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Via Electronic Mail

Re: Cause No. CCD-1423-D; Hidalgo County, Texas vs. Maria Elvia Gonzalez; In the
County Court at Law No. Four of Hidalgo County, Texas

Jaime:

As you are aware, the referenced matter, previously under the supervision of former Right-of-Way Director Joe Pena, involves the acquisition of property for the North "T" Road Project, Phase II. The original style of the case was Hidalgo County vs. Elvia V. Ramirez, Olinda Ramirez, Amador Ramirez, Jr., Rosalinda R. Sanchez, Oscar Ramirez, Aurora Ramirez, Eva Ramirez Vega, Raquel Ramirez, Abel Ramirez, Elvia Ramirez Gonzalez, Rodolfo Ramirez, Paul Bass, Rachel Anita Gomez Bass Wahl, Belinda Jane Bass Grange, All Unknown Heirs of Genoveva Ramirez Sustaita (Deceased) and All Unknown Heirs of Amador Ramirez (Deceased).

Due to the extensive title and heirship issues as evidenced by the parties named above, a special commissioners' hearing was required and was held on February 27, 2008. The appraisal presented by the County of Hidalgo at that time listed the market value of the property to be acquired at \$27,080.00. Special Commissioners Mario Garcia, Rick Liscano and Mary Ramirez, followed our recommendation and entered an award of \$27,080.00, which was subsequently deposited into the registry of the court, thereby allowing the County to take possession of the property. Marcus Barrera, as counsel for the defendants, filed an objection to the award on March 13, 2008, claiming that the amount awarded was inadequate.

Since that time, Marcus Barrera has initiated multiple outside legal proceedings to clear title and establish Maria Elvia Gonzalez as the sole owner of the property. As a result of numerous status hearings, and despite several docket control conferences to establish a court date, the trial of the condemnation has been delayed continually in order to allow opposing counsel the opportunity to establish the identity of the defendant and clear title to the property. Following the conclusion of Mr. Barrera's legal work to establish title, two meetings were held with the title examiner, resulting in the recent updated title commitment identifying Maria Elva