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Water Transfer Hearing Panel
C/O Chief Engineer-Div. of Water Res. KS Dept. of Ag.
1320 Research Park Dr.
Manhattan, KS 66502

Re: Public Comment—Hays/Russell Water Transfer Application, *OAH No. 23 AG 0023 AG*

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a citizen of the Russell, KS area for most of my 72 years. I have been a business owner here for 45 years and a willing participant in civic opportunities. Presently I am the chairman of the County Hospital Board. For fifty plus years I can remember water availability being a topic of discussion for our community needs. Many ideas have been suggested but the need continues to be present.

Water is essential for communities to survive and prosper. I feel the Edwards County wellfield is a well thought out plan to address the issue for many years into the future. This corridor along the I-70 highway has great economic potential, but adequate water supply has always been a limiting factor for economic development. Your approval on the application in front of you could go a long way toward remedying that persistent problem.

Please give favorable consideration to the application so that we can work toward maintaining and even expanding the economic development in our area. It will not only benefit our communities but will also benefit the state of Kansas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Ken Elliott, CPA