discussed in Subsections II.A.1.a. and II.A.1.b., above, Petitioner's claims of jurisdiction under Texas Water Code § 11.036 and 11.041 are not applicable to the rates charged by WTCPUA to Petitioner because the WTCPUA's rates are for Wholesale Water Services, not for providing a water supply- regardless of whether that water supply is raw or treated. Therefore, Texas Water Code § 12.013 is not applicable in this appeal and jurisdiction is not available under this provision.

**2. Second Petition Fails to Allege Facts that the Drought Surcharge Violates the Public Interest under Texas Water Code § 13.043**

The Executive Director should deny the Second Petition because the Petitioner has failed to allege specific facts explaining how WTCPUA's Drought Surcharge violates the public interest, which is required under 30 TAC § 291.130(b). Section 291.130(b) provides that "[t]he petition must clearly state the statutory authority which the petitioner invokes, *specific factual allegations*, and the relief which the petitioner seeks" (emphasis added).<sup>15</sup> In its Second Petition, Petitioner only makes the conclusion that the Drought Surcharge is adverse to the public interest and represents a change in methodology which evidences an abuse of monopoly power. Specifically, Petitioner states that, "TCMUD 12 will present evidence in a Public Interest hearing that will demonstrate the new Drought Surcharge adversely affects the public interest based upon one or more of the public interest criteria listed in 30 TAC § 291.133." However, TCEQ Rule 291.130(b) requires more than a conclusion- it requires "specific factual allegations" - and Petitioner does not provide any allegations in the Second Petition that coincide with any of the public interest criteria in 30 TAC § 291.133.

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<sup>14</sup> Tex. Water Code § 12.013(a)(West 2014).

<sup>15</sup> 30 TAC § 291.130(b)(2014).

**B. IF A CONTESTED CASE HEARING IS GRANTED, WTCPUA REQUESTS A BIFURCATED PROCESS BECAUSE THE DROUGHT SURCHARGE IS PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN CONTRACT; THE SECOND PETITION SHOULD NOT BE CONSOLIDATED WITH FIRST PETITION, AND NO INTERIM RATES SHOULD BE SET**

**1. Drought Surcharge Is Charged Pursuant to a Written Contract and the Second Petition Must Be Processed under Bifurcated Public Interest Test/Cost of Service Process under 30 TAC §§ 291.131(b) and 291.132(d)**

In the event that the Executive Director refers the Second Petition to SOAH for a contested case hearing, the matter should be subject to the bifurcated process of (1) a hearing on the public interest and then, if necessary, (2) a hearing on the cost of service, because the Drought Surcharge is charged according to the Wholesale Agreement, a written contract, as provided under 30 TAC § 291.131(b). Further, the WTCPUA is unwilling to consolidate these public interest test/cost of service hearings, which is properly within the WTCPUA's sole discretion under 30 TAC § 291.132(d). The Drought Surcharge does not violate the public interest, and, thus, there is no cost-efficient or time-efficient reason for WTCPUA, Petitioner, TCEQ, and SOAH to conduct an unnecessary contested case hearing concerning WTCPUA's cost of service.

**2. The Second Petition Should Not Be Consolidated with the First Petition**

Again, if the Executive Director refers the Second Petition to SOAH for contested case hearing, then neither the Executive Director nor the Administrative Law Judge should consolidate the hearing for the Second Petition with the contested case hearing on the First Petition, because consolidation will prejudice the WTCPUA, will extend the time to complete the contested case hearing on the First Petition, and will not reduce any time or expense for the Parties.

Here, the only common factor between the First Petition and Second Petition is the overlap of some of the parties. The rates in question are successive changes, and the respective

facts surrounding each rate change must be individually considered in light of the public interest criteria in 30 TAC § 291.133. Consolidating these two petitions will only confuse these unique issues.

Additionally, consolidating the petitions will not provide any financial or time benefit to the parties. Rather, consolidation will only delay the contested case hearing process for the First Petition. Specifically, a Preliminary Hearing has already been conducted for the first Petition, and the matter is already in the discovery phase.<sup>16</sup> Abating the public interest test hearing in the First Petition for this Second Petition unnecessarily delays and prolongs the hearing process in the First Petition.

### **3. Interim Rates are Unwarranted**

The Petitioner's request for interim rates<sup>17</sup> should be denied because the Second Petition does not plead facts demonstrating that the Drought Surcharge is not in the public interest. Rather, Petitioner argues that being charged the Drought Surcharge in addition to LCRA's Drought Rates results in an unreasonable economic hardship to Petitioner and its customers which, Petitioner asserts, shows that the Drought Surcharge is unjust and unreasonable. WTCPUA opposes this contention, and unless the request is denied, Petitioner should be required to demonstrate, after cross-examination at a hearing before an administrative law judge at SOAH, that an economic hardship exists.

Again, to be clear, the amount of the Drought Surcharge to Petitioner is \$0.23 per 1,000 gallons on its volumetric rates, which is less than an 11% increase over Petitioner's Volumetric Rate per 1,000 gallons, and less than 10% of Petitioner's total monthly invoice. Conversely,

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<sup>16</sup> In fact, according to Order No. 1 for the contested case hearing on the First Petition, responses to discovery requests from Petitioner are due on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. A copy of Order No. 1 is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

<sup>17</sup> While the concept of interim rates is raised in the Second Petition, it is not requested in "VI. Relief Requested."



WTCPUA asserts that it would be economically damaged by not being able to recoup the revenue generated by the Drought Surcharge.

### **III. REQUESTED RELIEF**

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, West Travis County Public Utility Agency, as Respondent in this matter, respectfully requests that the Executive Director deny the Second Petition because Texas Water Code §§ 11.036, 11.041, and 12.013 do not apply and Petitioner has not pled sufficient facts to state a claim under Texas Water Code §§ 13.043(f), as is required by 30 TAC § 291.130(b). Alternatively, if the Executive Director decides that the Second Petition should be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing, then the WTCPUA respectfully requests the following:

(1) such hearing should be limited to the provisions of Texas Water Code § 13.043(f) and applicable TCEQ rules;

(2) such hearing shall be bifurcated under 30 TAC §§ 291.131(b) and 291.132(d), first to determine whether the WTCPUA's contested rates adversely affect the public interest and then second, if necessary, determine whether the WTCPUA's contested rates are just and reasonable, and not preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory in light of the WTCPUA's cost of service;

(3) such hearing should not be consolidated with SOAH Docket No. 582-14-3382, under 30 TAC § 80.13; and

(4) interim rates should be denied outright or after an evidentiary hearing concerning such request before the Administrative Law Judge.

WTCPUA FURTHER REQUESTS that the Executive Director grant WTCPUA such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the *West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Response to Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 12's Second Petition* was served on the following by U.S. Regular Mail, Certified Mail (return receipt requested), electronic mail, hand delivery and/or facsimile at the address listed below on this 11th day of August, 2014.

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David J. Klein

**EXHIBIT A**

**Wholesale Agreement**

**WHOLESALE WATER SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY  
AND  
TRAVIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12**

This WHOLESALE WATER SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY, a conservation and reclamation district created and functioning under Article 16, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution and a political subdivision of the State of Texas ("LCRA") and TRAVIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12, a conservation and reclamation district created and functioning under Article 16, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution and Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code ("District No. 12").

**RECITALS**

1. LCRA owns and operates the West Travis County Regional Water System consisting of a raw water intake and pumping system, a water treatment plant near Bee Cave, Texas, treated water storage facilities and treated water transmission and distribution facilities which have been designed to serve the needs of its customers in western Travis County (collectively, the "LCRA System").
2. LCRA and District No. 12 entered into a Water Sale Contract on or about September 25, 2008 (the "Raw Water Contract"), under which LCRA will provide District No. 12 with raw water from the Colorado River for use by District No. 12, Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 11 ("District No. 11") and Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 13 ("District No. 13") for municipal purposes. In this Agreement, District No. 11, District No. 12 and District No. 13 are sometimes individually referred to as a "District" and collectively referred to as the "Districts".
3. The Districts are currently negotiating an agreement between themselves (the "District Shared Facility Agreement") under which District No. 12 will manage certain water and wastewater facilities and services that will be shared by the Districts, including the wholesale water services to be provided by LCRA under this Agreement.
4. District No. 12 desires to obtain wholesale services for the treatment of raw water and delivery of potable water to District No. 12, on behalf of the Districts, from the LCRA System, and LCRA desires to provide such services to District No. 12, on behalf of the Districts.
5. The Districts will be responsible for construction of all improvements necessary to deliver the potable water provided by LCRA under this Agreement from the Delivery Point, as defined below, to the Districts' utility systems and to supply potable water service to the Districts' respective customers within the District Service Area, as defined below.

