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PETITION OF BEXAR METROPOLITAN §
WATER DISTRICT TO COMPEL RAW §
WATER COMMITMENT FROM §
GUADALUPE-BLANCO RIVER §
AUTHORITY §
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

ORDER NO. 7 DIRECTING PARTIES TO DETERMINE EXPENSES

On April 14, 2006, Bexar Metropolitan Water District, Petitioner in the captioned action, submitted to the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") a letter clarifying that it seeks to dismiss the captioned action without prejudice. Accordingly, Petitioner stated that it is also seeking "an accounting of GBRA's expenses, not including its attorney's fees, in this proceeding." Under the rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"), at 30 TAC § 80.25(e), the party initiating an action is entitled to withdraw it without prejudice if it reimburses other parties for all expenses, not including attorney's fees, that those other parties have incurred in the case

The ALJ directs the parties (primarily the Petitioner and GBRA) to confer and determine whether they can agree upon the appropriate amount of case expenses for Petitioner to detray in order to qualify for dismissal without prejudice under 30 TAC § 80 25(e). By May 1, 2006, Petitioner shall submit to the ALJ a brief written status report, indicating whether the parties have reached an agreement regarding expenses or expect to be able to do so within a reasonably short time thereafter. If no agreement is then anticipated, the report should include a proposal for a procedural mechanism (hearing, submission of affidavits, or other process) that will enable the ALJ to make an efficient determination of reimbursable expenses.

Other parties may also submit status reports by May 1, if desired. Any proposed procedural schedules should reflect consultation with other parties in an effort to reach agreement on an acceptable process of accounting for expenses.

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PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS

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Routine procedural and logistical questions may be directed to Rita McBride at (512) 475-3419; however, please note that SOAH support personnel are not authorized to provide general advice or the interpretation of regulations or policy.

SIGNED April 19, 2006.

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Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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