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October 8, 2021

RE: NPDES Draft Permit No. AR0053210: Southwest Equity Investments, LLC – Paradise Subdivision WWTP
Request to Reopen Permit Public Comment Period

Dear Ms. Centofante:

The Division is in receipt of your letter dated October 5, 2021, requesting additional time to submit public comments pertaining to Draft Permit AR0053210. Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rule 8 specifies administrative permitting procedures, including rules for public participation and comments on draft permits. Unfortunately, the 30-day public comment period for this draft permit has closed. However, in recognition of your concerns, which have recently been brought forward by residents of the community and your organization, DEQ would like to provide time for your organization to prepare a submittal that represents the comments and concerns from area residents.

DEQ is agreeable to allowing thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter for your organization to confer with the commenters from your community and prepare a submittal to represent those comments and concerns. DEQ would like the opportunity to review and consider any information that may be provided as such information may be useful to consider as we proceed with the next steps to complete the permit review process.

While comments made outside of the Rule 8 public comment period do not confer standing to appeal a permitting decision, it is an opportunity to submit concerns that DEQ may not be aware of during the review of the permit application.

Thank you for your interest in the permitting process and willingness to assist and participate in this process and we look forward to your submittal.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or need additional information, please feel free to contact the Office of Water Quality at (501) 682-0623.

Sincerely,

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