6. Subject to District No. 12's compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, and to the extent indicated, LCRA represents that the LCRA System will be capable of providing Wholesale Water Services, as defined below, to District No. 12 on behalf of the Districts, and LCRA agrees to expand and improve the LCRA System as necessary in order to provide adequate Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12, on behalf of the Districts, under this Agreement and to the other customers of the LCRA System under other agreements, with all costs of the LCRA System (the "Costs of the LCRA System"), as more fully defined below, to be recovered in a fair and equitable manner through the rates and charges of LCRA to the customers of the LCRA System.
7. LCRA and District No. 12 now wish to execute this Agreement to evidence the agreement of LCRA to provide Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12 on behalf of the Districts under the conditions described in this Agreement.

### **AGREEMENTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, LCRA and District No. 12 agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE I** **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.01. Definitions of Terms. As used in this Agreement, except as otherwise provided, the following terms have the meanings ascribed in this section.

"Agreement" means this agreement.

"AWWA" means the American Water Works Association.

"Connection Fee" means the charge described in Section 4.01.a. of this Agreement.

"Costs of the LCRA System" means all of LCRA's reasonable and necessary costs of acquiring, constructing, developing, permitting, implementing, expanding, improving, enlarging, bettering, extending, replacing, repairing, maintaining and operating the LCRA System, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the costs of reasonable water losses within the LCRA System as well as the costs of property, interests in property, capitalized interest, land, easements and rights-of-way, damages to land and property, leases, facilities, equipment, machinery, pumps, pipes, tanks, valves, fittings, mechanical devices, office equipment, assets, contract rights, wages and salaries, employee benefits, chemicals, stores, material, supplies, power, supervision, engineering, testing, auditing, franchises, charges, assessments, claims, insurance, engineering, financing, consultants, administrative expenses, auditing expenses, legal expenses and other similar or dissimilar expenses and costs required for the LCRA System. The Costs of the LCRA System shall include reasonable amounts for an operation and maintenance reserve fund, debt service reserve fund, required coverage of debt service, working capital and appropriate general and administrative costs. The foregoing notwithstanding, because LCRA is providing Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12 under this Agreement and retail potable water service to other customers from the LCRA System, the term "Costs of the LCRA System"

shall not include any costs properly attributable to the provision of retail potable water service by LCRA from the LCRA System, such as costs of retail distribution lines and related valves, pressure reducing devices, pressure boosting facilities, and improvements; retail meters and taps; individual retail customer service lines; water losses within LCRA's retail service area, costs associated with retail customer service, retail billing and collection costs or any other costs, whether similar or not, that are reasonably related to the distribution of water and provision of water service to LCRA's retail customers. The Costs of the LCRA System will be reduced by any credits, including, but not limited to, proceeds from insurance or recovery of any claims, properly allocable to the LCRA System. Further, LCRA will use diligent efforts to assure that the Costs of the LCRA System to be paid by the customers of the LCRA System, including District No. 12, are at all times reasonable and justified.

"Delivery Point" means the point at which LCRA will deliver treated water to District No. 12 under this Agreement, as depicted on Exhibit A.

"District Service Area" means the Districts' retail service areas as depicted on Exhibit A.

"District Shared Facility Agreement" means the agreement, to be entered into between the Districts, relating to the sharing of certain facilities and services, including the services to be provided by LCRA to District No. 12 under this Agreement.

"District Systems" means the Districts' water distribution and delivery systems that provide service through the Wholesale Water Services provided under this Agreement, including any facilities required to extend service to the District Service Area from District No. 12's side of the Delivery Point. The District Systems do not include the Master Meter or any facilities on LCRA's side of the Delivery Point.

"Districts" means Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 11, District No. 12 and District No. 13.

"Effective Date" means the date (i) this Agreement has been executed by both District No. 12 and LCRA, (ii) LCRA has accepted the Highlands master meter and the 16-inch water line between LCRA's Highway 71 water line and the Highlands master meter and (iii) LCRA has provided a copy of its acceptance letter for the Highlands master meter and the 16-inch water line to District No. 12.

"Elevated Water Storage Tank" means the elevated water storage tank that will be constructed by or on behalf of LCRA outside of the District Service Area in a location along LCRA's Highway 71 water line, which tank will include a minimum capacity of one million gallons, will be owned by LCRA and become part of the LCRA System.

"Emergency" means a sudden unexpected happening; an unforeseen occurrence or condition; exigency; pressing necessity; or a relatively permanent condition or insufficiency of service or of facilities resulting from causes outside of the reasonable control of LCRA. The term includes Force Majeure and acts of third parties that cause the LCRA System to be unable to provide the Wholesale Water Services agreed to be provided herein.

"Force Majeure" means acts of God, strikes, lockouts, or other industrial disturbances, acts of the public enemy, orders of any kind of any governmental entity other than LCRA or any civil or

military authority, acts, orders or delays of any regulatory authorities with jurisdiction over the parties, insurrections, riots, acts of terrorism, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, floods, washouts, droughts, arrests, restraint of government and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accidents to machinery, pipelines or canals, or any other conditions which are not within the control of a party.

“Improvements” means the installation of the tap and Master Meter at the Delivery Point, and any valves and pressure reducing devices required for District No. 12 to connect to and receive service from the LCRA System, but does not include any facilities on LCRA’s side of the Delivery Point and does not include any facilities comprising the District Systems.

“LCRA” means Lower Colorado River Authority.

“LCRA Rate Schedule” means the West Travis County Regional System Schedule for Rates, Fees, Charges and Terms and Conditions of Retail Treated Water and Wastewater Service, as amended by the LCRA Board of Directors from time to time, as applicable to District No. 12 under the express provisions of this Agreement.

“LCRA Service Area” means the service area for the LCRA System, as depicted in **Exhibit B**, together with such other service areas contiguous thereto as may be added by LCRA in the future.

“LCRA System” means the facilities owned and operated by LCRA, as described in Recital No. 1 above, together with all extensions, expansions, improvements, enlargements, betterments and replacements to provide water or Wholesale Water Services to LCRA’s customers in the LCRA Service Area. The LCRA System does not include any improvements on District No. 12’s side of the Delivery Point or any facilities on any other wholesale customer’s side of its delivery point and, for purposes of this Agreement, does not include any facilities used by LCRA solely to provide retail potable water service, such as costs of retail distribution lines and related valves, pressure reducing devices, pressure boosting facilities and improvements; retail meters and taps and individual retail customer service lines.

“LCRA Water Conservation and Drought Plan” means, collectively, the LCRA Water Conservation Plan and the LCRA Water Utilities Drought Contingency Plan as both were adopted in 2009 and as may be amended.

“LUE” means an amount of Wholesale Water Services sufficient for one living unit equivalent based on meter size, as defined from time to time in the LCRA Rate Schedule.

“Master Meter” means the master meter that shall be installed by District No. 12 at the Delivery Point as described in Section 2.01.

“Monthly Charge” means the charge described in Section 4.01.d. of this Agreement.

“Raw Water Contract” means the Water Sale Contract entered on or about September 25, 2008, between LCRA and District No. 12, as it may be amended, superseded or supplemented.

“TCEQ” means the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or its successor agency.



“Volume Rate” means the charge described in Section 4.01.e. of this Agreement.

“Wholesale Water Services” means the diversion of raw water from the Colorado River, the transmission of the raw water to a place or places of treatment, the treatment of the water into potable form and the transmission of the potable water to the Delivery Point.

Section 1.02. Captions. The captions appearing at the first of each numbered section or paragraph in this Agreement are inserted and included solely for convenience and shall never be considered or given any effect in construing this Agreement.

Section 1.03. Wholesale Water Services. LCRA agrees to provide Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12 for up to 2,125 LUEs in accordance with the flow limitations and other provisions of this Agreement all as hereafter specified. District No. 12 will be responsible for providing service to the Districts, and the Districts will be responsible for providing retail service within the District Service Area.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **METERING; ESTIMATING WATER DELIVERIES**

Section 2.01. Master Meter. District No. 12 shall install the Master Meter at or near the Delivery Point. The design, location and installation of the Master Meter is subject to prior review and approval by LCRA, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. LCRA acknowledges that timely review and approval of the plans for the Master Meter are necessary in order for District No. 12 to begin providing service as contemplated by this Agreement. Accordingly, LCRA agrees to review the plans and either approve them or provide written comments specifically identifying any required changes within ten working days of receipt of the plans. If LCRA fails to either approve the submitted plans or provide the required written comments within this ten-day period, the plans will be deemed approved. After completion of installation of the Master Meter, District No. 12 shall dedicate and convey the Master Meter (together with associated easements, rights-of-way, permits, licenses or appurtenances) to LCRA free and clear of any liens, claims and encumbrances and execute an appropriate document in form and substance reasonably acceptable to LCRA evidencing the dedication and conveyance. Thereafter, the Master Meter will be part of the LCRA System and LCRA will repair, maintain and replace the Master Meter.

Section 2.02. Master Meter Accuracy; Calibration.

- a. The Master Meter may be calibrated at any reasonable time by either party to this Agreement, provided that the party making the calibration notifies the other party in writing at least five days in advance and allows the other party to witness the calibration. Further, the Master Meter shall be tested for accuracy by, and at the expense of, LCRA, at least once each calendar year, at intervals of approximately 12 months, and a report of such test shall be furnished to District No. 12. In the event any question arises at any time as to the accuracy of the Master Meter, then the Master Meter shall be tested by LCRA promptly upon demand of District No. 12. The expense of such test shall be borne by District No. 12 if the Master Meter is found to be within AWWA standards of accuracy for the type and size of meter and by LCRA if the Master Meter is found to not be within AWWA standards for the type and size of meter.

