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SETTLEMENT RE: WILLIS CLASS CLAIMS

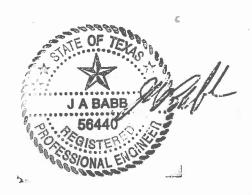
Dear Clerk:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern about the settlement. More correctly, I would like to present it as an amicus brief. However, since I live in Houston, TX area, it is overly burdensome for me to appear in court, in person.

Specifically, I would like the Federally Adjusted Native Safe Yield to be calculated by a licensed engineer. Clearly, the Basin's Total Safe Yield needs to be determined by a neutral, competent party. A licensed engineer can provide that number and a transparent process used to calculate the number. Further, I want it specified in the settlement that the licensed engineer's determinations and calculations must be part of any evidence presented to establish, confirm, or verify the Federally Adjusted Safe Yield, Basin's Total Safe Yield, or any other presentation regarding groundwater management plans.

Anything else is a paid political announcement by a "Consultant". Consultants have no accountability to anyone except their client; whereas, engineers are accountable first to public welfare and safety THEN to their clients.

Sincerely,



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