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Dear Public Utility Commission,

I urge the Public Utility Commission (PUC) not to grant the application by the Texas Water Company (TWC) to increase its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 10692 in Comal County until TWC has proven that it has a sufficient water supply to provide reliable service to its current customers. By the end of this year, the TWC is required by the Comal County Commissioners Court to submit a new Water Availability Report.

TWC's 3-year report submitted in 2022 claimed it had sufficient water reserves to supply its customer base beyond the year 2042. However, because of the years-long drought, TWC's customers in Comal County have been continuously under drought restrictions since April 2022. Stage 3 and Stage 4 restrictions have been in place since May 2024. In January 2025, Stage 4 restrictions were set in place, with no end in sight! Stage 4 prohibits all outside water use except those necessary to sustain livestock and/or vegetable gardens and fruit orchards primarily for household use.

TWC, a company with a history of struggling to meet the needs of its current water customers in Comal County is filing for two new requested service areas totaling 1,381.6 acres in Comal County. The first filing includes the Chesmar Homes LLC's Purlsong development projected to contain 1,900 new homes and generate 460,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

Before the PUC grants an increase to TWC's currently under-resourced service area, TWC should be required to demonstrate the ability to fulfill the normal water needs of its current customers. Stage 3 and Stage 4 water restrictions should only be treated as temporary emergency measures and not part of TWC's standard level of service.

Respectfully,

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