- b. If, as a result of any test, the Master Meter is found to be registering inaccurately (in excess AWWA standards for the type and size of meter), the readings of the Master Meter shall be corrected at the rate of their inaccuracy for any period which is definitely known or agreed upon and LCRA shall pay for the testing or, if no such period is known or agreed upon, the shorter of:
- (1) a period extending back either 60 days from the date of demand for the test or, if no demand for the test was made, 60 days from the date of the test; or
  - (2) a period extending back one-half of the time elapsed since the last previous test;

and the records of the readings, and all payments which have been made on the basis of such readings, shall be adjusted accordingly.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **CONDITIONS REGARDING PROVISION OF WHOLESALE WATER SERVICES**

##### **Section 3.01. Diversion of Water; Primary Source.**

- a. LCRA agrees to provide Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12 on behalf of the Districts for raw water purchased from LCRA pursuant to the Raw Water Contract in accordance with the terms provided in this Agreement.
- b. The Raw Water Contract currently provides for the reservation and/or purchase of 1,680 acre-feet per year of raw water. It shall be District No. 12's sole responsibility to secure any amendments to the Raw Water Contract necessary in order for District No. 12 to purchase any additional raw water required for full development of the District Service Area. Water made available under the Raw Water Contract and provided through the Wholesale Water Services provided by LCRA pursuant to this Agreement will be used by the Districts in order to provide potable water service within the District Service Area prior to the use of potable water obtained from any other source.
- c. District No. 12 acknowledges that it is solely responsible for securing, maintaining and increasing its right to divert and use water under the Raw Water Contract and for complying with all the terms and conditions of the Raw Water Contract. District No. 12 shall make all payments under the Raw Water Contract directly to LCRA. LCRA shall never be liable for any amount payable by District No. 12 under the Raw Water Contract, and all such payment obligations shall remain exclusively with District No. 12 unless assigned by District No. 12 pursuant to the provisions of the Raw Water Contract. It is specifically agreed, however, that LCRA shall divert, treat and transport the water made available under the Raw Water Contract to District No. 12 in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- d. LCRA, by entering into this Agreement with District No. 12, does not confer upon District No. 12, and District No. 12, as a result of this Agreement, shall never have or claim, any interest in raw water owned or controlled by LCRA except to the extent of

District No. 12's rights under the Raw Water Contract. In no event will LCRA be obligated pursuant to this Agreement to divert or supply (1) any water in excess of the specific amount stated in, or in violation of any of the provisions of, the Raw Water Contract, or (2) any water LCRA is otherwise entitled to divert or use.

- e. This Agreement in no way modifies or amends the Raw Water Contract, nor the obligations and rights contained therein except with regard to LCRA's ownership, maintenance, repair and replacement, as necessary, of the Master Meter.

Section 3.02. Title to and Responsibility for Water; Delivery Point(s).

- a. Title to the water diverted, treated and transported to District No. 12 by LCRA under this Agreement shall remain with District No. 12 at all times, even when that water is commingled with water belonging to other customers of the LCRA System, but District No. 12 shall have no right of control or dominion over its water until it reaches the Delivery Point.
- b. Water delivered by LCRA shall be delivered at the Delivery Point and at no other points. District No. 12 shall be solely responsible for conveying water from the Delivery Point to the Districts' intended places of use. At its cost and expense, District No. 12 may change the Delivery Point from time to time following prior written notice to and approval by LCRA. The parties may agree to additional Delivery Points in the future.

Section 3.03. Quantity and Pressure.

- a. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, upon completion of construction of the Improvements in a manner approved in advance by LCRA, which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld, conditioned or delayed, LCRA agrees to divert, transport and treat for District No. 12 all water needed and requested by District No. 12 for the District Service Area, up to, but not in excess of (i) a peak hourly flow rate of 414,000 gallons per hour and a maximum daily flow rate of 3,980,000 gallons per day (which is presumed for this Agreement to be sufficient for up to 2,125 LUEs), or (ii) such lesser amount as LCRA may be able to supply in the event of an Emergency. LCRA reserves the right to require District No. 12, at its expense, to install flow restriction devices at such locations as LCRA may reasonably specify if necessary in order to restrict the flow of water to District No. 12 to the specified levels. LCRA acknowledges that timely review and approval of the plans for the Improvements are necessary in order for District No. 12 to begin receiving Wholesale Water Services as contemplated by this Agreement. Accordingly, LCRA agrees to review the plans for the Improvements and either approve them or provide written comments specifically identifying any required changes within ten working days of receipt of the plans. If LCRA fails to either approve the submitted plans or provide the required written comments within this ten-day period, the plans will be deemed approved.
- b. LCRA shall provide water at the Delivery Point from the pressure plane maintained by LCRA at 1280 feet above mean sea level under non-Emergency operating conditions. In addition, LCRA agrees that following construction of the Elevated Storage Tank, LCRA

shall maintain water levels in the Elevated Storage Tank at a minimum of 1250 feet above mean sea level under non-Emergency operating conditions.

- c. If the demands of District No. 12 for Wholesale Water Services ever exceed the amount specified in this Agreement, then District No. 12 shall notify LCRA of such shortage and the amount of additional potable water needed. If LCRA is unable to provide the additional water required by District No. 12, District No. 12, at its option, may acquire water from other sources. Further, if at any time LCRA is unable to provide the amount of Wholesale Water Services required by this Agreement, then LCRA will be in default and District No. 12, at its option, may acquire water from other sources, subject to the default provisions of this Agreement, provided that District No. 12 has adopted and is enforcing the conservation plan and drought contingency plan required by Section 6.02.
- d. Provided that District No. 12 is not in default under this Agreement, District No. 12 may purchase additional Wholesale Water Services from LCRA from the LCRA System on the same terms and conditions as any other similarly situated customer of LCRA to the extent that: (i) District No. 12 obtains any additional raw water required from LCRA through an amendment or supplement to the Raw Water Contract; and (ii) LCRA has additional Wholesale Water Services available within the LCRA System.
- e. LCRA acknowledges that District No. 12 has provided LCRA with a water model for the District Service Area dated October 8, 2007 prepared by Carlson, Brigrance & Doerring based on data provided by LCRA. LCRA confirms its review and approval of District No. 12's water model and that, based on the water model, no water storage other than the Elevated Water Storage Tank and no pressurization will be necessary for the Wholesale Water Services.
- f. District No. 12 acknowledges that the provision of Wholesale Water Services is subject to the availability of raw water in accordance with the Raw Water Contract and the capability of the LCRA System to divert, treat and transport such water to the Delivery Point, provided, however, LCRA shall use diligent, good faith efforts to ensure that the LCRA System is capable at all times of carrying out LCRA's obligations under this Agreement, it being acknowledged that District No. 12 is relying on LCRA's expertise and ability to provide raw water under the Raw Water Contract and Wholesale Water Services in entering into this Agreement and agreeing to pay the sums specified in this Agreement. Furthermore, District No. 12 acknowledges that the Wholesale Water Services provided under this Agreement are subject to the LCRA Water Conservation and Drought Plan and the quantity of water delivered may be curtailed pursuant to the LCRA Water Conservation and Drought Plan, as provided in Section 6.02 of this Agreement.

Section 3.04. Quality of Water Delivered to District No. 12. The water delivered by LCRA at the Delivery Point shall be potable water of a quality conforming to the requirements of any applicable federal or state laws, rules, regulations or orders, including requirements of the TCEQ applicable to water provided for human consumption and other domestic use. Each party agrees to provide to the other party, in a timely manner, any information or data regarding this Agreement or the quality of treated water provided through this Agreement as required for reporting to the TCEQ or other state and federal regulatory agencies.

Section 3.05. Maintenance and Operation; Future Construction. LCRA shall be responsible for operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, extending, improving and enlarging the LCRA System, including the Master Meter, in good working condition and shall promptly repair any leaks or breaks in the LCRA System. District No. 12 shall be responsible for operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, extending, improving and enlarging the District Systems in good working condition and shall promptly repair any leaks or breaks in the District Systems.

Section 3.06. Rights and Responsibilities in Event of Leaks or Breaks.

- a. District No. 12 shall be responsible for paying for all water delivered to it under this Agreement at the Delivery Point even if such water passed through the Delivery Point as a result of leaks or breaks in the District Systems. In the event a leak, break, rupture or other defect occurs within the District Systems that could either endanger or contaminate the LCRA System or prejudice LCRA's ability to provide water service to its other customers, LCRA, after providing reasonable notice to District No. 12 and an opportunity for consultation, shall have the right to take reasonable, appropriate action to protect the public health or welfare of the LCRA System or the water systems of LCRA's customers including, without limitation, the right to restrict, valve off or discontinue service to District No. 12 until such leak, break, rupture or other defect has been repaired.
- b. District No. 12 further understands that LCRA delivers water at other points to other customers and has rights under its contracts with those customers that are similar to its rights under Section 3.06.a. of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as impairing any of LCRA's rights under its contracts with other customers. LCRA may exercise any of said rights, including those rights similar to its rights under Section 3.06.a. of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **CHARGES, BILLING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Section 4.01. Connection Fees and Minimum Payments; Rates.

