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Honorable Eduardo Cantu  
Hidalgo County Commissioner Pct. 2  
300 W. Hall Acres STE. G  
Pharr, Texas 78577

RE: Hidalgo County Compensable Utility Process  
2-Party Standard Utility Agreement (Lump Sum)

Dear Commissioner Cantu,

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2018 regarding the request for concurrence of the Hidalgo County LPA Standard 2-Party Lump Sum Process, the 2-Party Standard Utility Agreement (Lump Sum), and clarification of the Lump Sum Maximum.

ROW Division has reviewed the Hidalgo County LPA Standard 2-Party Lump Sum Process, and the 2-Party Lump Sum Standard Utility Agreement (SUA). Division has concurred of the use of the utility process and Lump Sum SUA for utility relocation projects.

As per the ROW Utility Manual, Chapter 9 Section 1, "*ROW Division has placed a ceiling of \$500,000 on all lump sum agreements. The option to use the lump sum method rests with the utility company. This applies to the State Utility Procedure and Local Utility procedure as well.*" Clarification is to be made that the current lump sum amount of up to \$500,000 will be acknowledged on previous projects where no Standard Utility Agreement has been executed to date.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 956-702-6100 or Ms. Hazel Zepeda, our District Utility Coordinator, at 956-702-6129.

Sincerely,

Pedro R. Alvarez, P.E.  
Pharr District Engineer

cc: Hon. Ramon Garcia, Hidalgo County Judge  
Hon. David Fuentes, Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
Hon. Joe M. Flores, Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct No. 3  
Hon. Joseph Palacios, Hidalgo County Commissioner Precinct No. 4  
Stephen L. Crain, Hidalgo County Attorney, Atlas Hall Rodriguez  
Mr. Jacinto Garza, P.E., President, L&G Engineering  
Homero Bazan Jr. P.E. Pharr District Director of Transportation, Planning and Development  
Hazel Zepeda, TxDOT Utility Coordinator

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