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Re: Concurrence to Project Stipulations described in the "Framework for Early Restoration Addressing Injuries Resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill" Agreement

BP Framework Agreement Trustees:

I write pursuant to paragraph 13 of the "Framework for Early Restoration Addressing Injuries Resulting from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill" Agreement (the "Framework Agreement"), which was executed on or about April 20, 2011, by the Natural Resource Damage Trustees for the State of Texas. The Framework Agreement requires that each participating State's Attorney General (or his or her designee) concur in writing within 30 days of the Framework Agreement's execution that the Project Stipulations described therein are effective and binding upon that State when signed by that State's Trustee(s). Accordingly, on behalf of the Texas Attorney General's Office, I hereby concur that the Project Stipulations described in the Framework Agreement are effective and binding upon the State of Texas once the Agreement is signed by Texas' trustees.

Further, by this letter I confirm my authority as First Assistant Attorney General to serve as the Texas Attorney General's authorized representative. By way of reference, Tex. Gov't Code § 402.001(a), provides: "If the attorney general is absent or unable to act, the attorney general's first office assistant shall perform the duties of the attorney general that are prescribed by law." In that capacity—and pursuant to that authority—I hereby concur that the Project Stipulations are binding and effective upon the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hodge", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Hodge  
First Assistant Attorney General