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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

<u>Via first class mail</u>

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records 1701 N. Congress P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Re: PUC Docket No. 44523; Application of City of Dripping Springs to Amend its CCN in Hays County, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has become aware of the application of the City of Dripping Springs to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN). Further, LCRA understands that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) staff has concluded the applicant must get consent for the amendment from LCRA.

While LCRA has no objection to this amendment, LCRA is unclear that any consent from LCRA is actually required. While LCRA is a river authority with a water service area that includes the area that is the subject of Docket No. 44523, LCRA no longer provides potable water service within this or any part of LCRA's water service area. Because CCN amendments may occur with some regularity within LCRA's boundaries, we would like to better understand the specific statute or rule by which the PUC staff believes LCRA's consent is necessary.

If you or your staff have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Greg Graml, Associate General Counsel 512-730-6849, or email at Greg.Graml@lcra.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Onev **General Counsel**