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SOAH Docket No. 582-03-3725; TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0664-UCR, In Re: The Application of Bexar Metropolitan Water District To Amend Water CCN No. 10675 in Bexar County, Before the State Office of Administrative Hearings RE:

Please find enclosed BexarMet's Response to Bitterblue's "Supplement to Motion for Dismissal by Summary Disposition" and Request for Abatement. By copy of this letter, Dear Judge Church: together with enclosures, all persons on the service list are being served with this pleading.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

bert L. Wilson III

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#### SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-03-3725 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2003-0664-UCR

| IN RE: THE APPLICATION OF<br>BEXAR METROPOLITAN<br>WATER DISTRICT TO AMEND<br>WATER CCN NO. 10675<br>IN BEXAR COUNTY | \$<br>\$ | BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE |
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# BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO INTERVENOR'S "SUPPLEMENT TO MOTION FOR DISMISSAL BY SUMMARY DISPOSITION" and REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT PENDING FINAL DISPOSITION OF TRIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO SB 1494

COMES NOW, Bexar Metropolitan Water District ("BexarMet" or the "District"), Applicant in the above-numbered and styled administrative proceeding, and files this, its Supplemental Response to the "Supplement to Motion For Dismissal By Summary Disposition" ("Supplement") filed by Intervenor, Bitterblue, Inc. ("Bitterblue") on or about May 12th, 2006. By way of this pleading, BexarMet also requests abatement of this proceeding for a reasonable period of time, during which the legality and constitutionality of SB 1494 can be fully and finally addressed by the District Courts and Courts of Appeals. In support of this Opposition and Request for Abatement, BexarMet shows as follows:

### I. INTRODUCTION

Bitterblue's Supplement generally alleges that the Comal County District Court (Judge Gary Steel) has issued a definitive ruling which substantiates Bitterblue's allegation that BexarMet's "enabling legislation does not provide BMWD with the statutory authority to provide service to

[Intervenor's] Properties," and that, as a result, BexarMet's application for CCN amendment should be dismissed. Such a position is a tremendous oversimplification of the legal maneuvering regarding the right to serve the area in question, and fails to recognize the important issues Judge Steele did not consider or rule upon. Each of the issues not reached by Judge Steel bear greatly upon the outcome of this proceeding, and upon the powers of the TCEQ. Further, these issues have been presented to District Courts in both Bexar and Travis Counties, and will likely be reached in the reasonably near future. As such, Judge Steel's ruling (which remains subject to being overturned) falls short of being dispositive concerning the issues presented in this administrative proceeding.

Further, for all of the reasons set-forth in BexarMet's October 11, 2006 Response, and for the following reasons, Bitterblue's Motion fails as a matter of law, and should be denied:

- a) SB 1494, and any limitations of TCEQ authority to issue new service area to BexarMet set-forth therein, is inapplicable to the Application made the subject of this proceeding; and
- b) Senate Bill 1494 is unconstitutional as a matter of law as it was passed without published notice and administrative agency review and recommendation in accordance with Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 59.

Each of the foregoing arguments (which are addressed at length herein), and the applicability and constitutionality of SB 1494, generally, are presently being litigated in three (3) separate proceedings before three (3) District Courts in three (3) counties.<sup>2</sup> The final resolution of these

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Motion for Dismissal at ¶ 4 on p. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The actions are as follows: (i) Cause No. C2003-1201A; City of Bulverde and Guadalupe Blanco River Authority v. Bexar Metropolitan Water District, In the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Comal County, Texas; (ii) Cause No. 2005-CI-15535; Bexar Metropolitan Water District v. City of San Antonio By and Through the San Antonio Water System; In the 407th District Court of Bexar County, Texas; and (iii) City of San Antonio By and Through the San Antonio Water System v. Kathleen Hartnett White, et al.: In the 200th District Court of Travis County, Texas.

proceedings by Courts of competent appellate jurisdiction will be dispositive of Bitterblue's opposition to BexarMet's application made the subject of this proceeding. As such, BexarMet respectfully requests that the ALJ abate this proceeding, or at a minimum take summary disposition under advisement, pending such final resolution.

