BEFORE THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 2, "RULE ESTABLISHING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SURFACE WATERS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS"

DOCKET NO. 24-005-R

MOTION TO ADOPTAMENDMENTS TO RULE 2, "RULE ESTABLISHING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SURFACE WATERS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS"

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Comes now the Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), by and through its attorney, Basil V. Hicks III, and for its Motion to Adopt Amendments to APC&EC Rule No. 2, "Rule Establishing Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Arkansas," states:

1. On December 6, 2024, the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC), granted DEQ's Petition to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend Rule 2, "Rule Establishing Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Arkansas," and ordered that the proposed amendments be submitted to a period of public comment.

2. After publication of notice, public hearings were held at DEQ Headquarters in North Little Rock, Arkansas, on January 6, 2025, and again on February 5, 2025. The public comment period ended on February 5, 2025.

3. Pursuant to APC&EC Rule 8.808 and Rule 8.815, DEQ submits the following documents supporting its motion to adopt amendments to Rule No. 2:

A. Statement of Basis and Purpose;

B. Responsive Summary;

C. Final Draft of the Rule;

D. Rule Tracking Sheet;

E. Governor's Approval; and

F. Proposed Minute Order.

WHEREFORE, DEQ respectfully requests that the APC&EC grant this Motion to Adopt Amendments to APC&EC Rule 2 and adopt and approve the proposed minute order submitted herewith, and promulgate the revised and amended Rule No. 2, "Rule Establishing Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Arkansas."

Respectfully Submitted,

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