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May 11, 2018

David Barfield, Chief Engineer  
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Re: City of Wichita Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project Proposed Permit Modifications

Dear Mr. Barfield:

The Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 Board of Directors, at the May 9, 2018, Board meeting, reviewed your letter dated May 9, 2018, regarding the proposed changes to the review and hearing process and schedule for the City of Wichita Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project proposed permit modifications. In your September 18, 2017 letter and later clarification, you advised that the District Board of Directors would have two Board meetings plus 10 days to provide recommendation **after** the public hearing. In your May 9, 2018, letter, you propose to change the nature of the public hearing to an evidentiary hearing, during which the District would be required to provide its recommendations.

Pursuant to your request, on April 19, 2018, the District Board of Directors conducted an initial review of the proposed modifications and, on April 27, 2018, submitted to you a significant number of relevant questions and comments. In order for the District to be able to provide recommendations regarding the proposed modifications, the District's initial review questions and comments must be addressed and District staff must have adequate time to review and provide information and recommendation to the District Board. Therefore, by approved motion, the Board requested that the public hearing, and therefore the District's recommendation submittal deadline, be a minimum of 75 days **after** the District receives adequate responses to the District's initial review questions and comments. The requested 75 days is consistent with the schedule outlined in your May 9, 2018, letter, and is also consistent with your previous determination that the District would have two Board meeting plus 10 days to submit recommendations after the public hearing. The requested 75 days add little or no time to the proposed review process, provided the District's initial review comments and questions are adequately addressed in a timely manner.

Please contact the District should you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

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