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

In the matter of:

Boundary Commission
Docket # 99-AP-9

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:

A parcel of land in Section 34, Town 4 North, Range 1 East, Williamstown Township, Ingham County, Michigan commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 34, Town 4 North, Range 1 East, Williamstown Township, Ingham County, Michigan; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 34 to the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 3 North, Range 1 East, Wheatfield Township, Ingham County, Michigan for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line of said Section 34 to a point which is N 85°46′10″ W 227.5 feet, measured along the South line of said Section 34, from the Southeast corner of said Section 34; thence N 01°24′10″ E to the North right-of-way line of Highway M-43 (100 ft. wide); thence Southeasterly along said North right-of-way line to the point of intersection with the East line of said Section 34; thence Southerly to the Northwest corner of said Section 2 and the Point of Beginning.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

On August 20, 1999, a petition was filed by the City of Williamston asking for the annexation of a portion of Williamstown Township into the City of Williamston.

On September 9, 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 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 and Williamstown Township requested that the State Boundary Commission deny this petition because annexation of the subject property had already been accomplished through a Mutual Resolution filed with the Secretary of State by Williamstown Township and the City of Williamston.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The broader community is better served by the 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

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