# II. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY DISPOSITION RESPONSE EVIDENCE

In addition to the Exhibits (A-E) attached to its October 2005 Response to Intervenor's Motion, BexarMet relies upon the following supplemental summary judgment response evidence, which is attached hereto. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 166a(d), BexarMet provides all parties with notice of its intent to use such materials as summary judgment response evidence at the time of hearing upon Intervenor's Motion:

Exhibit F: A certified copy of the filing letter and first two pages of BexarMet's Application to Amend CCN 10675:

Exhibit G: TEX. CONST. art. III, § 57;

Exhibit H: Affidavit of Susan Lichtenwalter;

Exhibit I Affidavit of Ivy Kettinger;

Exhibit J: Affidavit of William "Todd" Galiga, Staff Attorney for TCEQ; and

Exhibit K: Affidavit of Gregory Scott Davidson.

In addition, BexarMet relies upon SB 1494, as attached to Bitterblue's Motion for Dismissal at "Exhibit D."

#### III. <u>ARGUMENT and AUTHORITIES</u>

# A. THERE EXISTS A FACT ISSUE REGARDING THE APPLICABILITY OF SB 1494 RENDER TO THE SUBJECT APPLICATION TO AMEND CCN

Bitterblue, as the Movant for summary disposition, maintains all burdens regarding presentation of conclusive evidence to prove its defenses. However, Bitterble has failed to conclusively establish with competent summary evidence that the two grandfathering provisions of SB 1494 do not render the subject application beyond the purview of SB 1494.<sup>3</sup> The grandfathered provisions of SB 1494 establish a transition rule for a pending BexarMet annexation proceeding initiated before the effective date of the Act and to a pending application for a CCN that has been referred by the TCEQ to the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") before the effective date of the Act. See SB 1494, § 5(b) and (c). The effective date of SB 1494 is June 18, 2003. The instant CCN application had been slated for referral to SOAH prior to that date. Thus, the law applicable to, and governing over, this action is that law in effect prior to June 18, 2003. Id.

To obtain summary disposition on the grounds it has advanced, Bitterblue is required to demonstrate both that the area proposed to be served by the instant CCN Application is: (1) not the subject of an annexation proceeding pending before June 18, 2003; and (2) that the TCEQ did not refer the application to SOAH before June 18, 2003. Bitterblue has not offered any evidence to demonstrate that either scenario is true. As such, the law in effect prior to SB 1494 governs this CCN Application proceeding, and SB 1494 is irrelevant for purposes of the Motion for Summary Disposition. Resultantly, the Motion for summary disposition is groundless insofar as it rests wholly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These "grandfathering provisions are located at SB 1494, § 5(b) and (c). SB 1494 is attached to Bitterblue's Motion at "Exhibit D."

on the application of SB 1494 to the instant CCN application, and raises no other alleged basis for dismissal.

A thorough examination of Bitterblue's Motion, supplement and supporting evidence reveals that the only summary judgment evidence Bitterblue offers to establish the relevance of SB 1494 is an affidavit of Gene Dawson. Mr. Dawson, whose connection to this proceeding is unknown, and not revealed by his Affidavit, avers to facts about which he cannot possibly have firsthand knowledge. Further, Mr. Dawson neither sheds insight as to his qualifications to render testimony, nor provides any attribution to how he knows the "facts" about which he purports to testify. As such, Gene Dawson's affidavit is not competent summary judgment evidence, and should be struck from the record as self-serving statements designed to serve as a substitute for competent evidence. No documents from the official files of BexarMet, the TCEQ or SOAH are attached to the Affidavit and Mr. Dawson is not a custodian of public records of any agency or other person authorized to certify public documents that may or may not prove these facts, as required by Tex. R. EVID. 902(4); nor can his affidavit constitute a business record, as required by Tex. R. EVID. 902(10) such that it would meet the requisites of "records of regularly conducted activity" under Tex. R. EVID. 803(6) and (7). Mr. Dawson's affidavit is simply not competent to prove any facts, much less to meet the summary judgment standard to "conclusively" prove facts. BexarMet objects to Mr. Dawson's affidavit in its entirety as it constitutes hearsay under TEX. R. EVID. 801.

