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Dana Samples, Chair
Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission
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Huntsville, AR 72470

Randy Young, Chair, Regulations Committee
Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission
101 E. Capitol, Suite 350
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: In the Matter of Amendments to Regulation No. 2, Docket No. 06-010-R

Dear Chair Samples and Commissioner Young,

On April 27, 2007, the Commission passed Minute Order 07-12 granting the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") an extension of time to file the Responsive Summary and Statement of Basis and Purpose in the above referenced docket. The extension of time was granted to allow ADEQ the opportunity to thoroughly review the voluminous comments regarding the proposed rulemaking and to reconvene the public workgroup that had spent weeks in discussions regarding the proposed rules for using Extraordinary Resource Waters, Ecologically Sensitive Waterbodies and Natural and Scenic Waterways for potential public drinking water supplies. Minute Order 07-12 granted an extension of time to June 1, 2007.

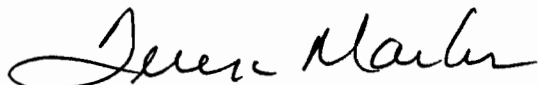
Pursuant to Paragraph 6 of Minute Order 07-12, the Chair of the Commission and the Chair of the Regulations Committee have the authority to revise the deadlines of the Minute Order. ADEQ respectfully requests an extension of one (1) week to file the Responsive Summary and Statement of Basis and Purpose. The new deadline for filing would become June 8, 2007.

ADEQ requests this deadline extension due to unforeseen events regarding ADEQ staff members. Martin Maner, Chief of the Water Division, has tendered his resignation to ADEQ and the Water Division is currently making the necessary management transitions. Likewise, Mary Leath, Chief Deputy Director, has been out of the office for several days to care for her ailing mother. In addition, ADEQ was not been able to schedule the reconvened workgroup until Monday, June 4, after the deadline for filing under Minute Order 07-12.

ADEQ regrets the delay in filing the Responsive Summary and Statement of Basis and Purpose, but believes that, given the controversial nature of this proposed rulemaking, the public will be best served by the development of a thorough and thoughtful response to all of the comments. Therefore, ADEQ respectfully requests that you revise the deadlines of Minute Order 07-12 and grant an extension of time for filing until June 8, 2007.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, you may contact Mary Leath at 682-0960 or Jamie Ewing, of the Legal Division, at 682-0918.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Marks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Teresa Marks
Director