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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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Ms. LaDonna Castañuela Chief Clerk TCEQ PO Box 13087 Austin TX 78711-3087

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TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION UTILITIES AND DISTRICTS

Re:

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SOAH Docket No. 582-02-3056; TCEQ Docket No. 2002-0189-UCR; Application from City of Austin to Obtain a Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Travis, Hays and Williamson Counties; Application No. 33562-C

SOAH Docket No. 582-02-3056: TCEQ Docket No. 2002-0189 UCR; Application from City of Austin to Obtain a Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Travis, Hays and Williamson Counties; Application No. 33563-C

Dear Ms. Castañuela:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the Lower Colorado River Authority's Response to the City of Austin's Request for Disclosure in the above-referenced docket. Copies are being sent to all parties of record as per the attached Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

Ronald J. Freeman

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cc: All parties of record per attached Certificate of Service

#### SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-02-3056 TNRCC DOCKET NO. 2002-0189-UCR

IN THE MATTER OF THE	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
APPLICATIONS OF THE CITY OF	§	
AUSTIN FOR A WATER	§	
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE	§	$\mathbf{OF}$
AND NECESSITY (NO. 33562-C) AND	§	
A WASTEWATER CERTFICATE OF	§	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
(NO. 33563-S)	§	

## THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY'S FIRST RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

TO: CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AND THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY, KENNETH RAMIREZ, BRACEWELL & PATTERSON, L.L.P., 111 CONGRESS, SUITE 2300, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Comes now the Lower Colorado River Authority, by and through its undersigned attorney, and files this First Response to City of Austin's Request for Disclosure to the Lower Colorado River Authority, as follows:

#### **DISCLOSURES**

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, the Lower Colorado River Authority discloses the following information described in Rule 194.2:

- a) The names of the parties are correct to the extent that the Lower Colorado River Authority is aware.
- b) The Lower Colorado River Authority is aware of no other potential parties at this time.
- The Lower Colorado River Authority has been negotiating an agreement with the Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation to acquire a portion of the certificated water service area of the Creedmoor-Maha WSC. Some of the areas that LCRA has been negotiating to acquire from CMWSC are areas for which CMWSC has requested a water CCN, which request Austin has disputed. A decision on CMWSC's request is pending in TNRCC Docket No. 2000-0018-UCR (SOAH Docket No. 582-00-0546). In the meantime, Austin has submitted an application for those same areas to be included in its water CCN in this docket. In addition to its interest in this dispute over proposed water CCN.

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areas, LCRA also is opposed to the City of Austin receiving a wastewater CCN in the same water service areas that LCRA intends to acquire from CMWSC. LCRA is equally if not more qualified to provide wastewater services in these areas and has been requested to do so by CMWSC. In the event LCRA acquires the water service areas from CMWSC, utility customers in these areas will be better served by receiving water and wastewater utility services in combination from a single provider or from a wastewater provider which has an agreement with the water service provider to co-ordinate those services.

- d) Not applicable, as damages are not sought.
- e) Joe Beal, P.E., General Manager, LCRA, P.O. Box 220 mail stop H107, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200

Jesus Garza, Deputy General Manager, LCRA, P.O. Box 220 mail stop H107, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200

Randy J. Goss, P.E., Executive Manager, LCRA Water and Wastewater Utility Services, P.O. Box 220, mail stop H200, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200

Brent Covert, Utility Development Coordinator, LCRA Water and Wastewater Utility Services, P.O. Box 220, mail stop H200, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200, representative generally involved in dealings with Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation

Janet Stephenson, Customer Rates/Financial Analysis, LCRA, P.O. Box 220, mail stop H200, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200

Madison Jechow, Associate General Counsel, LCRA, P.O. Box 220, mail stop H424, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200, attorney generally representing LCRA Water and Wastewater Utility Services

Ronald J. Freeman, Freeman & Corbett, L.L.P., 2304 Hancock, Suite 6, Austin, Texas 78756, 512-451-6689, attorney representing LCRA in this matter and in dealings with Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation

Bill West, Fred Blumberg, and Debbie Magin, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, 933 E. Court Street, Seguin, TX 78155, 830 379-5822, applicants for wastewater plant permit in area subject of this dispute

Gary Bradley, Bradley Development, 1111 West 11th, Austin, TX 78703, 480-9821, owner of property interests in area subject of this dispute

W.P. Stromberg, Alton B. Laws, and Charles Laws, Creedmore-Maha Water Supply Corporation, 1699 Laws Road, Buda, TX 78610, water service provider in area subject of this dispute

David Malisch, P.E., Murfee Engineering Co., 1101 Capital of Texas Highway, South, Building D, Austin, TX 78746; 512-327-9204. Mr. Malisch will testify regarding engineering options for provision of water and wastewater service in certain areas lying within the existing and proposed water CCN of the Creedmoor-Maha WSC, and how options for service by the LCRA compare to options for service from City of Austin. The general substance of Mr. Malisch's mental impressions and opinions will be developed as discovery regarding Austin's plans for providing service in the area is obtained. Mr. Malisch has been retained by the LCRA. Documents reviewed by Mr. Malisch include: application for wastewater discharge permit no. 14377-001, filed by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and declared to be administratively complete on July 31, 2002; this list will be supplemented as discovery regarding Austin's plans for providing wastewater service in the area is obtained. A copy of Mr. Malisch's resume is attached.

Randy J. Goss, P.E., Executive Manager, LCRA Water and Wastewater Utility Services, P.O. Box 220, mail stop H200, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200. Mr. Goss will testify regarding engineering options for provision of water and wastewater service in certain areas lying within the existing and proposed water CCN of the Creedmoor-Maha WSC, and how options for service by the LCRA compare to options for service from City of Austin. The general substance of Mr. Goss' mental impressions and opinions will be developed as discovery regarding Austin's plans for providing service in the area is obtained. Mr. Goss is employed by the LCRA. A list of documents reviewed by Mr. Goss will be supplemented as discovery regarding Austin's plans for providing service in the area is obtained. A copy of Mr. Goss' resume is attached.

