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Tiana Toups Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement Branch 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

RE: City of Blytheville – 2nd Quarter 2023 Progress Report NPDES Permit No. AR0022578 & AR0022560 & AR0022586 Consent Administrative Order LIS 20-166 & CAO LIS 21-175-001

Ms. Toups:

This letter is intended to serve as an update to the Blytheville wastewater collection system rehabilitation plan status and wastewater treatment facility construction progress.

Collection system rehabilitation began on October 3, 2022, and to date has repaired approximately 50,000 If of sewer mains. Recently the Blytheville city council enacted a rate increase for the sewer system to aid in long-term rehabilitation plans. Funds from the rate increase will begin accumulating in 2024 and rehabilitation work will continue as funds allow.

Construction of the new SBR treatment facility is complete with final commissioning complete. The west plant, NPDES permit AR0022560, was terminated in June as it now serves as an EQ basin and settling basin for the new SBR facility. The north treatment facility has been rehabilitated per the contract documents and is working through commissioning. Both facilities remain on track to meet compliance with permit limits as outlined in the milestone schedule by September 30, 2023.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at 501-221-7122 or <u>bwingfield@pmico.com</u>.

Sincerely, **PMI**

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