

EXHIBIT B

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON
POLLUTION CONTROL & ECOLOGY**

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO)
REGULATION NO. 2, REGULATION)
ESTABLISHING WATER QUALITY) DOCKET NO. 07-004-R
STANDARDS FOR SURFACE WATERS)
OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS)**

RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 8-4-202(d)(4)(C) and Regulation No. 8, Section 3.6.2(2), a responsive summary groups public comments into similar categories and explains why the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (“Commission”) accepts or rejects the rationale for each category.

On April 13, 2007, the Bayou Meto Water Management District (“BMWMD”) filed a Petition to Adopt Emergency Rulemaking and to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend Regulation No. 2, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Arkansas. On April 27, 2007 the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (“Commission”) adopted the Emergency Rule and initiated Rulemaking to consider adopting the proposed permanent Rule.

Commissioner Linn Sickel conducted a public hearing on June 25, 2007, but no oral comments were made about the proposed rule change. Two written comments were submitted before the close of the public comment period on July 10, 2007. Both comments were in favor of the proposed rule change.

Comment: I am writing you in support of the modification of the chloride and sulfate standards for water quality within the Bayou Meto Basin. I am a landowner and farmer within the Basin and have used Bayou Meto as source of irrigation water for many years. It is my understanding that many studies have

been made on the use of Arkansas River water for irrigation and that it is not only safe to use but it is of better overall quality than the alluvial water that most farmers are using in our area.

Response: BMWMD acknowledges your comments and agrees that the Arkansas River will provide safe irrigation water for Arkansas farms.

Comment: I am writing you in support of the modification of the chloride and sulfate standards for water quality within the Bayou Meto Basin. I am a landowner, farmer, and land management consultant. I am very familiar of the quality in the Arkansas River and the Bayou Meto Basin. The Environmental Impact Statement for the Bayou Meto Basin Project states that the effects of Arkansas River water diversions on farm land have been assessed by the Corps of Engineers. The conclusion was that Arkansas River water could be safely used for irrigation within the Basin. I know of farmers who have irrigated with Arkansas River Water in our area for more than fifty years without any negative impacts.

Response: BMWMD acknowledges your comments and agrees that the Arkansas River will provide safe irrigation water for Arkansas farms.

Respectfully submitted,

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