- a. District No. 12 shall be obligated to pay LCRA a connection fee per LUE (the "Connection Fee") for each new retail water customer that connects to the District Systems and receives water provided under this Agreement. The Connection Fee is currently \$4,120 per LUE. For the term of this Agreement, the Connection Fee will be the amount established from time to time in the LCRA Rate Schedule for the rate district in which the District Service Area is located, provided that (i) no increase in the Connection Fee will become effective until the LCRA has given at least 60 days' prior written notice of the change to District No. 12, in order to allow the Districts adequate time to make corresponding changes to their rate orders, and (ii) any increase in the Connection Fee shall not apply to subdivisions within the District Service Area for which a final subdivision plat has been approved by the City of Lakeway City Council prior to effective date of the Connection Fee amendment. All approved final plats will be filed with LCRA as provided in Section 4.04. The Connection Fee paid for each new retail water connection to the District Systems shall be due and payable to LCRA within 45 days after the end of the calendar month in which the new retail water connection is made. The foregoing notwithstanding, (i) within 15 days of the Effective Date of this

Agreement, District No. 12 agrees to pay LCRA total Connection Fees of \$350,200; (ii) for the period ending April 1, 2010, District No. 12 agrees to pay LCRA total Connection Fees of \$350,200 and, (3) thereafter, for the calendar year 2011 and each subsequent calendar year through 2014, District No. 12 agrees to pay to LCRA total Connection Fees which, at a minimum, equal the required payment amount for that calendar year (the "Minimum Payment") indicated on the payment schedule attached as Exhibit C (the "Payment Schedule"). If, for any period indicated on the Payment Schedule, the total Connection Fees paid by District No. 12 for new retail connections to the District Systems are less than the Minimum Payment due for that period, District No. 12 will pay the difference (the "Deficiency Amount") to LCRA within 45 days of the last day of applicable period, and the Deficiency Amount will be credited against the Connection Fees payable by District No. 12 at the time the next new retail connections to the District Systems are made. If, for any period indicated on the Payment Schedule, the total Connection Fees paid by District No. 12 to LCRA for new retail connections exceed the Minimum Payment for that period as indicated on the Payment Schedule, then District No. 12 will receive a credit for the excess that will be applied against the Minimum Payment due for the subsequent annual period or periods.

- b. Within 45 days after the end of each calendar month, District No. 12 shall submit a monthly report to LCRA, reflecting the new customer(s), service address(es), meter size(s) and number of LUE(s) for which payment of a Connection Fee is being made and/or a credit being applied for the calendar month in question. If no new connections have been made, the monthly report will still be required, but will reflect that there have been no changes from the prior reporting period. If District No. 12 fails to submit any report within the time period required by this Agreement, LCRA may assess District No. 12 a \$50 late charge. Unless changed by written notice in accordance with Section 7.07, the Connection Fees and monthly reports required by subsection 4.01.a. and this subsection will be submitted to the following address:

c/o Mary Blincoe, Business and Financial Service  
P.O. Box 220, H-305  
Austin, Texas 78767-0220

- c. The Connection Fee has been designed to fund or recover all or a part of the Costs of the LCRA System for capital improvements or facility expansions intended to serve "new development" (as that term is defined in the Texas Impact Fee Law, Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code) in the LCRA Service Area and, upon payment, District No. 12 will have a guaranteed reservation of capacity in the LCRA System for the number of LUEs for which a Connection Fee has been paid. The Connection Fee will be reasonable and just and established as required by law and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- d. District No. 12 also shall pay LCRA a monthly charge (the "Monthly Charge") for each full calendar month after the Effective Date. The Monthly Charge initially shall be \$9,430 per month; provided, however, that the Monthly Charge shall not go into effect until the Effective Date. The Monthly Charge has been designed primarily to recover District No. 12's allocable share of the capital-related Costs of the LCRA System not recovered in the Connection Fee. The Monthly Charge shall be just and reasonable and

established in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable legal requirements.

- e. District No. 12 also shall pay LCRA a volumetric rate (the "Volume Rate") for diversion, transportation, treatment and delivery of the actual amount of water delivered to District No. 12, as measured by the Master Meter at the Delivery Point, including all water used or lost due to leakage or for any other reason within the District Service Area. The Volume Rate initially will be \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons. The Volume Rate shall be designed primarily to recover the operation and maintenance related Costs of the LCRA System, together with any other Costs of the LCRA System not recovered through the Connection Fee or the Monthly Charge. The Volume Rate does not include, however, any charges for raw water and District No. 12 shall remain liable for such costs under the Raw Water Contract. The Volume Rate will be just and reasonable and established in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable legal requirements.
- f. At any time while this Agreement is in effect, LCRA, subject to applicable law, may modify the Connection Fee, the Monthly Charge and the Volume Rate consistently with the terms of this Agreement as appropriate to recover the Costs of the LCRA System in a just, reasonable and nondiscriminatory manner from District No. 12 and the other customers of the LCRA System. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, it is the intent of the parties that no portion of the Costs of the LCRA System be recovered by LCRA more than one time and, therefore, if any amount is included in the Connection Fee, the Monthly Charge, the Volume Rate, that amount may not also be included in or recovered through any other rate or charge of LCRA to District No. 12 hereunder, it being the intent and agreement of the parties that all charges to District No. 12 under this Agreement will be fair and equitable, and will allow LCRA to recover, but not over-recover, District No. 12's proportionate share of the Costs of the LCRA System.

Section 4.02. Billing and Payment. LCRA shall bill District No. 12 one time each month for the amount owed for the Monthly Charge and the Volume Rate. The Volume Rate shall be multiplied by the actual amount of water delivered by LCRA to District No. 12 during the previous billing cycle as determined by LCRA's readings of the Master Meter. Each bill submitted to District No. 12 will be delivered within five days of the date of the invoice and shall be paid to LCRA by check or bank-wire on or before 30 days from the date of the invoice. Payments by check shall be mailed to the address indicated on the invoice, or hand-delivered to LCRA's headquarters in Austin, Travis County, Texas, upon prior arrangement. If payments will be made by bank-wire, District No. 12 shall verify wiring instructions with LCRA's Finance Department. Payment must be received at LCRA's headquarters or bank by the due date in order not to be considered past due or late. In the event District No. 12 fails to make payment of a bill within said 30-day period, District No. 12 shall pay in addition LCRA's then-current, Board-approved wholesale water contract late payment charges (which charges currently are a one-time late payment charge of five percent) on the unpaid balance of the invoice. If the bill has not been paid by the due date, District No. 12 further agrees to pay all costs of collection and related reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by LCRA, regardless of whether suit is filed, in accordance with Section 271.159, Texas Local Government Code.

Section 4.03. LCRA System to be Self-Sufficient. The LCRA System shall be comprised of the facilities described in Recital No. 1, together with such improvements, extensions, enlargements,

betterments, additions, and replacements thereto as are reasonable and necessary to provide water to the LCRA Service Area and Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12 on behalf of the Districts. The parties agree that the Costs of the LCRA System shall be allocated to and borne by all of the customers of the LCRA System, including District No. 12, in a fair and equitable manner and so that the LCRA System is self-sufficient. Without limiting the foregoing, the parties further agree that LCRA is authorized to issue such indebtedness as it may deem appropriate to pay for any Costs of the LCRA System or, in lieu of issuing indebtedness, to provide for the borrowing of internal LCRA funds from LCRA resources other than the LCRA System and, in such events, the Costs of the LCRA System borne by the customers, including District No. 12, shall include debt service, paying agent/registrar fees and reasonable coverage on any indebtedness issued by LCRA or the recovery (amortized over a reasonable period) of any internal LCRA funds utilized together with reasonable interest and coverage thereon to be established in accordance with LCRA policy as now or hereafter implemented.

Section 4.04. Additional Required Notices. In addition to the monthly reports required by Section 4.01.b. above, District No. 12 shall:

- a. Require that the Districts provide to LCRA, within 60 days of the date of approval, a copy of each final subdivision plat of property within the District Service Area approved by the City of Lakeway.
- b. Provide to LCRA by June 1 of every year during the term of this Agreement a report setting forth: (i) the total number of retail water service connections within the District Service Area as of April 1 of the same year; and, (ii) the total number of new retail water service connections to the District Systems during the prior annual period ending April 1 of the same year, which connections shall be set forth in LUES as determined by LCRA's Rate Schedule.
- c. Reports provided pursuant to this Section shall be provided substantially in the form attached as Exhibit D.

## ARTICLE V OTHER COMMITMENTS AND FUTURE SERVICE AREA

Section 5.01. Rates and Charges.

