

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION

UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Minute No. 286

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
November 29, 1991DEMARCATIION AND MONUMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY
ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL YSLETA/ZARAGOZA BRIDGE
AND DEMOLITION OF THE OLD BRIDGE

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, on November 29, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., to consider the demarcation of the international boundary at the site of the new international bridge over the Rio Grande between Ysleta, Texas, and Zaragoza, Chihuahua, the monumentation of the international boundary on this bridge, as well as the demolition of the old existing bridge at this site.

The Commission referred to provisions of Article VII of the Treaty to Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and Colorado River as the International Boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States, dated November 23, 1970, hereafter the 1970 Boundary Treaty, as it refers to the indication of the international boundary on international bridges by appropriate monuments.

The Commissioners reviewed the Joint Report of Principal Engineers Jose S. Valdez of the United States Section and Luis A. Rascon Mendoza of the Mexican Section, entitled, "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Concerning the Location and Monumentation of the International Boundary on the New Bridge over the Rio Grande between Ysleta, Texas/Zaragoza, Chihuahua, and Concerning the Demolition of the Existing Bridge at this Site," dated July 11, 1991.

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 site of the new international bridge, which is consistent with provisions of Article II, paragraphs A and B, of the 1970 Boundary Treaty, as well as the recommendation that two monuments be placed on each of the structures of the bridge to mark the international boundary because on both of these, the axes of the structures are skewed in relation to the international boundary.

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

...2

The Commissioners then noted that the old Ysleta/Zaragoza Bridge was constructed by the International Boundary Commission in 1942 and is operated and maintained by the Commission in accordance with stipulations in the United States/Mexico Convention for the Rectification of the Rio Grande in the El Paso-Juarez Valley, dated February 1, 1933.

The Commissioners then noted the recommendation of the Principal Engineers that once the new bridge is in operation, the Commission need no longer operate and maintain the old bridge since it is not in use. To prevent this bridge from becoming an obstruction to the normal or flood flows of the Rio Grande, each Commissioner should make the necessary arrangements with the proper authorities in his country for the demolition of the portion of the old bridge in his respective country in accordance with criteria to be established by the Commission.

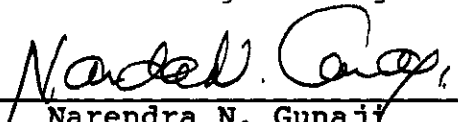
Based on the above considerations, the Commissioners agreed to submit the following resolutions for the approval of the two Governments:

1. The Joint Report of Principal Engineers Jose S. Valdez of the U.S. Section and Luis A. Rascon Mendoza of the Mexican Section, entitled, "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Concerning the Location and Monumentation of the International Boundary on the New Bridge over the Rio Grande between Ysleta, Texas/Zaragoza, Chihuahua and Concerning the Demolition of the Existing Bridge at this Site," dated July 11, 1991, which is attached and forms a part of this Minute, is approved.
2. The criterion applied by the Principal Engineers to determine the normal flow of the Rio Grande and the position of the international boundary at the site of the new bridge is approved.

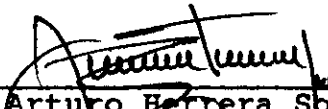
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
 UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

3. The recommendation of the Principal Engineers that the international boundary on each of the two structures of the new bridge be shown by means of two monuments because the axes of the two bridge structures are 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 the bridge be by utilization of bronze plaques, which installation under supervision of the Commission is the responsibility of the bridge owners in the United States and Mexico, is approved.
5. That once the new Ysleta/Zaragoza Bridge is in operation, the Commission no longer consider it necessary to operate and maintain the existing bridge and that each Commissioner make the necessary arrangements with the proper authorities in his country, for the removal of that part of the bridge located in his respective country in accordance with criteria to be established by the Commission.

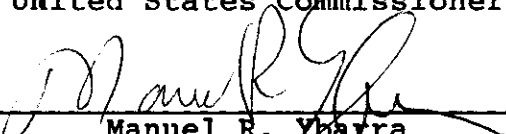
The meeting was adjourned.



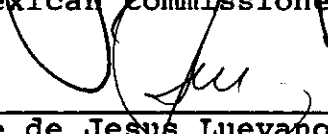
 Narendra N. Gunaji
 United States Commissioner



 J. Arturo Herrera Solis
 Mexican Commissioner



 Manuel R. Ybarra
 United States Section
 Secretary



 Jose de Jesus Luevano Grano
 Mexican Section
 Secretary