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May 3, 2023

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Re: Revised Compliance and SSES Completion Schedule Revision  
Melbourne WWTP  
NPDES Permit No. AR0020036, AFIN 33-00026  
CAO LIS 22-038

Dear Kristen:

This letter is written on behalf of the City of Melbourne concerning the above referenced facility. The City has been working with both USDA and ANRC to secure the funds necessary to complete the upgrade work needed at the facility. The cost of the upgrades and repairs will require funding from both agencies and will involve a combination of grant and loans. This is being done so that the sewer rates for the customers do not elevate to an unattainable level.

An application was submitted to ANRC last November for funds from ARPA. The application was placed on the waiting list for funding but was listed as the first one that would be funded as soon as additional funding was made available. It is our understanding that funds for the project will be made available on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the project. We have continued to move forward with a funding request from USDA to further satisfy the need for the facility for the portion that won't be covered by the ARPA grant funds. This all depends on whether ANRC does move forward with funding the project with the funds that are now available.

With this being said, we are not complete with the project and therefore we cannot send a certification of compliance. Therefore, we are enclosing a proposed project timeline for modification of the CAO. This timeline is based on the best information we currently have. As you can imagine there are many moving parts to the issue. We are hopeful this will be the last time adjustment we will be forced to ask for. If for some reason the funding plans we currently have fail to materialize, the city will have to make some decisions on how to handle the situation and the scope of the project may have to be adjusted to reprioritize the work done. It's the intention of the project the completely address the aged facilities and carry them forward to the future, but this may have to be relooked at if the funding does not work out.

Secondly, a part of the CAO included the development of an SSES. Due to scheduling and weather conditions, the field work for the SSES has not been completed. We have included the dates for the SSES in the attached CAO timeline. We request that these dates be used for completion of the SSES.

As you will see in the project timeline, we intend to issue separate bids for the work at the treatment facility and the SSES issues found in the collection system. The schedule we have proposed allows for the completion of the



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SSES field work and be able to bid on the projects concurrently. If there are any issues, we can split the project at any time, and they can be dealt with on different paths. This again can be affected by funding and the repairs may have to be spread out over a much longer period.

We hope that you will find favor in our requests. If we can provide any additional information or be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,  
LANDMARK PROFESSIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERS

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Staff Engineer

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CC: City of Melbourne  
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## Milestone Schedule for Permit Compliance

Melbourne Wastewater Treatment Facility

Permit Number: AR0020036, AFIN: 33-00026

Revised: May 3, 2023

PER and ER under review by USDA, initial comments received	May 2, 2023
ANRC approval of ARPA funding from Waitlist to Approved	May 15, 2023
Approval of PER and ER from USDA, complete funding application submitted to USDA	May 31, 2023
Begin SSES field work	June 1, 2023
Approval of Complete funding ANRC/USDA (loan closings)	July 1, 2023
Submittal of Permit Modification to ADEQ for treatment changes	July 15, 2023
Complete SSES field work (smoke testing, MH inspections, televising lines, etc.)	July 31, 2023
Submittal of SSES report findings and recommendations	August 15, 2023
Submittal of treatment plant plans and specifications to agencies for review and approval	August 1, 2023
Approval of treatment plans and specifications from agency reviews	September 15, 2023
Submittal of SSES repair plans and specs to agencies for review and approval	September 15, 2023
Submittal of Construction Permit Application to ADEQ	September 30, 2023
Approval of SSES repair plans and specs from agency reviews	October 15, 2023
Advertisement for bids (2 contracts, treatment, and collection)	October 30, 2023
Open bids both contracts	November 1, 2023
Award contracts	December 15, 2023
Approval of ADEQ Construction Permit	January 1, 2024
Begin Construction	January 1, 2024
Complete Construction	September 1, 2024
Achieve Compliance	December 1, 2024

### Notes:

- (1) Agencies review/approval include Arkansas Department of Health, ADEQ, ANRC and USDA
- (2) Review periods by agencies may cause scheduling to be extended
- (3) Entire schedule is dependent upon loan closings of both funding agencies
- (4) Construction s planned to concurrent for both contracts, but they may be separated due to financing or agency approvals