As demonstrated by *Exhibit F*, BexarMet filed the instant Application to Amend on April 3, 2002 -- more than year in advance of the effective date of SB 1494. This filing also occurred well within the time for which a hearing could have commenced, and agency records demonstrate that the referral determination was made prior to the effective date of SB 1494. At a minimum, a fact

issue exists as to when a referral of this CCN Application to SOAH occurred, and Bitterblue has failed to dispose of such issue. The existence of such a disputed issue of material fact defeats Bitterblue's motion for summary disposition because Bitterblue is required to show that there exists no issue of material fact. As such, Bitterblue's Motion must be denied.

### B. SB 1494 IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND VOID FOR LACK OF NOTICE

### 1. Lack of Notice Required for Local and Special Laws

Bitterblue's Motion for summary dismissal also fails because Senate Bill 1494 is unconstitutional as a result of the Legislature's failure to provide adequate notice as required by Article III, section 57 and Article XVI, sections 59 of the Texas Constitution. The legislation is therefore void, and cannot serve as legitimate basis for dismissal of this action.

Article III, Section 57 of the Texas Constitution provides:

No local or special law shall be passed, unless notice of the intention to apply therefore shall have been published in the locality where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated, which notice shall state the substance of the contemplated law, and shall be published at least thirty days prior to the introduction into the Legislature of such bill and in the manner to be provided by law. The evidence of such notice having been published, shall be exhibited in the Legislature, before such act shall be passed.

See Exhibit G, TEX. CONST. art. III, § 57. It is undisputed that SB 1494 amended a special law (the BexarMet Act), and was a piece of local and special legislation.

Texas case law provides that a special or local law passed without notice is unconstitutional and void. See Bexar County v. Tynan, 69 S.W.2d 193, 194 (Tex. Civ. App. 1934); see also Trimmier v. Carlton, 296 S.W. 1070, 1072 (Tex. 1927); Rogers v. Graves, 221 S.W.2d 399, 400 (Tex. Civ. App.—Waco 1949, writ ref'd) (in which the statute was passed without publication of notice in

violation of Art. III §§ 56 and 57, but was saved because it was not a local or special law); Passage of a local law is unconstitutional if not preceded by proper notice. *Id.*; see also TEX. CONST. art. III, § 56 (requiring the legislature to pass any local or special law regulating water districts to comply with other provisions of the Constitution, such as notice). Moreover, "evidence of such notice having been published is required to be exhibited to the legislature before such act shall be passed." *Moller v. City of Galveston*, 57 S.W. 1116, 1120 (Tex. Civ. App. 1900). In the absence of these procedural requirements, legislation is void and unconstitutional. Such is the case concerning SB 1494.

BexarMet has attached competent summary judgment evidence hereto, all of which establishes that that SB 1494 failed to comply with the notice provisions of the Constitution. Again, SB 1494 was filed on March 13, 2003. However, as reflected in the attached affidavits of Susan Lichtenwalter<sup>4</sup> and Ivy Kettinger (the publisher's affidavit for the San Antonio Express News),<sup>5</sup> no notice was provided of a BexarMet bill prior to its filing. Indeed, the only discovered notice of the bill was a vague reference to "a bill to be entitled an Act relating to the powers of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District." That notice, though insufficient, was published on March 16, 2003, three (3) days after the bill was filed. See Exhibits H and I.

