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To Whom It May Concern:

In 2010, Freese and Nichols was employed by the Sabine River Authority to evaluate the condition of their 30-year old tainter gates at Lake Fork Dam in east Texas. Our investigation revealed significant deterioration of the gates, and we subsequently recommended full replacement of the 20-foot wide by 40-foot high tainter gates.

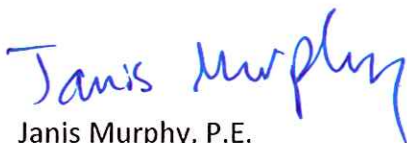
A construction contract for the fabrication and installation of new tainter gates was awarded in 2013. Johnson Machine Works was selected by the prime contractor (Gracon Construction) to fabricate the gates. From the initial submittal of the shop drawings to the final delivery of the gates, Johnson Machine Works was a pleasure to work with.

During the fabrication process, Freese and Nichols staff made numerous trips to the fabrication facility in Chariton, Iowa. What we particularly liked about Johnson Machine Works was their professional approach to questions, concerns, or items noted during our inspections. On each of these visits, full access to all of the work was provided, along with access to their quality control manager and his reports, and the staff was ready with a list of any issues which needed to be clarified or discussed. They went out of their way to assist us in our inspection with measuring and documenting the progress of the gates.

We were not only impressed with the quality of the work, but also with their work ethic. We thoroughly enjoyed working with the Johnson Machine Works personnel.

Although they had no contractual obligation to us, they responded to questions, comments and observations promptly. They have a strong technical expertise and extensive experience with similar projects. We were very pleased with the skill and professionalism put forth by Johnson Machine Works in the fabrication of the Lake Fork Dam Tainter gates. We would welcome the opportunity to work with them again on a project.

Sincerely,



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Project Manager