

EXHIBIT C

Financial Impact Statement

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

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DIVISION Water Division
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To comply with Act 1104 of 1995, please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Regulation 2 of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission APC&EC Regulation 2.

- Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes _____ No X
- If you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibited, please explain.
- If the purpose of this rule or regulation is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation. Please indicate if the cost provided is the cost of the program. N/A

The proposed changes are not related to a federal rule or regulation.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____
Total 0

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____
Total 0

- What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation? Identify the party subject to the proposed regulation, and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year
\$ 0

Next Fiscal Year
\$ 0

- What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this regulation?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ 0

\$ 0

Detailed Comments for Financial Impact Statement for Proposed
Change to Regulation 2 of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission

Bayou Meto Water Management District (BMWMD) is requesting a modification of the Arkansas Water Quality Standards (WQS) set forth in Regulation No. 2 of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APCEC). BMWMD requests modification of the chloride and sulfate criteria for forty-four water bodies in the Delta Ecoregion. The specific amendments to Regulation No. 2 requested by BMWMD are set forth more fully below.

BMWMD will operate an irrigation project in the Bayou Meto Basin that will pump water from the Arkansas River into a series of streams, tributaries, ditches, and canals in the Delta Ecoregion before delivering the water to individual farms. The levels of chlorides and sulfates in the Arkansas River are higher than the criteria for Delta Ecoregion streams but lower than federal standards for drinking water. ADEQ has already stated that a change in mineral standards to allow this activity should not impair the “designated uses” of the Delta Ecoregion streams.