# 2. Lack of Notice Regarding Bill Amending Law that Created a Conservation District

SB 1494 also failed to comply with the notice requirements of Article XVI § 59(d), pertaining to notice requirements for bills amending laws creating or governing a conservation or reclamation district. See Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 59. Article XVI, section 59 not only requires that

<sup>4</sup> See Exhibit H.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Exhibit I.

notice be published at least 30 days but not more than 90 days before it is introduced, but also requires that a copy be delivered to the Governor who in turn must submit the notice to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ must then deliver a recommendation regarding the bill to the governor, speaker of the house, and lieutenant governor within a time certain following receipt of notice. This did not occur with respect to SB 1494, and it is uncontroverted that TCEQ did not make any recommendation on SB 1494, as required by Article XVI, § 59. Thus, no recommendation on the bill was filed with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives within 30 days of the receipt of the bill from the Governor's Office. See Exhibits J and K. 6 The affidavits of representatives of the TCEQ and the Governor clearly demonstrate that SB 1494 was subject to the constitutional notice requirements for bills amending a law creating or governing BexarMet, but that the legislation was enacted in a complete absence of such notice, which is required by the Texas Constitution. SB 1494 is, therefore, constitutionally void as a matter of law, and cannot serve as the basis for dismissal of this action.

#### 3. Violation of Statutory Notice Requirements

The requirements for the notice for local and special laws are also set out by statute. See Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 313.001 et seq. Statutory requirements concerning notice mandate publication not later than 30 days before the date on which the intended law is introduced in the legislature and that notice be published for at least 30 days. In addition, proof of publication of the notice in the newspaper of the affected county must be made by affidavit of the publisher

 $<sup>^6</sup>$  Exhibit J is the Affidavit of William "Todd" Galiga, Staff Attorney for the TCEQ, while Exhibit K is the Affidavit of Gregory Scott Davidson, Executive Clerk to the Texas Governor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 313.002(b), (g).

accompanied by a printed copy of the notice as published.<sup>8</sup> A local or special law introduced to the legislature must be accompanied by "competent proof" that the notice was given.<sup>9</sup>

The requirements for the notice of local and special laws set out by the legislature in Texas Government Code § 313.001 et seq. were not met with regard to SB 1494 because notice was not published more than 30 days before the date on which SB 1494 was introduced in the legislature. Similarly, notice regarding SB 1494 was not published for at least 30 days.

Bitterblue has failed to produce evidence tending to demonstrate that SB 1494 complies with the Constitutional and statutory notice requirements of bills of its nature. As such, there exists a fact issue preventing summary disposition as requested by Bitterblue.

### IV. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT

Bitterblue would have the ALJ adopt, wholesale, the May 5, 2006 Final Judgment entered by Judge Steele in the Comal County lawsuit involving the City of Bulverde and GBRA. However, Judge Steele's Judgment is not final, and will be either set-aside (through Motion for New Trial) or appealed. Further, Judge Steele did not address BexarMet's constitutional arguments concerning SB 1494. Those arguments have, however, been presented to Travis County District Court Judge Scott Jenkins in a lawsuit initiated by San Antonio Water System ("SAWS") against the Commissioners of the TCEQ and BexarMet. Further, those arguments, and the applicability of SB 1494 have been argued by SAWS in a lawsuit initiated by BexarMet in Bexar County District Court.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> TEX, GOV'T CODE ANN. § 313,004(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 313.005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> SAWS' primary objective in that lawsuit is to obtain a declaration from the Distrcit Court that, in light of SB 1494, TCEQ would exceed its authority by issuing the CCN Amendment made the subject of this proceeding. That suit differs substantially from the Comal County action because the administrative agency is a party.

Based upon the simultaneous consideration by multiple tribunals of identical issues (all of which could potentially influence the outcome of this action), BexarMet requests that the ALJ enter an Order further abating this proceeding for a reasonable time during which the various claims and counter-claims regarding SB 1494 can be resolved through the trial and appellate courts.

#### V. <u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, BexarMet prays that the ALJ denies Bitterblue, Inc.'s Motion for Dismissal by Summary Disposition, and allows this case to proceed to hearing on the merits. Pleading in the alternative, BexarMet prays that this administrative proceeding be abated for a reasonable time during which the various lawsuits involving claims and counter-claims regarding SB 1494 and its effect on the subject application can be resolved through the trial and appellate courts of this State. BexarMet further prays for all relief to which it may be entitled at law or in equity.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was this 24th day of May, 2006, forwarded by [] certified mail return receipt requested, [x] facsimile transmission, [] hand delivery, [] overnight delivery, to the attached Service List for SOAH Docket Number 582-03-3725/TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0664-UCR.

