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OUACHITA RIVER COMMISSION**

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December 20, 2005

Mr. Marcus C. Devine, Director
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RE: Proposed Eldorado Wastewater Effluent Pipeline Project

Dear Mr. Devine:

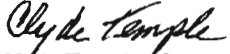
As you are aware, the Ouachita River Commission was established in 1999 by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas for the purpose of promoting the recreational benefits of the Ouachita River. The nine-member Commission includes a gubernatorial-appointed representative from each of the eight counties that border the Ouachita River (Ashley, Bradley, Clark, Dallas, Drew, Hot Spring, Ouachita, and Union) plus one member from the Ouachita River Valley Association.

The Commission is gravely concerned about the potential recreational and ecological impacts of the proposed Eldorado Wastewater Effluent Pipeline Project (hereafter referred to as "the pipeline") on the Ouachita River, especially downstream of the pipeline outfall. Of particular concern is the impact of the effluent on the water quality, including potential nutrient load increases, in the river and the wetland complex within the Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge.

Therefore, the Commission respectfully requests that before the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality issues any type of permit for discharge of effluent from the pipeline into the Ouachita River, further scientific study be conducted by an objective third-party to determine the nature and extent of the recreational and ecological impacts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of grave importance.

Respectfully Submitted,


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