

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Minute No. 275

El Paso, Texas
November 4, 1987DEMARCATIION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND MONUMENTATION OF
THE NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES OVER THE RIO GRANDE BETWEEN DEL RIO,
TEXAS, AND CD. ACUNA, COAHUILA AND BETWEEN HIDALGO,
TEXAS AND REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS.

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas at 10:00 a.m., on November 4, 1987, to consider the demarcation of the international boundary at the sites of the new international bridges over the Rio Grande between Del Rio, Texas, United States and Cd. Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico and between Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico and Hidalgo, Texas, United States, and the monumentation of the international boundary on these bridges.

The Commission considered that one of its more important responsibilities is the demarcation of the international boundary between the United States and Mexico along the boundary reaches of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River in accordance with treaties concluded by both countries on international boundary matters, as well as to show the location of the international boundary on the international works that are constructed over the referenced rivers.

The Commissioners referred to the provisions of Articles II, paragraphs A and B and VII of the "Treaty to Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and the Colorado River as the International Boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States", of November 23, 1970.

Article II, paragraph A, of the 1970 Boundary Treaty provides that in the international boundary reaches of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River, the international boundary between the United States and Mexico shall run along the middle of the channel occupied by the normal flow. Article II, paragraph B, of the 1970 Boundary Treaty charges to the Commission the determination of the normal flows in each case. Article VII of the same treaty provides that the international boundary on the international bridges over the Rio Grande or the Colorado River shall be shown by an appropriate monument exactly over the international boundary.

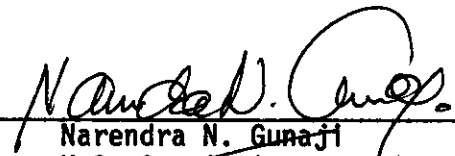
The Commission reviewed the Joint Reports of Principal Engineers Jose S. Valdez of the United States Section and J. Arturo Herrera Solis of the Mexican Section, dated July 24, 1987 referring to the location of the international boundary on the new bridges over the Rio Grande between Del Rio, Texas, United States and Cd. Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico and between Hidalgo, Texas, United States and Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

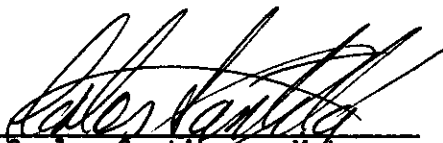
As a result of this review, the Commissioners approved the criterion applied by the Principal Engineers for the determination of the location of the international boundary at the sites of the new international bridges as well as the criterion that two monuments be placed to mark the international boundary on each of the bridges because, in both cases the axis of the bridge is skewed in relation to the international boundary.

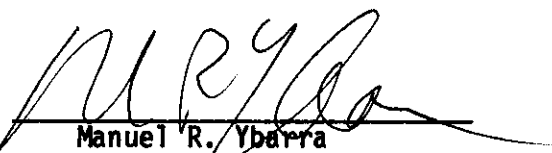
The Commission then adopted the following resolutions:

1. The Joint Reports of Principal Engineers Jose S. Valdez of the United States Section and J. Arturo Herrera Solis of the Mexican Section, dated July 24, 1987 referring to the location of the international boundary at the new bridges over the Rio Grande at Del Rio, Texas, United States and Cd. Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico and between Hidalgo, Texas, United States and Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, which are attached and form a part of this Minute, are approved.
2. The criterion applied by the Principal Engineers to determine the normal flow of the river and the position of the international boundary at the sites of the new international bridges is approved.
3. The recommendation of the Principal Engineers that the international boundary on each of the two new bridges be shown by means of two monuments because, in both cases the axis of the bridge is skewed in relation to the international boundary, is approved. The monuments will be placed at the sites indicated in the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers, as such sites are exactly over the international boundary.
4. The recommendation of the Principal Engineers that monumentation of both international bridges be by utilization of bronze plaques, the furnishing and installation of which will be the responsibility of the owners of the bridges, under the supervision of the Commission, is approved.
5. The Commission will inform, in a timely manner, the owners of the new bridges of the design and the specifications for the bronze plaques, as well as of the sites at which these will be placed.

The meeting was adjourned.


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