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Re: Docket 44333
Response to Order

The City has received Order No. 17, "Establishing Deadline for the City of De Kalb." The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding the City's request to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for an alternate capacity (ACR), and ask that the City be allowed additional time to secure a sufficient water supply to meet the new TCEQ capacity requirement.

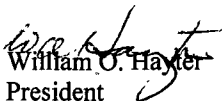
On January 2, 2017, TCEQ approved a new ACR for the City of 399 gallons per minute (GPM) for its 990 meters. This is one-third less than the previously required capacity. However, the City's current contract supply with Texarkana Water Utilities allows for only 292 GPM. The City is therefore deficient by 107 GPM, even with the new ACR.

The City is continuing to discuss an increased water purchase contract with Texarkana Water Utilities to address the 107 GPM deficiency. The new, smaller size of the deficiency also raises the possibility of supplementing the existing water purchase contract with a groundwater supply. Although water wells in the immediate vicinity are unsuitable for a single source supply, it may be possible to supplement the existing purchase contract with a small well capable of producing at least 107 GPM. The City is exploring this possibility, and has obtained preliminary engineering data and cost estimates. The City is very aware of their need to comply with TCEQ standards, and is attempting to do so.

The City is requesting additional time to meet the requirements for approval of its existing application to amend its water CCN, as requested in our December 20th, 2016 status report. To date, the City has spent in excess of \$10,000 in the application process, and the better part of two years to reach this stage in the application review. Dismissal of our application, without prejudice, would require the City to re file the application at a future date, resulting in additional expense and time required to reach the stage we are at presently. De Kalb is a small, lower income community of 1,700 persons. The U.S. Census median household income (MHI) for De Kalb is 33% below the comparable State wide income. Recognizing that additional water supplies will require additional City expense, and its limited finances, the City would prefer to avoid the time and expense of refiling its CCN amendment.

Sincerely,

HAYTER ENGINEERING, INC.


William O. Hayter
President

cc: Abbi Krueger-Capps, City of DeKalb

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