- a. District No. 12 shall be solely responsible for establishing, billing and collecting water or other rates, charges and fees from customers within the District Service Area in accordance with applicable law. Failure to collect from its customers will not affect District No. 12's obligation to make all payments due to LCRA.
- b. District No. 12 further agrees to include a provision in the District Shared Facility Agreement that states that all moneys required to be paid by District No. 12 under this Agreement shall constitute an operating expense of the District Systems, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Chapters 49 and 54, Texas Water Code, as amended.



- c. District No. 12 covenants and agrees to compute, ascertain, fix, levy and collect rates and charges under the District Shared Facility Agreement that will be adequate to permit District No. 12 to make prompt and complete payments under this Agreement.

Section 5.02. Governmental Approvals. District No. 12 represents that the Districts have acquired or will acquire all necessary governmental approvals required to provide potable water service in the District Service Area.

Section 5.03. Easements. LCRA shall cooperate with District No. 12 in District No. 12's efforts to acquire any necessary easements provided, however, LCRA shall not be required to spend money or initiate eminent domain proceedings therefore absent approval from LCRA's Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**EMERGENCY OR SHORTAGE OF WATER SERVICE CAPABILITY; TERM;**  
**DEFAULT; REMEDIES**

Section 6.01. Curtailment of Service. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the obligation of LCRA to provide Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12 during the term of this Agreement is neither superior nor inferior to the obligation of LCRA to provide similarly situated customers with water or Wholesale Water Services within the LCRA Service Area and to provide service to its other presently committed customers or any future customers of the LCRA System. Accordingly, the parties agree that if, during the term of this Agreement, LCRA is unable to reasonably provide water or Wholesale Water Services to the LCRA Service Area or its existing committed customers because of an Emergency or shortage of water supply, production, treatment, storage or transportation capability in the LCRA System, or if LCRA needs to cause repairs to be made to the LCRA System to repair, replace or improve the level of Water Service to its customers, then LCRA shall have the right, after reasonable notice to District No. 12 and opportunity for consultation, to temporarily curtail or limit service to District No. 12 and all other customers of LCRA on a equitable, reasonable, and non-discriminatory basis so that all similarly situated customers are treated equally, fairly and uniformly. LCRA shall, however, at all times use diligent efforts to provide continuous and adequate Wholesale Water Services under this Agreement. Each of LCRA and District No. 12 further agrees, in times of Emergency or shortage or the need for repair, replacement or improvement of the LCRA System, to take appropriate action to curtail or limit all usage in its respective service area so that all users of water in both entities' service areas will be equally and uniformly restricted and protected. Any measures taken by District No. 12 will be at least as stringent as those adopted by LCRA for retail customers in the LCRA Service Area. The parties agree that domestic uses of water shall have priority in times of Emergency or shortage over uses of water for construction or commercial uses and that construction or commercial uses shall have priority over irrigation uses from the LCRA System. Further, both parties agree that use of water for irrigation of lawns shall have the lowest priority in times of Emergency or shortage. If it is ever determined by any governmental or regulatory authority other than LCRA that provision of Wholesale Water Services by LCRA under this Agreement or curtailment or limitation of water or Wholesale Water Services by LCRA to any of its customers is in violation of applicable law, regulation or order, then LCRA, after reasonable notice to District No. 12 and opportunity for consultation, may take such action as will best effectuate this Agreement and comply with applicable law.

Section 6.02. Conservation and Drought Planning. District No. 12, by signing below, certifies that each of the Districts has adopted a water conservation plan and a drought contingency plan in compliance with TCEQ rules, 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 288, and the terms of the Raw Water Contract and that the provisions of such plans are consistent with the provisions of the LCRA Water Conservation and Drought Plan. District No. 12 further agrees that the Shared Facility Agreement requires or will require that each of the Districts incorporate a modified version of the LCRA's Conservation Landscape Best Management Practices as suggested guidelines for landscaping and irrigation system installations within the Districts, and that the Districts comply with all applicable LCRA rules related to landscape conservation measures and irrigation systems.

Section 6.03. Plumbing Regulations. To the extent LCRA and District No. 12 have the authority, both covenant and agree to adopt and enforce and District No. 12 agrees to require, in the District Shared Facility Agreement, that the Districts adopt and enforce, adequate plumbing regulations with provisions for the proper enforcement thereof, to ensure that neither cross-connection nor other undesirable plumbing practices are permitted, including an agreement with each of their respective water customers that allows it to inspect individual water facilities prior to providing service to ensure that no substandard materials are used and to prevent cross-connection and other undesirable plumbing practices.

Section 6.04. Default.

- a. In the event District No. 12 shall default in the payment of any amounts due to LCRA under this Agreement, or in the performance of any material obligation to be performed by District No. 12 under this Agreement, then LCRA shall give District No. 12 at least 30 days' written notice of such default and the opportunity to cure same. Thereafter, LCRA shall have the right to temporarily limit Wholesale Water Services to District No. 12 under this Agreement pending cure of such default by District No. 12 and also to pursue any remedy available at law or in equity, pending cure of such default by District No. 12. In the event such default remains uncured for a period of: (i) an additional 30 days in the event of a monetary default; or, (ii) an additional 180 days in the event of a non-monetary default, then LCRA shall have the right to permanently restrict service to District No. 12 under this Agreement or to require District No. 12 to stop making, or providing Wholesale Water Services to the Districts for, new retail connections to the District Systems upon giving District No. 12 written notice of its intent to do so. Subject to the written notices required by this Section, (a) if District No. 12 fails to pay the Minimum Payments required under this Agreement, and the total amount due is not paid following opportunity to cure as provided in this section or under the guarantee set forth in Section 7.15 of this Agreement after LCRA's delivery of notice in accordance with that Section, LCRA will have the right to provide 30 days' further written notice to District No. 12 that LCRA will limit service under this Agreement to the number of LUEs for which District No. 12 has paid Connection Fees previously to LCRA. Upon delivery of such written notice from LCRA to District No. 12, this Agreement shall be modified automatically so that the Wholesale Water Services are limited to the number of LUEs for which District No. 12 has paid Connection Fees previously to LCRA and further limited to portions of the District Service Area for which final plats have been approved by the City of Lakeway. Thereafter, Wholesale Water Services to any portions of the District Service Area for which a final plat has not been approved by the City of Lakeway as of the

effective date of LCRA's written notice shall require separate written approval from LCRA. LCRA also may pursue any remedy available at law or in equity, pending cure of such default by District No. 12. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, any Connection Fees paid to LCRA under this Agreement after the effective date of LCRA's written notice which are accepted by LCRA or which are awarded as a remedy to LCRA shall increase the number of LUEs for which LCRA will provide Wholesale Water Services in accordance with this Agreement.

- b. In the event LCRA shall default in the performance of any material obligation to be performed by LCRA under this Agreement, then District No. 12 shall give LCRA at least 30 days' written notice of such default and the opportunity to cure same. Thereafter, in the event such default remains uncured, the District No. 12 shall have the right to pursue any remedy available at law or in equity, pending cure of such default by LCRA. In the event such default remains uncured for an additional 180 days, then District No. 12 shall, in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies available to District No. 12, have the right to notify LCRA that District No. 12 intends to take a more limited amount of Wholesale Water Services from LCRA (which shall be at least the amount LCRA is then able to provide to District No. 12) and District No. 12 may then obtain other water or Wholesale Water Services from another provider or may take appropriate action to supply itself with additional water or Wholesale Water Services upon giving LCRA written notice of its intent to do so. Any obligation of District No. 12 to pay Connection Fees under Section 4.01.a will be suspended during any time within which LCRA is in default, and, if District No. 12 reduces the amount of Wholesale Water Services as provided in this subsection, its obligation to pay Connection Fees will also be reduced, prorata, based on the reduced amount of Wholesale Water Services to be provided. If District No. 12 has prepaid Connection Fees in excess of the Connection Fees payable for such reduced Wholesale Services, then LCRA will refund the excess amount, together with interest on the amount to be refunded from the date of payment by District No. 12 to the date of refund by LCRA at the rate of 10% per annum, within 30 days after the date District No. 12 notifies LCRA of its election to make the reduction. LCRA acknowledges that the replacement of the Wholesale Water Services which LCRA has agreed to provide under this Agreement would be difficult and expensive for District No. 12, and agrees to use diligent good faith efforts to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 6.05. Additional Remedies Upon Default. It is not intended hereby to specify (and this Agreement shall not be considered as specifying) an exclusive remedy for any default, but all such other remedies existing at law or in equity may be availed of by any party and shall be cumulative of the remedies provided. Recognizing however, that LCRA's undertaking to provide and maintain the services of the LCRA System is an obligation, failure in the performance of which cannot be adequately compensated in money damages alone, LCRA agrees, in the event of any default on its part, that District No. 12 shall have available to it the equitable remedies of mandamus and specific performance in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies (other than termination of this Agreement) that may also be available. The parties acknowledge that LCRA may not have the remedy of terminating this Agreement in the event of District No. 12's default, whether a monetary default or otherwise, because the Districts may have an obligation to provide continuous and adequate potable water service to their retail customers existing at the time of the default and may lack alternative sources for potable water supply. In recognition of this, and that failure in the performance of District No. 12's obligations could not be adequately

compensated in money damages alone, District No. 12 agrees in the event of any default on its part that LCRA shall have available to it the equitable remedies of mandamus and specific performance in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies that may also be available to LCRA including the right to obtain a writ of mandamus or an injunction against District No. 12 (i) requiring the Board of Directors of District No. 12 to levy and collect rates and charges sufficient to pay the amounts owed to LCRA by District No. 12 under this Agreement and (ii) enjoining District No. 12 from making additional retail water connections to the District Systems or providing Wholesale Water Services to the Districts beyond the levels specified in Section 6.04.a. If either party institutes legal proceedings to seek adjudication of an alleged default under this Agreement, the prevailing party in the adjudication shall be entitled to its reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in accordance with Section 271.159, Texas Local Government Code. THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO SUBCHAPTER I, CHAPTER 271, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, IN EFFECT AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2007.

