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RE: City of Wichita ASR Process

Dear Mr. Barfield:

The City is in receipt of your letter of May 9, 2018 regarding the process and schedule you have proposed for the City's ASR pending permit modifications.

At the May 9, 2018 Groundwater Management District 2 Board of Director's meeting, the Board directed staff to make a written request for modification to your proposed schedule that could add significant additional time to even starting much less completing the formal review process.

The purpose of this letter is to express the City of Wichita's very strong request that you maintain the process and schedule you have set out in your letter. The City and our consultant will make ourselves available as needed in support of your work.

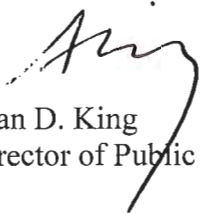
The City has a pressing need to proceed to improve the drought resiliency of our water utility. The form that those efforts will take hinge on the projects permit conditions. Those conditions will in turn set the ability of our ASR project to produce and when needed recover recharge credits over long timeframes to be available for recovery during severe drought events. The water supply security of over 500,000 Kansans and the ability of a major economic center of the state to weather a future one-percent probability drought are at stake.

The City has invested considerable time, effort, and money in developing a request that we believe allows us to effectively utilize this ASR project in a way that meets the public interest better than our existing permit conditions. We have invested further time and effort to engage

multiple interested parties prior to the formal consideration of our proposed permit modifications. It is now time to move this process forward in the manner and at the rate that you have proposed.

Please advise if you have any questions on this request and what your decision is as to process and schedule for this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works & Utilities

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