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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

December 6, 2006

Re: Requirement to File Certified Service Area Map

Dear Utility Service Provider:

House Bill 2876 passed by the 79th Legislature, amended Chapter 13 of the Texas Water Code by adding Section 13.257(r) and (s). This statute requires water and sewer utility service providers holding a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) to record a certified copy of their CCN map in the real property records of each county in which the service area or a portion of the service area is located by **January 1, 2007**. The certification must be done by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). A boundary description provided by the CCN holder must also be filed in the real property records as outlined by the statute. CCN holders are required to provide information to the TCEQ that verifies that the county filing requirement has been met. For your reference, a copy of Water Code 13.257(r) and (s) is located on the back of this letter.

To assist you in meeting this requirement, the TCEQ has used its Financial, Managerial and Technical (FMT) Assistance Contractor, the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA), to obtain a TCEQ-certified copy of your CCN map. The certified map(s) of your CCN area are enclosed. Some of the map(s) may be difficult to read due to age, reproduction or reduction to meet the 11" x 17" filing requirement.

After you have filed the certified copy of your map(s) with each applicable county, please send a copy of the certified, recorded CCN map(s) to the TCEQ by **January 31, 2007**, to document that the requirement has been met. Please also include a cover letter stating where the certified CCN map was obtained. For example, "the maps that were filed were obtained from the TCEQ mailing" or "we obtained the maps ourselves from central records." Please send this information to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Utilities & Districts Section, MC 153
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact Ms. Tracy Harbour at 512/239-6952 or Ms. Tammy Benter at 512/239-6136. To request additional assistance through the TCEQ's FMT Assistance Contract, please contact Ms. Margot Taunton at 512/239-6403, Ms. Stacy Foster at 512/239-3105, or Ms. Elizabeth Flores at 512/239-6846. For additional information on the FMT Assistance Contract, please see the enclosed informational flyer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Holcomb".

Doug Holcomb, P.E., Section Manager
Utilities & Districts Section
Water Supply Division

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Enclosures