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Ms. LaDonna Castañuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Re: Comments to Petition for Rulemaking: Rule Package No. 2010-095-PET-NR;
TCEQ Docket No. 2009-1586-RUL

Dear Ms. Castañuela:

Please consider this letter as the formal written comments of the City of Cedar Park, Texas ("City") to the above-referenced petition for rulemaking. The City appreciates the TCEQ's consideration of these comments.

A predecessor agency of the TCEQ established a discharge ban in 1986 that prohibits wastewater utilities surrounding the Highland Lakes from discharging treated effluent into the Lakes or their tributaries. The City has heretofore supported the ban, as it provides a measure of protection for water quality in the Highland Lakes and therefore protection that is important to water providers, like the City, who look to the Highland Lakes for their raw water supplies and who have raw water intake structures within the Lakes that could be impacted by effluent discharges into the Lakes. The water quality of the Highland Lakes, and particularly Lake Travis, could be adversely affected by such discharges. The City does not support a complete lifting of the ban without the establishment of effective safeguards to protect these raw water supplies from degradation that could occur if wastewater discharges into the Lake were to be allowed.

Please file stamp and return the copy to our offices in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Eivens
City Manager

cc: Charles Rowland, City Attorney
Martin C. Rochelle, Principal
Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.