Date: February 4, 2013
Subject: NPDES Authorization
Draft Permit No. AR0001147
ANHC No.: S-ADEQ-13-008

Ms. Loretta Reiber, P.E.
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Dear Ms. Reiber:

Staff members of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission have reviewed the Draft Permit authorizing discharge into Lake Catherine, thence to the Ouachita River from a facility located at 34°26′09.89″ latitude, and 92°54′3.52″ longitude for Entergy Arkansas-Lake Catherine Plant. The following species of conservation concern are known to occur in the Ouachita River at or within five miles downstream of the outfall:

- Alosa alabamae, Alabama shad  federal concern (species of concern)
- Anguilla rostrata, American eel - state concern
- Noturus lachneri, Ouachita madtom - state concern
- Percina sp. nov., Ouachita darter-state concern
- Percina uranidea, star-gazing darter  state concern

We are providing this information for your use in the preparation and review of this permit. The information may be appropriate to include in the section of the permit which addresses the receiving stream and endangered species. This letter is intended to make the Department and applicant aware that sensitive resources may occur in the area. It is not intended as an objection to the issuance of the permit.

The opportunity to comment is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Osborne
Data Manager/Environmental Review Coordinator