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INTEREST OF CALDWELL	§	
COUNTY, JAMES ABSHIER,	§	
BYRON FRIEDRICH, AND	§	
TJFA, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
v.	§	TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
TEXAS COMMISSION ON	§	
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,	§	
Defendant.	§	459TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORIGINAL ANSWER OF DEFENDANT TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE COURT:

Defendant, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, through the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, submits this original answer to Plaintiffs' Original Petition.

Defendant denies each and every allegation in Plaintiffs' Original Petition and demands strict proof thereof. Defendant reserves the right to amend this answer as permitted under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Having fully answered, Defendant prays that Plaintiffs take nothing by this suit and that Defendant recover its costs.

Defendant further prays for all other relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served on January 5, 2018, by electronic service and email to counsel listed below.

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