Janet Stephenson, Customer Rates/Financial Analysis, LCRA, P.O. Box 220, mail stop H200, Austin, TX 78767-0220, 512-473-3200. Ms. Stephenson will testify regarding financing options for provision of water and wastewater service in certain areas lying within the existing and proposed water CCN of the Creedmoor-Maha WSC, and how options for service by the LCRA compare to options for service from City of Austin. The general substance of Ms. Stephenson's mental impressions and opinions will be developed as discovery regarding Austin's plans for providing service in the area is obtained. Ms. Stephenson is employed by the LCRA. A list of documents reviewed by Ms. Stephenson will be supplemented as discovery regarding Austin's plans for providing service in the area is obtained. A copy of Ms. Stephenson's resume is attached.

- g) None.
- h) None.

- i) The LCRA is not aware of any witness statements.
- j) Not applicable.
- k) Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted,

LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

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Ronald J. Freeman

#### DAVID MALISH, P.E.

#### **EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering (1973) University of Texas at Austin

Master of Science, Environmental health Engineering (1975) University of Texas at Austin

#### **REGISTRATIONS:**

Registered Professional Engineer – Texas #47577
Registered Professional Engineer – New Mexico #13018
Registered Professional Engineer – Mississippi #15012
Registered Professional Engineer – Colorado #36007
Registered Professional Engineer – Georgia #027249

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member, National Society of Professional Engineers
Member, American Society of Civil Engineers
Water Environment Federation
American Water Works Association
Member, Association of Water Board Directors
Member, Central Texas Association of Utility Districts
City of Austin Water and Wastewater Commission (1990-1994)

## RELEVANT U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSIGNEMENTS:

Researched corrosion experienced in potable water systems for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and co-authored <u>Corrosion Prevention and Control in Water Treatment & Supply Systems</u>, Pollution Technology Review No. 122, Noyes Publications, 1985.

Served as technical ambassador on behalf of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to visit and review wastewater treatment technology in northern Europe specifically for heavy metals removal for technology importation to U.S.

#### ENGINEERING WORK HISTORY:

1982- Present:

Murfee Engineering Company - Austin, Texas

Vice President

1978-1982:

Sumx Corporation - Austin, Texas

Partner/Design Engineer

1975 – 1978:

Radian Corporation - Austin, Texas

Regional and Design Engineer Assistant

Summer 1973:

Freese & Nichols Consulting Engineers - Fort Worth, Texas

Design Engineer in Training

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#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

## Professional/Technical Water/Wastewater Systems Operation, Maintenance

#### Management

Executive Management Strategic Planning Performance Improvement

# Financial Water/Wastewater Rates Design and Cost of Service Retirement System Operations

#### PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

More than 27 years of experience in managing aspects of water and wastewater operation, maintenance, planning, engineering, construction, rates and financing. Served as director of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility for more of programs and plans to ensure protection of the public than 10 years, where he successfully implemented a number of programs and plans to ensure protection of the public health and the environment. Successfully implemented the Strategic Business Planning Process and the Total Quality Management initiatives at the City of Austin utility.

## RECOGNITIONS / APPOINTMENTS / HONORS / AWARDS

Registered Professional Engineer – State of Texas

Appointed to the Senate Bill I Lower Colorado River Authority Regional Water Planning Group Board – representing municipalities

Recipient of the 1997 George W. Fuller Award from the American Water Works Association (AWWA)

Elected to represent the Texas Section of AWWA on the National AWWA Board of Directors (1996 – 1999)

Past President – Texas Association of Municipal Sewage Agencies (1992)

Distinguished Service Award – Texas Municipal Utilities Association

Appointed us Board Trustee – Austin Employee Retirement System (1995 – 2000)

Utility received Merit Award -- Austin Quality Forum (1993 and 1996)
Utility received state, regional and national EPA awards for environmental excellence in operation and maintenance of water/wastewater systems.

### AFFILIATIONS / COMMUNITY SERVICE

American Water Works Association Water Environment Federation Texas Water Utility Association Texas Municipal Utility Association Texas Water Conservation Association Capitol Area Boy Scouts Grace Covenant Church – Support Services

#### **EDUCATION**

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY Master of Business Administration

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

#### CURRENT WORK PROFILE

Executive manager of Water and Wastewater Utilities including management and direction of system operation and maintenance for 21 water and wastewater systems; planning, engineering design, construction oversight, and financial analysis and rate design for those systems; marketing of services; and acquisitions of new facilities including development of financial performas; and implementation of water conservation and reuse programs.

Serve on corporatewide committee/boards including the Business and Information Technology Alignment Team, the

Diversity Supplier Advisory Team, and the LCRA Retirement System Board.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH LCRA SINCE 2000

Implemented reorganization to transition the water and wastewater to a stand-alone line of business.

• Implemented customer service section within the Water and Wastewater Utility Services to accommodate the retail side of

Continuing to grow the utility business with increases in the number of systems acquired and the amount of assets.

Initiated long-range planning process to develop plans for regional system growth and to provide adequate service for that growth, including meeting of future regulations.

#### **WORK HISTORY**

Lower Colorado River Authority

Executive Manager of Water and Wastewater Utility Services

City of Austin, Texas

Director of Water/Wastewater Utilities

City of Dallas, Texas

Various positions in area of engineering, planning, construction, and operations for both water and wastewater systems.

2000 - Present

1989 - 2000

1974 - 1989