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Hon. Susan E. Goodson Administrative Law Judge Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701 RECEIVED

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PUBLIS UTILITY COMMISSION
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Re:

PUC Docket No. 46701 - City of Howardwick Ratepayers' Appeal of the Decision of the Red River Authority of Texas' Decision Affecting Water and Sewer Rates - City of Howardwick's Request for Commission's Assistance

Dear Judge Goodson:

Under the Texas Water Code, a city may ask the Public Utility Commission ("Commission") for assistance in a rate case. Below is the relevant section of the Water Code:

## Sec. 13.085. ASSISTANCE BY UTILITY COMMISSION.

On request, the utility commission may <u>advise and assist municipalities</u> and affected counties <u>in connection with questions and proceedings arising under this chapter</u>. This assistance <u>may include aid to municipalities</u> or an affected county <u>in connection with matters pending before the utility commission, the courts, the governing body of any municipality</u>, or the commissioners court of an affected county, <u>including making members of the staff available to them as witnesses and otherwise providing evidence</u>. [emphasis added]

By this letter the City of Howardwick requests the Commission's assistance to the fullest extent possible in reviewing the Red River Authority's rates.

Please let me know what other information you may need from me so as to enlist the Commission's assistance.

Respectfully,

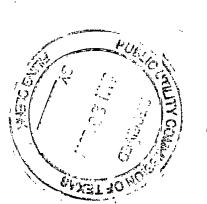
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