## TRI SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

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## MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS 75455

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February 7, 2013

Titus County Commissioner's Court:

We are requesting that Titus County pay for relocation of a 6" water main on FM 1000 off of Tennison Road. The existing water main will be on the south side of the abandoned county road with the furthest distance from FM 1000 being right at 1300 feet. We do realize that road will be left intact and the water line not harmed. Our problem is maintenance issues. We place all of our water lines along state or county roads, mostly on private easements. Our number one reason for this is to help keep water rates low, and our customer's water service on. When the water line is close to the road the drivers of those roads notice water leaks and they report them. That helps us keep water loss down and service on. It makes it really hard to get that help when the water main is across the country.

We as a utility company in Titus County are also tax payers in Titus County. Long before this issue came up we were abandoning water lines on the loop to save tax payers money. We could have went in and said we have lines here and we are going to replace them, but with other improvements that were done in the past it was a waste of tax payer's monies. On US Highway 271 part of the loop project we saved \$43,450.30 and FM 2348 part we saved \$36,867.09 with a total for both of \$80,317.39. And from the start of the project Tri SUD refused to charge for inspectors and easements cost at another savings of thousands of dollars to the tax payers. All of our customers are taxpayers but not all Titus County tax payers are our customers.

Our company is strictly a revenue based company. So this being said water loss is a very big issue with us. Getting back to the water line, with the water main remaining in place on the south side of Tennison Road it becomes almost impossible for us to maintain this section of line properly. That 6" line coming straight off of city water pressure could leak up to 100,000 gallons or more a day without being detected for weeks or even months depending on the time of year and weather conditions. That amounts to hundreds to thousands of dollars a day our cost for the water loss. Because no one could see the water line with water running. About 60% of our leaks are reported by our customers. If the county does not see fit to pay for line relocation, our company will have to do it on our own. It is just not good business for our customers or tax payers for the line to remain where it is. I mentioned the \$80,317.39 plus on savings earlier, to relocate line to where it should

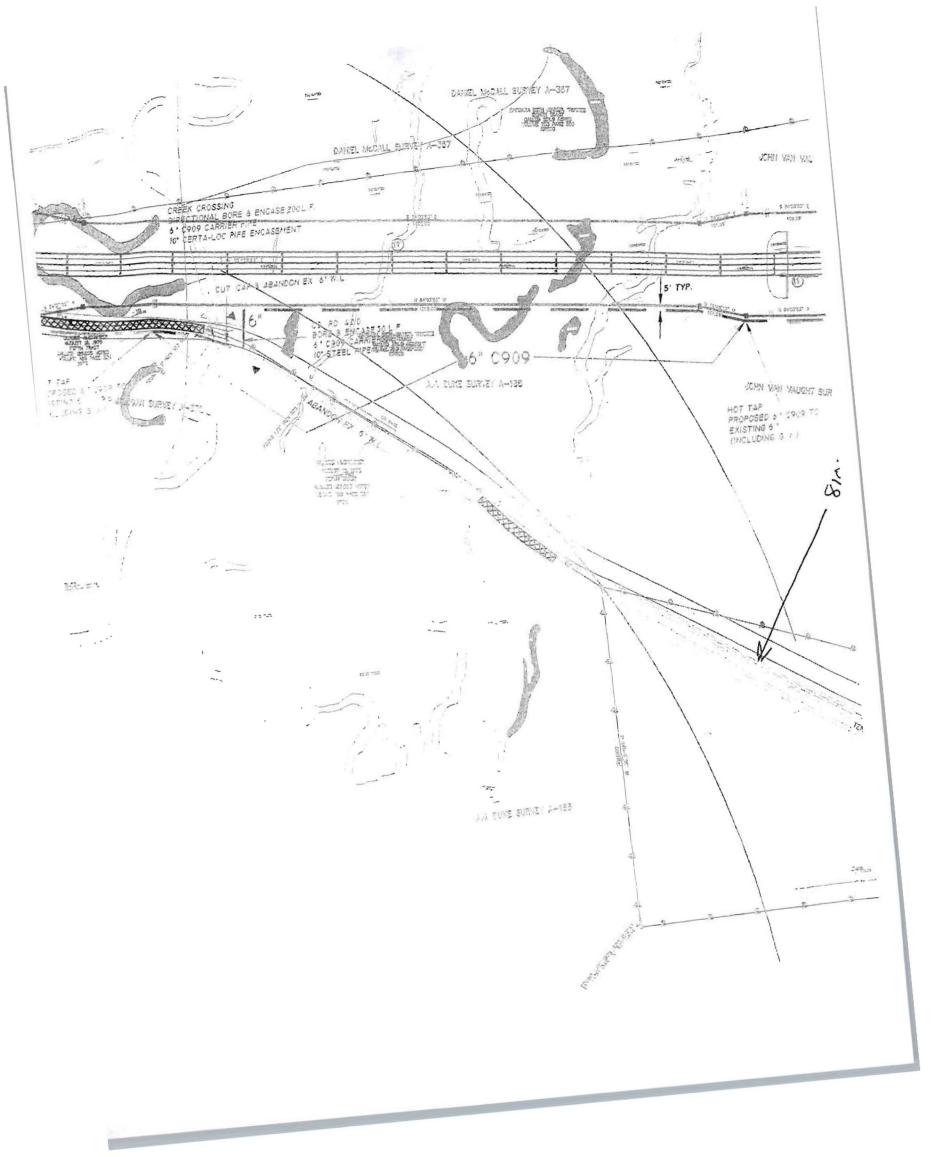
be will cost \$61,331.40, still with a savings to the county of \$20,000.00 plus on our part of the Loop Project. We are probably the only part of this project that has been or will be a savings to the tax payers.

