

May 5, 2015

Elizabeth Garza
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Re: First Time Water Service to Residents
In The Rural Community of La Villa, Texas

Dear Ms. Garza:

The County of Hidalgo is requesting for the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Utility Service (USDA-RUS) to allow North Alamo Water Supply Corporation to use under special consideration part of its 306C Grant Funds from the Santa Rosa Colonias Project to construct the necessary infrastructure to bring first time water service to those identified colonias and dwellings located in the rural community of La Villa, Texas.

Just this past week, there was a follow up story by the local news media addressing the absence of potable water for the Garza Family and others located in La Villa, Texas.

It is disturbing to know that we still have a small amount of residents in Hidalgo County that do not have access to potable water and have to rely on an irrigation canal for its water needs. This why I write you this letter and strongly urge for USDA-RUS to allow North Alamo Water Supply Corporation to use its remaining funds to build the infrastructure that will improve the quality of life for these residents in Hidalgo County.

Together with Hidalgo County, North Alamo Water Supply Corporation, and USDA-RUS we can eliminate inadequate drinking water, poor sanitary waste conditions, and substandard housing. We hope USDA-RUS will consider our request and help change the lives of these people.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated and if you have questions feel free to call me or Mr. Steven P. Sanchez with North Alamo Water Supply Corporation.

Respectfully,

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

Cc: Michael B. Canales, Community Programs Director, USDA-RUS
Roel Gomez, Area Director, USDA-RUS
Steven P. Sanchez, General Manager, North Alamo WSC
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