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Layne,

Per our conversation today, I wanted to follow-up with the current status of improvements to the Flippin WW collection and treatment system improvements proposed under their June 2017 Non-Compliance Report.

The non-compliance report noted improvements that were being proposed to the wastewater treatment plant and collection system and that the City of Flippin was undergoing the selection of an engineering firm to prepare the reports and other data needed to prepare an application for funding. The City had also received funding through ANRC for Arkansas Rural Water to perform smoke testing and cleaning/televising of the existing collection system and provide a report of their findings.

Since this time, CEA was selected by the City to provide the necessary engineering work associated with the projects. Jeremy Stone of CEA was the primary point of contact for the City on this project and was tasked with completing the necessary funding applications, cost estimates, and design work needed. Due to unrelated circumstances, Mr. Stone was terminated by CEA effective 9/30/18 and was issued a buy-out agreement for his ownership in the Company. As part of the agreement, the Flippin project was transferred to Mr. Stone due to him being the lead for the project.

On Thursday, October 18, 2018, Mr. JL Wagoner contacted CEA to inquire as to whether we had any information regarding the work that Mr. Stone had completed to-date as they were unable to locate any information, that amounted to anything, on the user website for USDA applications. After a lengthy conversation with Mr. Wagoner, it was apparent to the City that Mr. Stone had not been completing the work that he has stated was being completed or was complete. At that time, CEA was requested to meet with the City on Monday, October 22, 2018, to discuss how to move the project forward and whether they could stay with CEA to complete the work.

The meeting was held on the above stated date, and the City of Flippin has elected to remain with CEA to complete their project as originally planned. During the meeting, CEA reviewed the milestone timeline prepared by Mr. Stone and submitted by the City with the aforementioned Non-Compliance Report. Upon a cursory review of the timeline, it would appear that the City is approximately 6-months behind schedule. Over the following days, CEA will attempt to gain more information from the City and Arkansas Rural Water regarding what has been completed and revise the timeline accordingly to a schedule that can be realistically accomplished.

We plan to submit an update to the Non-Compliance Report with revised timeline by the middle of next week. At this time, we request that ADEQ note the changes being made by CEA and the City of Flippin and allow us the time needed to get the project back on track.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,
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