Section 6.06. Protests, Disputes or Appeals. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to limit, impair or prevent any right of District No. 12 to protest, dispute or appeal with respect to rate making, the establishment of fees and charges or any other related legal or administrative proceedings affecting services or charges to District No. 12 under this Agreement. If District No. 12 should dispute District No. 12's obligation to pay all or any part of the amount stated in any invoice or notice, District No. 12 may, in addition to all other rights that it may have under law, pay such amount under protest in which case such amount shall be deposited by LCRA in an interest bearing account mutually acceptable to both LCRA and District No. 12 pending final resolution of such dispute. If District No. 12 provides payment under protest, District No. 12 will have the right to continue to receive service, including the right to make new connections, during the pendency of any good faith dispute regarding any alleged default or payment alleged to be due under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Section 7.01. Contracts. LCRA shall have the right to enter into other water supply or Wholesale Water Services contracts so long as LCRA's performance of its obligations under such contracts does not materially adversely affect or prevent LCRA's ability to perform its obligations hereunder. This section shall not be construed as limiting LCRA's rights to temporarily curtail service in times of shortage or Emergency as otherwise provided. District No. 12 agrees that it will not provide or sell water to any entity, private or public, other than the Districts and retail customers of the Districts within the District Service Area unless it obtains the prior written consent of LCRA, which consent shall be solely within LCRA's discretion and not subject to the provisions of section 7.09 of this Agreement.

Section 7.02. Records. LCRA and District No. 12 each agree to preserve, for a period of at least two years from their respective dates of origin, all books, records, test data, charts and other records pertaining to this Agreement. LCRA and District No. 12 shall each, respectively, have the right during reasonable business hours to inspect such records to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, charge or computation made pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement.

Section 7.03. State Approval; Compliance with TCEQ Rules. Each party represents and warrants that the plans and specifications for its respective system have been or will be approved by the TCEQ or its successors. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, it is the intention of the parties that this Agreement fully comply with the requirements of the TCEQ applicable to public drinking water systems which receive water through a sole-source water supply contract, including the requirements of 30 Texas Administrative Code, Section 290.45(f). The parties each agree to provide any information which may be requested by the other in order to respond to any inquiries or reports required by the TCEQ. If, at any time, it is determined that this Agreement does not comply with all applicable TCEQ requirements, the parties agree to cooperate to modify this Agreement in order to effect such compliance.

Section 7.04. Force Majeure. If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure to carry out any of its obligations under this Agreement, other than an obligation to pay or provide money, then such obligations of that party to the extent affected by such Force Majeure and to the extent that due diligence is being used to resume performance at the earliest practicable time shall be suspended during the continuance of any inability so caused to the extent provided but for no longer period. Such cause, as far as possible, shall be remedied with all reasonable diligence. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes and lockouts shall be entirely within the discretion of the affected party, and that the above requirements that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes and lockouts by acceding to the demand of the opposing party or parties when such settlement is unfavorable to it in the judgment of the affected party.

Section 7.05. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable and, if any provision or part of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall ever be held by any agency or court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, invalid or unlawful for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or part of this Agreement to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby; provided, however, that in such event the parties mutually covenant and agree to attempt to modify this Agreement by substituting a provision which is as similar as possible to the unenforceable, invalid or unlawful provision but which is enforceable, valid and lawful.

Section 7.06. No Oral Agreements; Modification. There are no oral agreements between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall be subject to change or modification only with the mutual written consent of LCRA and District No. 12.

Section 7.07. Addresses and Notices. Unless otherwise notified in writing by the other, the addresses of LCRA and District No. 12 are and shall remain as follows:

LCRA:  
Lower Colorado River Authority  
Attn: Executive Manager, Water Services  
3700 Lake Austin Boulevard  
Austin, Texas 78703

District No. 12:

Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 12  
c/o Armbrust & Brown, LLP  
100 Congress Avenue, Suite 1300  
Austin, Texas 78701  
Fax : (512) 435-2360

Section 7.08. Assignability. This Agreement shall be assignable by LCRA to any operating affiliate of LCRA without the necessity of obtaining the consent of District No. 12 if written notice is provided to District No. 12 and the assignee agrees in writing to be liable for all obligations of LCRA and is capable of carrying out LCRA's obligation under this Agreement in all respects. LCRA acknowledges, and expressly consents to, the transfer of certain rights and obligations under this Agreement to District No. 11 and District No. 13 through the District Shared Facility Agreement. District No. 12 further is authorized to expressly assign this Agreement to District No. 11 and/or District No. 13 without the necessity of obtaining the consent of LCRA, provided that District No. 12 provides at least 30 days' prior written notice to LCRA and there is no default of District No. 12's obligations under this Agreement on the date of such notice or during the period leading up to the date of the assignment, and no such assignment shall be effective until the assignee agrees in writing to assume District No. 12's duties and responsibilities under the Agreement and to be bound by the Agreement. Upon such an assignment, District No. 12 shall be released from any further obligations under this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided, this Agreement may not be assigned by either party to any other entity without the express written consent of either party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Section 7.09. Good Faith. Each party agrees that, notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary (i) it will not unreasonably withhold or condition or unduly delay any consent, approval, decision, determination or other action which is required or permitted under the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) it will act in good faith and shall at all times deal fairly with the other party. The agreements of the parties under this Section to act in good faith will extend to and expressly include all matters pertaining to rates and charges established by LCRA under this Agreement.

Section 7.10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in as many counterparts as may be convenient or required. All counterparts shall collectively constitute a single instrument, and it shall not be necessary in making proof of this Agreement to produce or account for more than a single counterpart.

Section 7.11. Governing Law. The terms and provisions hereof shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America from time to time in effect. Travis County, Texas shall be a proper place of venue for suit hereon, and the parties hereby agree that any and all legal proceedings in respect of this Agreement shall be brought in district courts of Travis County, Texas, or the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

Section 7.12. Authority of Parties Executing Agreement, Validity. By their execution, each of the individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of a party represents and warrants to the other party that he or she has the authority to execute the document in the capacity shown on this

document. Each of the parties further represent and warrant that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding contract, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

Section 7.13. Term and Termination. Unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall be the same as the term for the Raw Water Contract. This Agreement shall terminate automatically in the event of the termination of the Raw Water Contract; provided, however, that no termination of this Agreement will affect or impair District No. 12's rights to its contractual capacity in the LCRA System described in Section 4.01 of this Agreement and such contractual capacity rights will survive any termination of this Agreement. Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.

Section 7.14. Other Agreements. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as amending, modifying or limiting the rights and obligations of the parties under the Raw Water Contract.

Section 7.15. Guaranty by Developer. Rough Hollow Development, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership and the developer within the District Service Area, is executing this Agreement for the limited purpose of guaranteeing the Minimum Payments to be made by District No. 12 under Section 4.01 of this Agreement. If District No. 12 fails to make any Minimum Payment as and when due, LCRA may give written notice to Rough Hollow Development, Ltd. and, in such event, Rough Hollow Development, Ltd. will be required to make the payment in question within 15 days after delivery of such notice. If Rough Hollow Development, Ltd. fails to make any required payment within the specified 15-day period, LCRA may pursue all legal remedies to recover the guaranteed amounts from Rough Hollow Development, Ltd. Whether to provide notice to, or whether to institute legal proceedings to recover guaranteed amounts from, Rough Hollow Development, Ltd., shall be at LCRA's sole option, and LCRA may exercise other remedies under this Agreement instead. If, however, LCRA elects to pursue recovery from Rough Hollow Development, Ltd., then, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, LCRA will not seek to enforce any remedies under this Agreement against District No. 12 during the pendency of that action. Rough Hollow Development, Ltd. may assign its obligations under this Section to a subsequent owner of a majority of the land within the District Service Area; however, any such assignment must be in writing, include the name and mailing address of the assignee, and be assigned by Rough Hollow Development, Ltd. and assumed by the assignee.

