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LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk (MC 150)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Petition for rulemaking to repeal the Highland Lakes discharge ban
Docket No. 2009-1586-RUL

Dear Ms. Castanuela:

Samsung Austin Semiconductor is writing to request denial of the above-referenced petition that seeks to repeal the prohibition of wastewater discharges to the Highland Lakes (30 TAC 311, subchapters A, B, and F).

Our company obtains all process water for our Austin manufacturing operations from the Austin Water Utility. Stable and high quality water is crucial for our industry and fluctuations in water quality will have negative impacts on our operations. Increases in algae, plankton, and total organic carbon in the lake water will be particularly detrimental and removal of such matter will be costly to our company.

The high quality of Austin's lake and treated water is a significant reason for our continued presence in Austin. We have heavily invested in our manufacturing facilities and significantly contribute to regional and state economies.

We understand that the Lower Colorado River Authority ("LCRA") has performed modeling that indicates increased wastewater discharges into upstream lakes will result in increased nutrient and algae levels. In order to ensure that our company can continue to maintain our high quality, cost-effective operations in Austin, we strongly urge that this petition be denied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. James", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

David A. James
Sr. Manager, Facilities
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cc: Honorable Rick Perry, Governor, State of Texas
Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., Chairman, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Buddy Garcia, Commissioner, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Carlos Rubinstein, Commissioner, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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