



July 2, 2012

Ms. Tonia Biggs (6EN-WO)
Water Enforcement Branch (EN-WC)
EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: 2012 Second Quarterly Progress Report
Docket Number VI-99-1205 NPDES
Permit Number AR0021750

Dear Ms. Biggs:

The city continues to make progress in completing the wet weather improvements as identified by its Wet Weather Management Plan during this reporting period. During the second quarter the city made final payments on three construction contracts, awarded four construction contracts, awarded four engineering services agreements and entered into an agreement with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for participation in the Arkansas Brownsfield Program.

Final payment was made to M. Phillips Construction, Inc., for the construction of the Sunnymede Basin Neighborhood Sewer Improvements - Phase I for a final contract amount of \$1,088,433. This project addressed the correction of defects for about 7,175 feet of collection system. Final payment was made to Branco Enterprises, Inc., for the completion of the Phase II "P" Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Wet Weather Improvements - Schedule 2 for a final contract amount of \$31,925,187. This work modified the plant to receive a peak wet weather flow rate of 83 million gallons per day. Utilizing the flow equalization facilities at the plant, a wet weather flow rate of 48 million gallons per day is directed to the secondary processes for treatment and discharge to the Arkansas River. Final Payment was made to Goodwin & Goodwin for the Lift Station 7 and 14 Replacement/Consolidation project for a final contract amount of \$969,506. This project abandoned sewer lift stations 7 and 14 with the construction of a new pump station, interconnecting sewers and a force main sized to manage peak flows received from its upstream collection system.

The city awarded an equipment purchase contract to Cummins Mid-South for the Wastewater Pump Station Standby Power Equipment in the amount of \$1,341,404. This equipment will provide electrical power during commercial power outages for 16 of the city's wastewater pump stations. T-G Excavating, Inc., was awarded the construction contract for the 2011 Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Phase I project for an amount of \$1,977,777. This project will address the rehabilitation of approximately 11,000 feet of collection system. Forsgren, Inc., was awarded the Sunnymede Basin Neighborhood and Ramsey Tributary Sewer Improvements project for an amount of \$2,187,107. This rehabilitation project addresses approximately 10,260 feet of the collection system. Forsgren, Inc., was also the successful bidder and awarded the South 62nd Street Sewer Improvements - S001 project in the

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amount \$2,134,433. This project will replace approximately 8,340 feet of 8- through 12-inch main to increase the wet weather flow capacity within this area of the collection system.

CDM Smith was awarded an engineering services agreement to update the city's Wastewater Management Plan for a cost of \$358,892. This work is expected to be completed in the remaining portion of 2012. Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc., was awarded a design services contract for the Mill Creek Interceptor Improvements - Phase I for a cost of \$200,000. Their work is for the design of approximately 6,200 feet of 24- through 48-inch diameter interceptor sewer along with the route planning and easement acquisition for another approximate 6,000 feet of interceptor sewer to be part of the upcoming phase II of the project. RJN Group, Inc., was awarded design service contracts for the Basin 9 Collection System Improvements for a cost of \$197,930 and the Basin 17 Collection System Improvements for a cost of \$159,608. The design for these two project areas will address the approximately 73,000 feet of the collection system.

The city has also entered into an Implementing Agreement with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for participation in the Arkansas Brownsfield Program. This agreement will address the remediation of approximately 14.6 acres of land which was a former Zinc smelter site and allow the property to be returned to beneficial reuse as part of the city's Zero Street Pump Station Wet Weather Improvements and Equalization Storage project. The site remediation phase of this project is expected to be bid during the upcoming reporting period.

The city's sewer line maintenance and construction programs have made numerous system repairs during this reporting period. Their work this period has accomplished 21 point and main line repairs which replaced 307 feet of line, jet cleaned 68,640 feet of line, CCTV inspected 27,680 feet of line, and replaced 27 defective service lines.

The above activities document the city's continuing effort to accomplish the improvements identified by the implementation schedule accepted by Region VI. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely



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