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September 11, 2019

Ms. Bailey Taylor, Enforcement Analyst Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Re:

NPDES Permit Number: AR0036692, AFIN-57-00423

Consent Administrative Order Modification, CAO LIS 18-046

Dear Ms. Taylor:

As required by the City of Mena's Corrective Action Plan (CAP), a Wastewater Treatment Masterplan was submitted to your attention by Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc. on August 21, 2019. That plan included a recommendation that the Utility construct a new wastewater treatment facility (WWTP) capable of achieving consistent compliance with Mena's NPDES permit requirements. Both the City and Mena Water Utilities' Commission have reviewed the Masterplan and concur with its recommendation. We respectfully request that the Final Compliance Date listed in Paragraph 4 of the Order and Agreement Section of CAO LIS 18-046 be modified to December 1, 2023 as listed in the Masterplan's milestone schedule.

Please note that our existing WWTP must continue to operate under the terms defined by the Interim Operation Plan included in the Corrective Action Plan dated February 28, 2019. Also as listed in that CAP, Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc. will submit an application for a Construction Permit on our behalf for the dechlorination improvements required for the existing WWTP to comply with its new total residual chlorine permit limits.

Respectfully Submitted,

CITY OF MENA, ARKANSAS

Seth Smith, Mayor

CC:

Mr. Charles Pitman, Mena Water Utilities General Manager

Mr. Aaron M. Benzing, P.E., Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Inc.

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