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

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September 15, 2004

Mr. Glenn Shankle Executive Director TCEQ MC 109 P.O. Box 13087 Austin. TX 78711-3087

RE: Hornsby Bend Utility Company

City of Austin, Texas

TCEQ Docket Nos. 2002-0189-UCR and 200-0112-UCR

Dear Mr. Shankle:

The above-referenced utilities filed competing applications for wastewater service areas in eastern Travis County and then entered a settlement agreement designating service areas and transfer of service areas under the existing certificates.

Austin Estates Limited Partnership, a client of this firm, owns land located within the area subject to the settlement agreement.

Austin Estates Limited Partnership is concerned regarding the effect of the settlement agreement on the availability and cost of wastewater service. Austin Estates Limited Partnership objects to not receiving actual notice of the TCEQ's consideration and possible approval of the agreement designating service areas. Austin Estates Limited Partnership was known by the parties to the settlement as agreement designating affected by the directly person areas/transferring CCN because Austin Estates Limited Partnership was a party to an agreement captioned "Agreement to Provide Wastewater Service. However, notice was not mailed contrary to TCEQ rules, specifically rule 291.112(c)(1) requiring mailed notice to customers affected by a transfer of a CCN and 291.106(d). Additionally and alternatively, the settlement agreement constituted a major amendment of the application requiring new notice under rule 281.23(a).

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If final action on these applications has not been taken, Austin Estates Limited Partnership requests a contested hearing. If final action has been taken, Austin Estates Limited Partnership requests reconsideration by the Executive Director or a rehearing by the Commission. If final action has been taken and the request for reconsideration/motion for rehearing is not timely, Austin Estates Limited Partnership requests the Commission to reopen the matter under rule 50.17(a).

Sincerely

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