Section 7.16. Exhibits. The following exhibits are attached to and incorporated into this Agreement for all purposes:

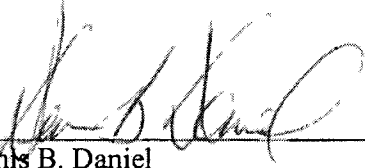
- Exhibit A - Delivery Point and District Service Area
- Exhibit B - LCRA Service Area
- Exhibit C - Payment Schedule
- Exhibit D - Form for Reports on Service Connections

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement in multiple copies, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and of equal force and effect, on the date or dates indicated below and to be effective as of the Effective Date.

*(The remainder of this page has been intentionally left blank, and the signature page or pages follow.)*

**LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY**

By:

  
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Dennis B. Daniel

Manager, Customer and Business Strategy


Date:

10-19-2009





**TRAVIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12**

By:   
Daniel Robertson  
President, Board of Directors

Date: 10/20/09

Rough Hollow Development, Ltd, is executing this Agreement for the sole purpose of confirming its guarantee of certain payments to be made by District No. 12 under this Agreement, as set forth in Section 7.15 of this Agreement.

**ROUGH HOLLOW DEVELOPMENT, LTD.,**  
a Texas limited partnership

By; JHVL, L.P., a Texas corporation, its General Partner

By:

  
Haythem Dawlett  
Vice President

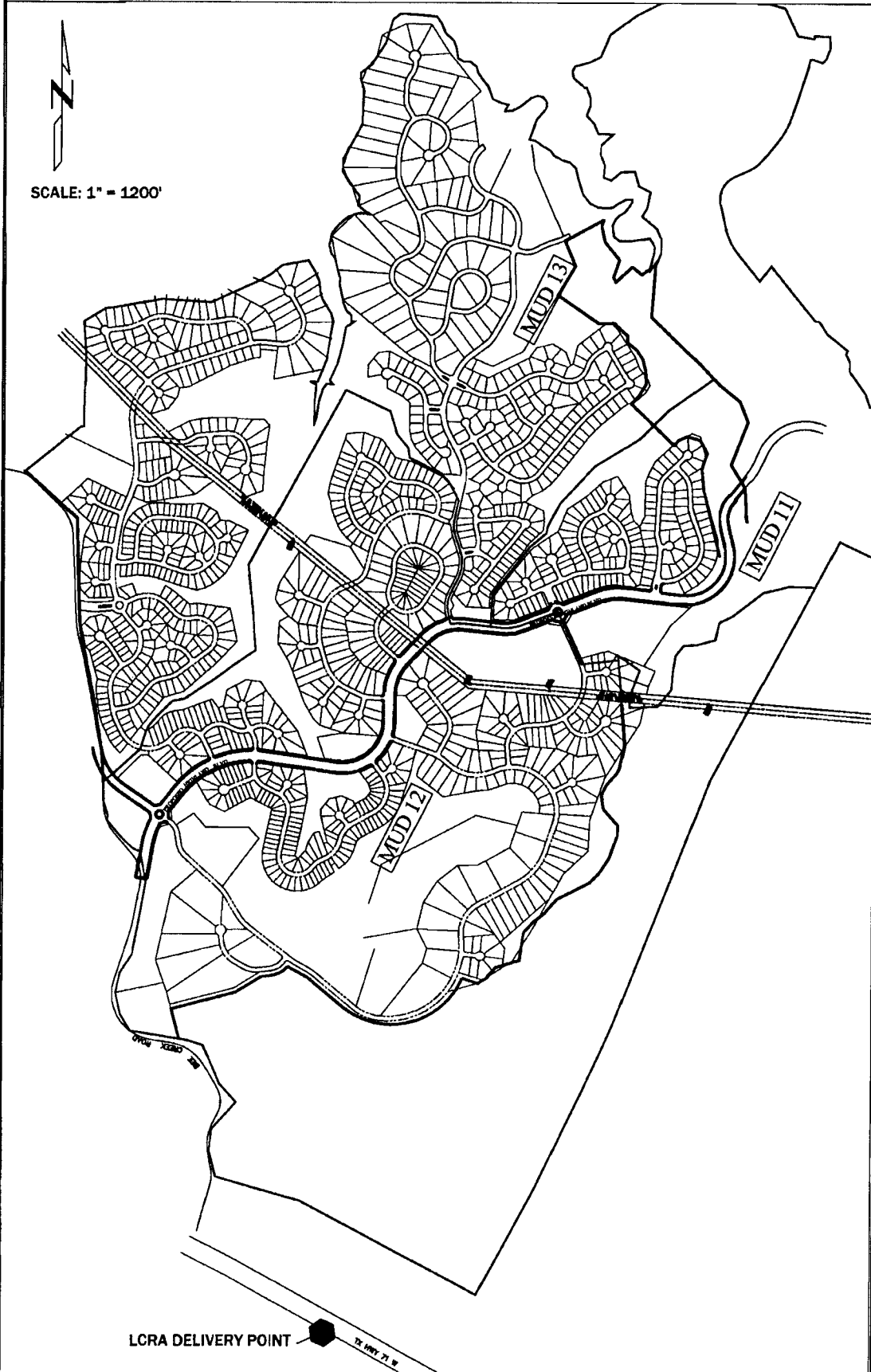
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EXHIBIT "A"



SCALE: 1" = 1200'



LCRA DELIVERY POINT

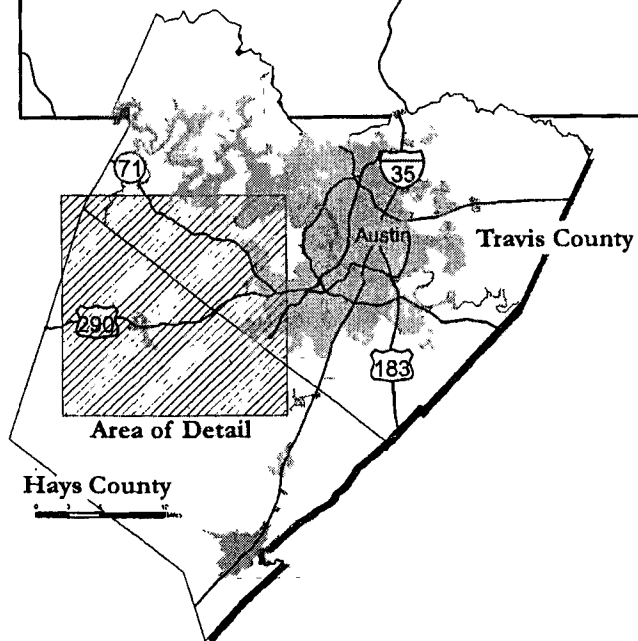
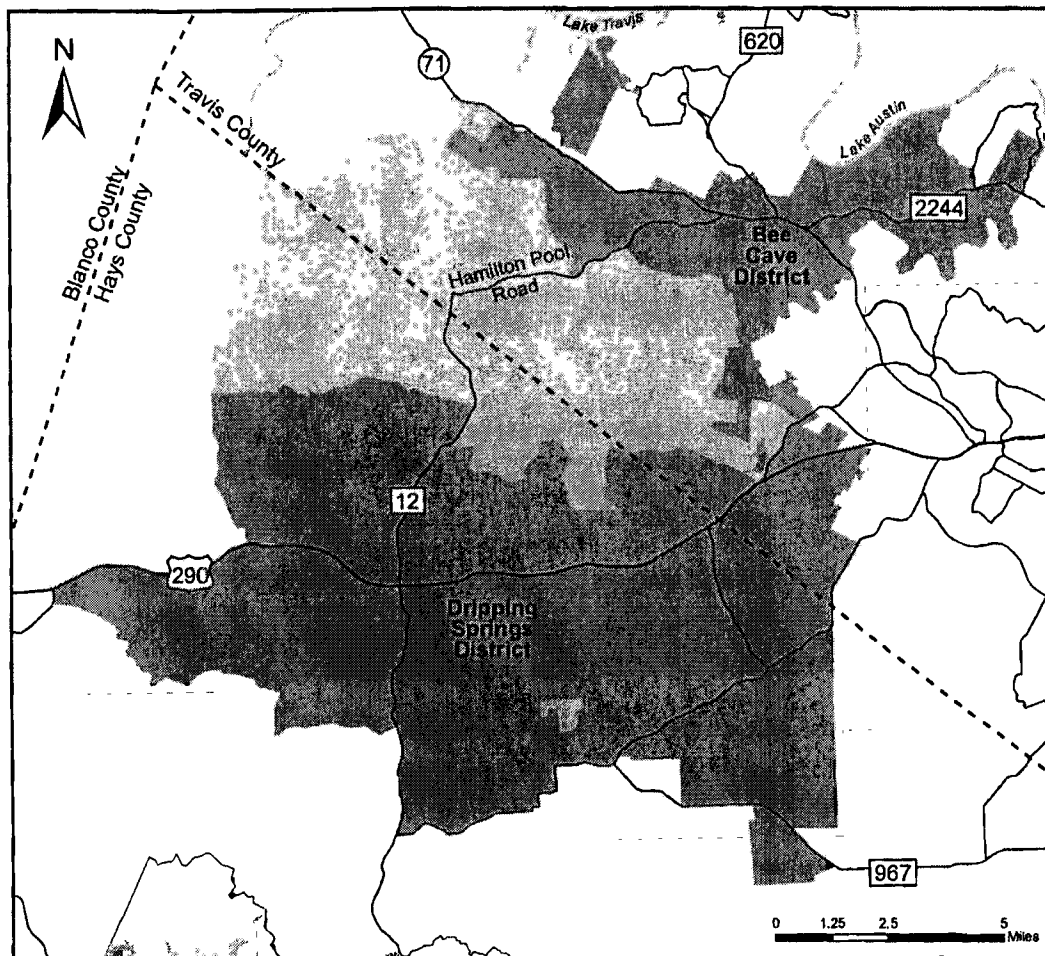
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SERVICE AREA MAP AND DELIVERY POINT EXHIBIT  
FOR TRAVIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICTS 11, 12, & 13



Carlson, Brigrance & Doering, Inc.

