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April 18, 2012

Sent via U.S. Mail, First Class

Ericka McPherson, General Counsel
Oklahoma Farm Bureau
2501 N. Stiles
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Re: Enclosed letter to Oklahoma Farm Bureau Vice-President Tom Buchanan

Dear Ms. McPherson:

Please find enclosed a letter dated April 18, 2012, from Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer (CPASA) regarding Oklahoma Farm Bureau's purported opposition of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's tentative determination of the Maximum Annual Yield for the Arbuckle-Simpson Groundwater Basin. Mr. Tom Buchanan is copied on the letter in his capacity as Oklahoma Farm Bureau Vice-President.

However, Mr. Buchanan is also a Member of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). It is CPASA's understanding that OWRB Members cannot engage in ex parte communications involving topics on which the Member will render an ultimate decision, such as the Maximum Annual Yield determination for the Arbuckle-Simpson Groundwater Basin. Accordingly, in deference to Mr. Buchanan's dual leadership roles in the Oklahoma Farm Bureau and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and to respect the rules stated by the OWRB, CPASA tenders the enclosed letter to you instead of directly to Mr. Buchanan.

I hope you can understand and appreciate the conundrum faced by Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer in communicating with Mr. Buchanan and agree this method of delivery to be proper under the circumstances.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns at (918) 347-6169.

Very truly yours,

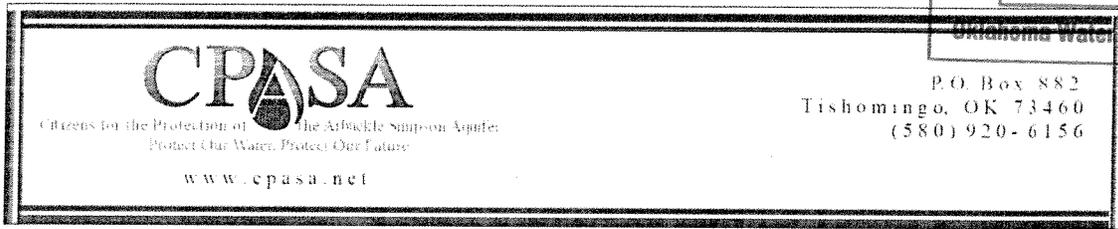
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krystina E. Hollarn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

Krystina E. Hollarn
Counsel to Citizens for the Protection of the
Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

enclosure.

cc: Amy Ford
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Mike Spradling, President
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Re: Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Objections to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board's Recommended Maximum Annual Yield for the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

Dear President Spradling:

Please find enclosed a letter dated February 10, 2012, which Oklahoma Farm Bureau (herein "OFB") purportedly supports, to members of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (herein "OWRB"), opposing the OWRB's peer-reviewed, multi-million dollar hydrologic study of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer, as well as questioning the OWRB's reliance upon said study when recommending the Aquifer's Maximum Annual Yield. It is unclear, however, whether OFB actually supports the views expressed in the letter because it is wholly unsigned and is not printed on any type of letterhead. Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer (herein "CPASA") bring this letter to your attention to inform you of representations being made about OFB. CPASA finds it difficult to believe OFB would support such a position, particularly in light of the devastating ramifications it has on South-Central Oklahoma, including areas such as economic growth and development, farming and ranching, and private property rights.

As you are well aware, economic growth and development depend upon reliable water supplies. The Tentative Maximum Annual Yield recommended by the OWRB for the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer ensures that businesses have a reliable source of water. Municipalities in the region, such as Ada, Durant, Sulphur, and Tishomingo, understand that a scientifically supported Maximum Annual Yield is critical for the continued viability of their communities and have all expressed their support for the OWRB's Tentative Maximum Annual Yield.

Similarly, successful cattle production depends upon reliable water supplies. The Tentative Maximum Annual Yield recommended by the OWRB for the Aquifer ensures that cattlemen—both existing and future—have a reliable source of water. The vast majority of ranchers in South-Central Oklahoma utilize surface water flows for their operations. The

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Tentative Maximum Annual Yield does not affect surface use. In fact, it protects surface users by ensuring the springs and streams in the area continue to flow. Moreover, the Tentative Maximum Annual Yield protects groundwater users from having to continually dig deeper wells. Because of these facts, a number of cattlemen in the area support the OWRB's Tentative Maximum Annual Yield.

Moreover, the OWRB's Tentative Maximum Annual Yield protects private property rights. Oklahoma considers groundwater to be a private property right of the overlying landowner. One of OFB's main tenants is the protection of property rights and the OWRB's recommendation protects the property rights of landowners over the Aquifer into perpetuity by ensuring water remains in the Aquifer. After all, a private property right in groundwater is of no value if there is no water underneath one's property!

In light of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau's efforts to promote farming and ranching, economic development, and the protection of property rights throughout Oklahoma, I felt it prudent to bring to your attention a document that clearly contradicts such policies. Should you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (580) 920-6156.

Very truly yours,



Amy Ford, President
Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

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