



**DIVISION OF
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Via Email Only to: Monty Ledbetter, Utilities Director, City of Hot Springs: mledbetter@cityhs.net

Dear Mr. Ledbetter:

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a request on June 3, 2025, from the City of Hot Springs (City), through its consulting engineer, requesting review and consideration of a revised milestone schedule to complete the sewer infrastructure improvements required by consent administrative order (CAO) 22-007. The revised milestone schedule includes each of the projects to be completed pursuant to CAO 22-007, revised milestone dates for each project, and the cause of delay for each project. DEQ reviewed the stated cause of delay for the affected projects and determined that the delays were neither within the control of the City nor the fault of the City.

In compliance with Paragraph 8 of the Order and Agreement in CAO 22-007, the City made the request and notification before June 4, 2025. Further, the revised milestone schedule included measures that will be taken to minimize the delay in the completion of the Gulpha Peak Flow Pump Station project.

Pursuant to Paragraph 9 of the Order and Agreement in CAO 22-007, DEQ may grant an extension of any provision of the CAO if the City requests such an extension in writing and the delay or anticipated delay has or will be caused by circumstances beyond the control of and without the fault of the City. DEQ has reviewed the request received on June 3, 2025, and the supporting information provided in the revised milestone schedule and has determined that the request meets the requirements set forth in Paragraph 9 of the Order and Agreement in CAO 22-007. Therefore, DEQ grants an extension of the timeline and final compliance date set forth in Paragraph 4 of the Order and Agreement in CAO 22-007 and approves the revised milestone schedule dated June 3, 2025.

DEQ will prepare an amendment to CAO 22-007 to formally amend the CAO in accordance with this letter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Richard Healey at richard.healey@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

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