Civil Engineering   ♦   Surveying  
5501 West William Cannon   ♦   Austin, Texas 78749  
Phone No. (512) 280-5160   ♦   Fax No. (512) 280-5165



### General Location Map

#### West Travis County Regional Water System

Water Impact Fee  
Study Area

 Previous Area

 Area Approved  
in June 2005

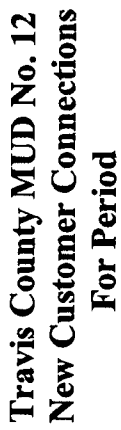
**EXHIBIT C  
PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>APPLICABLE PERIOD:</b>	<b>MINIMUM PAYMENT:</b>
On Effective Date*	\$350,200
Effective Date through April 1, 2010**	\$350,200
2011***	\$199,900
2012***	\$199,900
2013***	\$199,900
2014***	\$199,900

\* Due and payable within 15 days of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

\*\*Due on or before April 1, 2010, and any shortfall due and payable on or before May 15, 2010, per Section 4.01.a. of this Agreement.

\*\*\*Due on or before May 15 of the year in question, and any shortfall due and payable on or before June 30 of the same year, per Section 4.01.a of this Agreement.



**EXHIBIT D**  
**FORM FOR REPORTS ON SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

(fill in period covered by report)

[illegible]

**Submit form and applicable payment due monthly to:**

**Mary Blincoe, Business and Financial Service**

LCRA

P.O. Box 220, Mailstop H305

Austin, TX 78767-0220

(512) 473-3338 • [mary.blincoe@lcra.org](mailto:mary.blincoe@lcra.org)

IF NO CONNECTIONS WERE MADE AND/OR IF NO CONNECTION FEE  
PAYMENT IS DUE TO LCRA FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD, THIS FORM  
MUST STILL BE FILLED OUT (WITH PERIOD IDENTIFIED AT TOP)  
AND SUBMITTED TO LCRA.

**EXHIBIT B**

**Consent to Assignment**

**AGREEMENT REGARDING TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS OF THE WEST TRAVIS  
COUNTY WATER SYSTEM FROM THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY,  
TO THE WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY**

This Agreement Regarding Transfer of Operations of the West Travis County Water System from the Lower Colorado River Authority to the West Travis County Public Utility Agency (this "Agreement") is made by and between the Lower Colorado River Authority (the "LCRA"), Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 12 (the "District"), and the West Travis County Public Utility Agency (the "PUA"), to be effective as of March 19, 2012 ("Effective Date").

**RECITALS**

The LCRA is a conservation and reclamation district operating under Article XIV, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.

The PUA is a public utility agency formed by the City of Bee Cave, Hays County, and West Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 5 for, among other purposes, the purpose of acquiring the West Travis County Water System (the "System") from the LCRA in order to maintain public ownership.

The District is a conservation and reclamation district created and operating pursuant to Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code.

The District and the LCRA previously entered into that certain Wholesale Water Services Agreement Between Lower Colorado River Authority and Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 12 dated October 22, 2009 (the "Water Services Contract") governing the LCRA's provision of wholesale water services from the System to the District on behalf of the District, Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 11 ("District No. 11") and Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 13 ("District No. 13").

The LCRA and the PUA have entered into that certain Utilities Installment Purchase Agreement dated January 17, 2012 (the "Sale and Transfer Agreement") pursuant to which the LCRA has agreed to convey all of its rights, title and interests in the System to the PUA for ownership, operation and maintenance, subject to any outstanding obligations and responsibilities applicable to the LCRA with respect to the System, including the LCRA's obligations under the Water Services Contract.

The purchase price under the Sale and Transfer Agreement is to be paid in installments and the conveyance of the System from the LCRA to the PUA will not be complete until the date of the "Final 2019 Equity Payment" under and as such terms are defined in the Sale and Transfer Agreement (the "Closing"); however, the LCRA wishes to transfer, and the PUA wishes to assume, operations and maintenance responsibilities for the System prior to the Closing. The LCRA and the PUA have requested that the District consent to the LCRA's transfer and the



PUA's assumption of such operations and maintenance responsibilities under the Water Services Contract during the term of the Sale and Transfer Agreement in advance of the Closing. The District is willing to do so, on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## AGREEMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. The LCRA hereby assigns to the PUA, and the PUA hereby assumes and agrees to perform, all responsibilities, obligations and duties of the LCRA under the Water Services Contract related to operation and maintenance of the System and the delivery of wholesale water service as provided therein effective as of March 19, 2012. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the District consents to such assignment and assumption; provided, however, that if (a) the LCRA does not finally convey and transfer all legal title and capacity interests in the System to the PUA on the date of the Closing (the "Closing Date"), or (b) if (i) the Closing Date does not occur on or before June 1, 2019 or (ii) the Sale and Transfer Agreement terminates, for any reason (either, the "Termination Date"), then all of the District's consents under this Agreement and such assignment of responsibilities, duties and obligations under the Water Services Contract will immediately terminate as of the earlier to occur of the Closing Date or the Termination Date and all responsibilities, obligations and duties of the LCRA under the Water Services Contract will revert to and be and remain binding upon the LCRA as of that date. Nothing contained in this Agreement will be deemed or construed to amend, diminish or affect the District's rights, the obligations of the LCRA or the obligations of the PUA, as the LCRA's assignee, under the Water Services Contract.
2. The LCRA acknowledges and confirms that the Connection Fees (which term will mean the connection fees paid or to be paid by the District under Section 4.01.a. of the Water Services Contract) listed on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, have been paid by or on behalf of the District under the terms of the Water Services Contract and have been received by the LCRA (the "Paid Connection Fees"). The LCRA and the PUA have requested that, in connection with the assignment and assumption described in Paragraph 1, the District consent to the transfer of the Paid Connection Fees to the PUA. The LCRA and the PUA each confirm and agree that the District is entitled to and will receive full credit for the Paid Connection Fees under the terms of the Water Services Contract, and that neither the Sale and Transfer Agreement, the assignment and assumption described in Paragraph 1, the provisions of this Agreement or the transfer of the Paid Connection Fees to the PUA will affect or

diminish such credit or the District's rights under the Water Services Contract. Subject to the foregoing, the District consents to the LCRA's transfer of the Paid Connection Fees to the PUA.

3. The LCRA and the PUA have advised the District that, in connection with the assignment and assumption described in Paragraph 1, the LCRA desires, until the earlier to occur of the Closing Date or the Termination Date, to delegate to the PUA the authority to collect the Connection Fees payable under the Water Services Contract and the authority to set and collect the Monthly Charges and Volume Rates (which terms will mean the monthly charges payable by the District under Section 4.01.d. of the Water Services Contract and the volume rate payable by the District under Section 4.01.e. of the Water Services Contract, respectively and will be referred to in this Agreement collectively the "Water Services Contract Fees"). The LCRA and the PUA agree that the District is entitled to and will receive full credit for all Connection Fees and/or Water Services Contract Fees paid to the PUA under the terms of this Agreement, as if the District had paid such Connection Fees and/or Water Service Contract Fees to the LCRA, and that neither the Sale and Transfer Agreement, the assignment and assumption described in Paragraph 1, the provisions of this Agreement or the payment of the Connection Fees and/or Water Services Contract Fees to the PUA will affect or diminish such credit or the District's rights under the Water Services Contract. Subject to the foregoing, and provided that all Connection Fees are collected and credited and all Water Services Contract Fees are set, collected, and credited in strict accordance with the terms of the Water Services Contract, the District agrees that the LCRA may delegate to the PUA authority to collect the Connection Fees and to set and collect the Water Services Contract Fees under the Water Services Contract until the earlier to occur of the Closing Date or the Termination Date. The PUA shall bill and collect payment from the District in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the Water Services Contract.
4. The LCRA, the PUA and the District agree that the monthly and annual reports from the District for Connection Fees described in Section 4.01b. and Section 4.04b. and 4.04c. of the Water Services Contract and any Connection Fees or Deficiency Amounts (as defined in Section 4.01.a. of the Water Services Contract) shall be submitted to the PUA at the following address:

West Travis County Public Utility Agency  
Attn: Autumn Phillips  
Municipal Accounts & Consulting  
8834 N. Capital of Texas Highway Suite 150  
Austin, Texas 78759