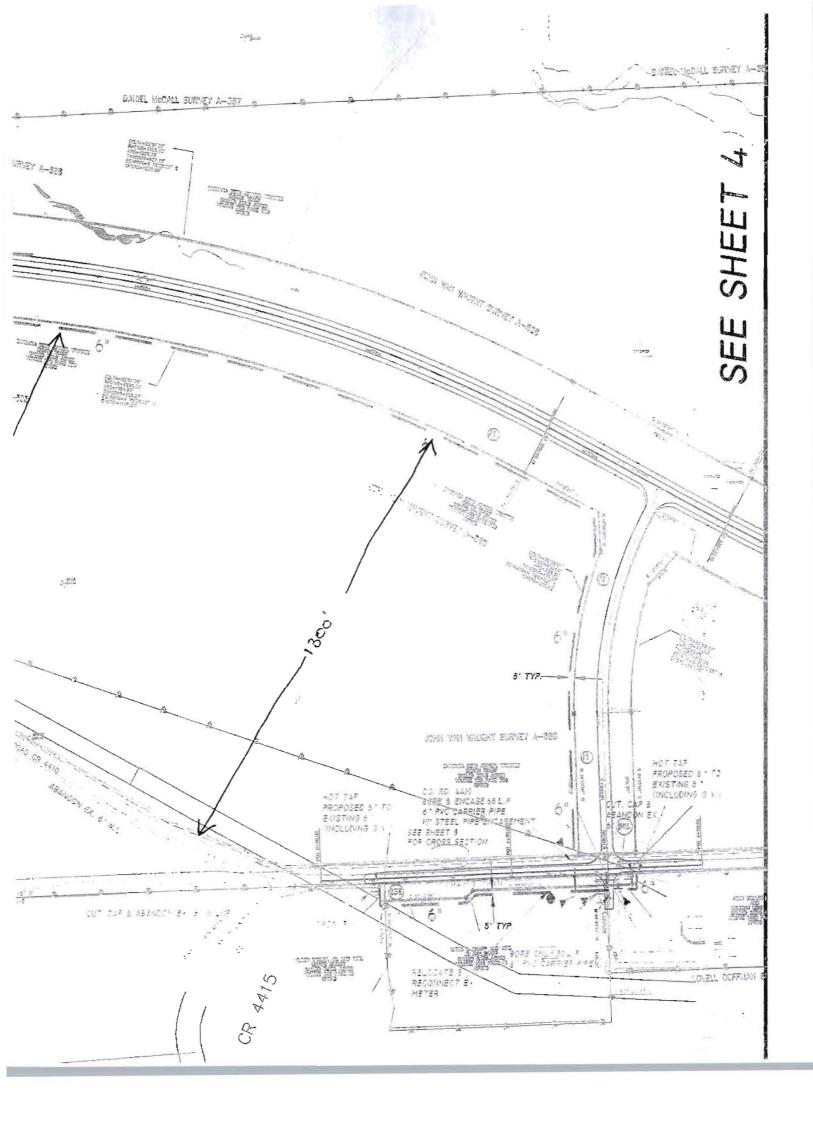
Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Respectfully

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Aaron Gann General Manager Tri Special Utility District





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January 18, 2013

Mr. Aaron Gann Tri Water Special Utility District 300 W 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Re: Tri Special Utility District Cost saving on Highway Relocation Projects

Dear Aaron:

The approved budget for the US 271/FM 899 Project was \$ 186,952.70. The final cost was \$ 143,502.40. Savings of \$ 43,450.30.

The approved budget for the FM 2348 Project was \$ 465,927.50. The final cost was \$ 429,060.41. Savings of \$ 36,867.09.

The cost for TxDOT to relocate the line along Tenison to the new FM 1000 location is approximately \$ 61,331.40 including pipe, hot taps, encasement, etc.

Savings on US 271	≈\$ 43,450.30
Savings on FM 2348	<u>+36,867.09</u>
Total Savings	=\$ 80,317.39
Cost to relocate disputed	
portion of line along	
proposed FM 1000	= <u>-61,331.40</u>
Total Savings	=\$ 18,985.99

Please call if you should have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely, The A. Juite

Roger A. Smith, Project Manager RAS/ela