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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE TO DENTON COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 10's MOTION TO DISMISS THE REMAINING INTERVENORS AND MAHARD EGG FARM INC.'s MOTION TO DISMISS THE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION

COMES NOW, the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (ED), and files its response to Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10's (the District) Motion to Dismiss Mahard Egg Farm, Inc. (Mahard) and Prosper Independent School District (PISD) as well as Mahard Egg Farm, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10's Application.

#### THE DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS THE INTERVENORS 1.

Pursuant to the District's Amendment of Certification Application and Motion to Dismiss Intervenors and the District's Reply to Mahard Egg Farm's Motion to Dismiss, the ED agrees with the entirety District's position, including the following major contentious points:

- Neither Mahard nor PISD have provided sufficient verification that they own property or have an option to purchase property in the proposed service area. a. The District filed affidavits which support this claim.
- Properties adjacent to the proposed area are not affected by the scope and the content of the CCN application in a manner distinguishable from the general Ъ. public.
- Property/Urban growth is not a factor which the TCEQ may consider in c. granting a CCN application.
- Neither Mahard nor PISD have a personal justiciable interest in the District's ď. CCN.
- How the District provides retail public water and sewer utility services to the public for compensation within the proposed service area does not effect either e. Mahard or PISD.

Therefore, the ED supports a motion to dismiss both Mahard and PISD due to a lack of standing.

## 2. MAHARD'S MOTION TO DISMISS THE DISTRICT'S APPLICATION

Pursuant to the District's Reply to Mahard's Motion to Dismiss, the ED agrees with the District's position. Although 30 TAC Section 281.23(a) states that a utility must re-notice when an application is amended, it is the policy of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to only re-notice when the amendments in the application increase the proposed certificated service area not when the amendment decreases the proposed surface area. The rationale for the interpretation of this rule lies in geometry. When the original CCN was filed in a large area, the people in that particular original area must be noticed of this proposed service. At that time they have an opportunity to enter into this hearing process. If the CCN shrinks in size and does not add any additional area, those people in that smaller proposed service area have already been noticed of the CCN when the first notice was given. Those service area have already been noticed of the CCN when the first notice was given. Those individuals, if not represented at the original hearing have waived their right to become an affected party. Re-noticing the service area is not necessary; and to do so would cause an injustice to the District. The ED does not support the District's dismissal from this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this 16th day of July, 2003, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was delivered via facsimile, hand delivery, interagency mail, or by deposit in the U.S. Mail to all persons on the attached mailing list.

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Dear Ms. Castañuela:

Enclosed please find the Executive Director's Response to Protestants Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10 Motion to Dismiss the Remaining Intervenors and Mahard Egg Farm Inc's Motion to Dismiss the District's Application in the above-referenced matter.

Truly yours,

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