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Julia Donelson Houston (now Ehrhardt), Ruth Houston Baker and Hines H. Baker, Jr., Co-Executors and Co-Trustees under the Estate of George T. Houston, a/k/a George T. Houston, III, Deceased, and Ruth Houston Baker, Individually (collectively "Houston Group"), respectfully submit this Answer to the Motion of the State of Louisiana to File Complaint.

The Houston Group does not object to this Court's exercise of original jurisdiction over the Complaint proposed to be filed by Louisiana. This Court has original jurisdiction over the entire case, including both boundary and title issues. 28 U.S.C. § 1251(a), (b)(3) (1988). While this Court has repeatedly said that its original jurisdiction

should be exercised "sparingly," see *Mississippi v. Louisiana*, 113 S. Ct. 549, 552 (1992), the Court is urged to accept jurisdiction with respect to the boundary and title questions and to resolve this controversy in one proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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