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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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RE: Docket No. 51407, *Application of Dos Aguas for Approval of a Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

Thank you for your service and leadership as you oversee the water utilities providing critically needed water to the state of Texas. Your work is vital in ensuring adequate water supply to retail customers, quality investment, and reasonable rates for our fellow Texans.

We are writing to encourage your approval of Dos Aguas, LLC's ("Dos Aguas") application for a water CCN. As you know, water is a precious and vital commodity and securing quality and reliable water is essential to supporting economic growth, such as is occurring in Walker, Montgomery, and San Jacinto counties.

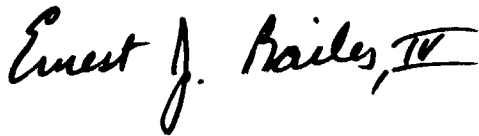
Dos Aguas's management has overseen the development, construction, and operation of multiple public water systems in the state of Texas for many years, with the population in Walker and Montgomery Counties rapidly multiplying. From 2010 to 2020 the population has grown by almost 13% in Walker County, and by more than 36% in Montgomery County. Dos Aguas' proposed service area anticipates 96 new customers per year, and new developments with certificated water systems are necessary to support this continued growth.

Dos Aguas has an imminent need for certification, as it currently has 38 customers being served by their TCEQ-approved system. Dos Aguas is not charging for water until it receives approval of its CCN, thus prompt approval of the application is crucial to ensuring Dos Aguas maintains the financial integrity to continue providing water service.

To date, Dos Aguas has constructed one water plant, with a second plant estimated to be completed within months. They'll continue to expand the water system to meet the future needs of customers well in advance of the anticipated need.

Dos Aguas has been proactively seeking certification for its water system since October of 2020, and we applaud their foresight and the actions taken to effectively provide water service to the area. Again, we appreciate the Commission's efforts and trust that you will give Dos Aguas' application the considerate attention it deserves. Please do not hesitate to reach out if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

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Ernest J. Bailes IV
State Representative, District 18

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Kyle J. Kacal
State Representative, District 12