STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES
BEFORE THE STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

In the matter of:

Boundary Commission
Docket # 99-AP-4

The proposed annexation of territory
in Williamstown Township
to the City of Williamston.
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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter of the proposed annexation, consisting of the following territory in Williamstown Township into the City of Williamston, is described as follows:

Part of the NE ¼ of Section 35, Town 4 North, Range 1 East, Williamstown Township, Ingham County, Michigan described as Beginning at the NE corner of said Section 35; thence S 02°15′57″ E 841.30 feet along the East line of said Section 35 (being the centerline of Williamston Road); thence N 88°39′27″ W 457.88 feet parallel with the North line of said Section 35; thence S 02°15′57″ E 473.53 (recorded as 478.5) feet parallel with said East Section line to the Northwest corner of Lot 7, Assessor's Plant No. 2, as recorded in Liber 12, Page 13, Ingham County records, said corner lying West 457.87 feet from the East 1/8 corner of said NE ¼; thence S 02°19′58″ E 476.33 feet along the West line of said Lot 7 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 7; thence S 02°19′58″ E 8.70 feet along the West line of Lot 6 of said Assessor's Plat No. 2; thence N 88°37′26″ W 264.00 feet; thence N 01°01′16″ W 484.41 feet along a fence line to a point on the North 1/8 line of said Section 35; thence N 88°37′54″ W 634.88 feet along said North 1/8 line; thence N 02°13′40″ W 1314.57 feet to a point on the North line of said Section 35, said point lying distant S 88°39′29″ E 9.56 feet from the N 1/8 corner of the NE ¼; thence S 88°39′27″ E 1344.73 feet along said North line to the Point of Beginning; containing 40.08 acres more or less and subject to the rights of the public in Williamston Road.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

On March 26, 1999, a petition was filed by Robert C. and Oma M. Bond asking for the annexation of a portion of Williamstown Township into the City of Williamston.

On July 8, 1999, an adjudicative meeting of the State Boundary Commission was held in Okemos to

determine the legal sufficiency of the petition. The petition was declared to be legally sufficient, pursuant to Public Act 191 of 1968, as amended, and Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended.

On January 5, 2000, a public hearing was held in the City of Williamston to receive testimony given pursuant to Public Act 191 of 1968, as amended.

On May 11, 2000, at an adjudicative meeting held in Okemos, State Boundary Commissioners VerBurg, Rutledge and Walker and Ingham County Boundary Commissioners Vigmostad and West voted to postpone adjudication of this docket until July 13, 2000.

On July 13, 2000, at an adjudicative meeting held in Lansing, State Boundary Commissioners VerBurg, Rutledge and Walker and Ingham County Boundary Commissioner Vigmostad voted in favor of a motion to recommend that the Director of the Department of Consumer & Industry Services deny the annexation petition and Ingham County Boundary Commissioner White abstained from voting on the motion.

On August 10, 2000, at an adjudicative meeting held in Lansing, State Boundary Commissioners Rutledge and Walker and Ingham County Boundary Commissioner West voted to recommend approval of the Draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and to recommend that the Director of the Department of Consumer & Industry Services issue an Order denying the annexation petition.

INFORMATION FROM THE RECORD

The Petitioner, City of Williamston and Williamstown Township requested that the State Boundary Commission deny this petition because an Act 425 Agreement had been reached concerning the subject property.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The broader community is better served by the Act 425 Agreement between the City of Williamston and Williamstown Township concerning the subject property than by any decision the State Boundary Commission could make regarding this petition.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The record of this docket, in accordance with the criteria stipulated under Section 9 of the Public Act 191 of 1968, as amended, supports the recommendation of the Commission that the Director of the Department of Consumer & Industry Services sign the attached Order denying the annexation and adopting the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

David Rutledge, Acting Chairperson
State Boundary Commission

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Date

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FINAL ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT this petition for annexation of certain territory in Williamstown Township to the City of Williamston be denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and this Order shall be effective thirty days after the Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services signs the Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the State Boundary Commission shall transmit a certified copy of this Order and the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law to the petitioner and to the clerks of the City of Williamston, Williamstown Township, and Ingham County.

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Kathleen M.Wilbur, Director
Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services

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Date