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Dear Mr. Holcomb:

Enclosed please find an original and three copies of an Application to amend a water certificate of convenience and necessity, and a check for \$ 100.00 for the purpose of amending CCN #10675 with the Bexar Metropolitan Water District. The subject area is in northern Bexar County.

Public notification information is included in the application. Please advise me on your determination as to the completeness of the application so that we may publish the notification.

Please call me at (210) 357-5710 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Ahrens

Water Resources Manager

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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Bexar Metropolitan Water District is a governmental agency of the State of Texas, a water conservation district and body politic and corporate, created and operating pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59 of the Constitution of Texas, and Texas Revised Civil Statutes Article 8280-126, as amended, and the applicable general laws of the State of Texas.

Bexar Metropolitan Water District was created by the Legislature of the State of Texas on May 9, 1945, to control, conserve, protect, preserve, distribute and utilize storm and flood waters of streams, rivers, and underground water within the district. The district currently serves approximately 70,000 accounts representing a population of approximately 250,000 residents of Bexar and Atascosa counties.

Bexar Metropolitan Water District is governed by a board of seven members elected by the citizens of its service area.

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Constitution of the State of Texas 1876 (Refs & Annos)

\*\*Article III. Legislative Department

\*\*Requirements and Limitations

#### →§ 57. Notice of intention to apply for local or special laws

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#### **CROSS REFERENCES**

Notice of intention to apply for passage of local or special law, see V.T.C.A., Government Code § 313.001.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REFERENCES

Natural Resource Conservation Commission, water rates, ratemaking appeals, see 30 TAC § 291.41.

#### RESEARCH REFERENCES

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#### Affidavit of Susan Lichtenwalter

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Susan Lichtenwalter who, being by me duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says:

"My name is Susan Lichtenwalter. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this Affidavit, and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated and they are true and correct. I am a paralegal with the law firm of Clark, Thomas & Winters, a Professional Corporation.

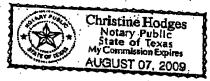
I performed a search of the microfilmed legal notices published in the San Antonio Express-News for the period of December 14, 2002 to March 31, 2003, at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library. I did not find any public notice for any bill relating to the Bexar Metropolitan Water District for the period of time beginning on December 14, 2002 and ending on March 13, 2003, the date Senate Bill 1494 of the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2003) was filed. I identified a copy of a legal notice published on March 16, 2003 that gave notice of intent to introduce in the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature a bill relating to the powers of the Bexar Metropolitan Water District. This was the only public notice I found relating to the Bexar Metropolitan Water District during this time frame.

I requested a negative certification from Ivy Kettinger. Accounts Receivable Supervisor of the San Antonio Express-News, that no such public notice appeared during this time frame. She explained to me that the San Antonio Express-News began to keep computerized files of its newspapers beginning April 1, 2003. Prior to this date, copies of the newspaper were maintained at the local library, and she would need six months to research the newspapers on microfilm to attest that no notice was published during this period.

Further affiant sayeth not."

Susan Lichtenwalter

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 5 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2006.



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### **EXHIBIT I**

#### CAUSE NO. D-1-GV-06-000053

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, acting by and through the SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM, *Plaintiff*,

VS.

KATHLEEN HARTNETT WHITE, in her official capacity as Chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,

and

RALPH MARQUEZ and LARRY SOWARD, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,

and

GLENN SHANKLE, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,

and

BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT,

Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

200th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

#### AFFIDAVIT OF IVY KETTINGER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Ivy Kettinger, an employee and an authorized representative of the San Antonio Express News, who, after being duly sworn by me, stated under oath, as follows:

- "My name is Ivy Kettinger. I am over eighteen years of age and fully competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and they are all true and correct.
- 2. I am an employee and an authorized representative of the San Antonio Express News. I am the Accounts Receivable Supervisor of the San Antonio Express News. As a part of

my job responsibilities I provide Publisher's Affidavits upon request. I am authorized to make this affidavit.

