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August 28, 2012

Mr. Alan Anderson Water Division Enforcement Branch ADEQ 5301 Northside Drive North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317

RE:

NPDES Permit # AR0021971 AFIN 18-00110, CAO LIS 12-035, Notice of Deficiency

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of July 30, 2012, concerning clarification on three milestone schedule items. I will reply concerning those clarifications in the order that you posed your questions.

- Bond Consulting Engineers, Inc. and ECCI were hired to assist the City in developing a CAP and Milestone Schedule. The Council has not committed to a solution that involves a construction solution. The City is currently working with Joe Lussi of Ecotech to seek a chemical additive solution that brings our discharge into compliance. If it becomes apparent that the chemical solution does not/will not work, the City still plans to select an engineer, a construction solution and provide the plans by March 1, 2013.
- As stated in the prior bullet point, the Council prefers the chemical solution but
 has been offered cost estimates on four different construction project solutions
 that would bring us into compliance. These construction solutions have been
 discussed but the Council has not, at this time, indicated a preference if a
 construction solution becomes necessary. Again, the Council is conscious of the
 March 1, 2013 deadline and will ultimately decide between pursuing the chemical
 solution and the construction solution.

 As for your final question and in consideration of my remarks in the prior two bullet points; we will continue to try to operate our system as compliantly and as efficiently as possible.

I trust you will find these answers to be satisfactory. If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Fogleman

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