- Attached to this affidavit is a true and correct copy of the public notice concerning
  proposed legislation relating to the Bexar Metropolitan Water District appearing in the
  San Antonio Express News. It was published on March 16, 2003.
- 4. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct." FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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My Commission Expires: 4/07/07

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

This is to give notice of intent to introduce in the 78th Texas Legislature. Regular Session, a bill to be entitled an Act relating to the administration, powers, and duties of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, including the qualifications of the board of directors, and the issuance of bonds.

Edwards Aquifer Authority 1615 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, Texas 78215 210-222-2204 or 1-800-292-1047

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The following property will be offered at public safe at Arrow Truck Sales, 9003 IH-10 East, Converse, TX 78109 on 3/20/2003 commencing at 10:00 AM:

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THE LOCAL CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN MANAGER is accepting applications from local health and human care organizations desiring to participate in the Bexar County Government Local Charitable Campaign, City of San Antonio Local Charitable Campaign and the Combined School District Charitable Campaign to be conducted in the Fall of 2003, interested organizations may request an application by contacting the local campaign manager at (210) 352-7023. Completed applications must be received by 4:30 P.M. on Monday, April 14, 2003. THE LOCAL CHARITABLE



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#### Affidavit of William Todd Galiga

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared William Todd Galiga who, being by me duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says:

"My name is William Todd Galiga. I am over 18 years of age, of sound raind, capable of making this Affidavit, personally acquainted with the facts herein stated and they are true and correct.

I am employed at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") as a Staff Attorney. I have held this position for nine years. I am Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 59(d).

I have reviewed the documents in the TCEQ records in response to Bexar Metropolitan Water District's First Request for Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Records to Defendant TCEQ in Cause No. D-1-GV-06-000053, City of San Antonio, acting by and through the San Antonio Water System v. Kathleen White, et al; in the 200th District Court of Travis County, Texas, and conducted an inquiry into the kinds of review the TCEQ Staff conducted of Senate Bill 1494 of the 78th Legislature (2003) ("SB 1494") before, during and after the 78th Legislative Session (2003). Based on the information in the TCEQ records that I reviewed and discussions with the TCEQ Staff familiar with the TCEQ's review of SB 1494, I have concluded that the TCEQ did not make a recommendation on SB 1494 in accordance with the TEX. CONST. art. XVI, § 59(d) and therefore, did not file a recommendation on SB 1494 with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Further affiant sayeth not."

William Todd Galiga

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 5 day of MCU 200

Margaret Jackson
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State of Texas
My Commission Expires
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# EXHIBIT K

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#### Affidavit of Gregory Scott Davidson

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Gregory Scott Davidson who, being by me duly swom, upon oath deposes and says:

"My name is Gregory Scott Davidson. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this Affidavit, personally acquainted with the facts herein stated and they are true and correct.

I am employed by the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas as a the Executive Clerk to the Governor I have held this position since 1995. I am familiar with the legislative process whereby bills that are subject to the notice provisions of Tex. Const. art. XVI, § 59(d) are sent to the Governor along with a copy of the notice attached. Upon receipt of the notice and the bill, it is then my responsibility to forward a copy of the notice and the bill to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") for a recommendation on the

In the course of performing this activity, I keep and maintain a bill tracking log. Attached is a true and copy of a bill tracking log that I keep in the normal course of performing these activities. It is for the period of time covering the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and represents the bill tracking activities I performed during the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2003). It shows that the Governor did not receive a copy of Senate Bill No. 1494, as filed in the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2003) pursuant to TEX. CONST. art. XVI. § 59(d), that the Governor did not forward a copy of Senate Bill No. 1494 to the TCBQ for its recommendation and that no recommendation was received from the TCEQ on Senate Bill No. 1494.

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