# STATE OF KANSAS BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In the Matter of the City of Wichita's	)	
Phase II Aquifer Storage and recovery Project	)	<b>Case No. 18 WATER 14014</b>
In Harvey and Sedgwick Counties, Kansas	)	
	)	
Pursuant to K S A 82a-1901 and K A R 5-14-3a		

# CITY OF WICHITA'S RESPONSE TO EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2'S MOTION TO COMPEL TO THE CITY

The City of Wichita, Kansas (the "City") submits the following as a written response to the recent Motion to Compel submitted by Equus Beds Groundwater Management District No. 2 ("GMD2") herein:

- GMD2's discovery requests included numerous requests pointlessly seeking the
  City's agreement with GMD2's poorly-worded characterizations of features of the
  City's proposal which were entirely and adequately ascertainable from the proposal
  itself.
- 2. The City's objections and refusals to admit the characterizations posited by GMD2's poorly-worded requests were clearly set forth and adequately explained.
- 3. In its responses to GMD2's production request, the City provided a log identifying any documents not provided, with a statement of the reason for withholding each such document, but also provided a substantial number of responsive documents, including those communications with the Chief Engineer that the City had been able to identify.
- 4. GMD2's so-called "Golden Rule letter" was electronically transmitted to the City on a government holiday, and subject to a deadline that GMD2 knew would pass during that holiday weekend, while the City's offices were closed. In context, the letter appeared to be an effort at tactical harassment and discovery gamesmanship,

- rather than any sincere effort to address legitimate discovery issues.
- 5. Nevertheless, counsel for the City, in an electronic mail of November 13, 2018, offered to submit the documents indexed in its privilege log for *in camera* review by the Hearing Officer, so the Hearing Officer could determine (if desired) which (if any) of them should be additionally released to GMD2 (See Exhibit A hereto).
  Neither GMD2 nor the Hearing Officer asked the City to proceed with that step.
- On December 7, 2018, the City served its second set of discovery requests on GMD2, wording many of the requests very similarly to requests that had been served by GMD2 on the City (See Exhibits B, C and D).
- 7. GMD2 objected to almost all the requests, terming many "overly broad, vague and burdensome." GMD2 also engaged in its own "word parsing," and delayed its production responses until March 1, 2019, well past the close of general discovery and well past its last extension to answer (See Exhibits B, C, and D).
- 8. Despite its protracted and dilatory delay in responding to the production request, GMD2 also then withheld entire categories of responsive documents without even providing a log of what it was not producing (See, e.g., Exhibit D, responses to requests 4, 13, 17, 18 and 19).
- 9. As to certain categories of documents, GMD2 refused to produce them on the basis that the Attorney General had not yet ruled on KORA requests GMD2 had previously stone-walled (See Exhibit D, responses to requests 17 and 19). The status of pending KORA requests is completely irrelevant to whether the documents are privileged from production in discovery. Given GMD2's complete failure to identify or support its general assertions of privilege or work-product protection, GMD2 was obligated to produce the documents it withheld, but did not produce them.
- 10. As a party that has extensively disregarded its own discovery obligations in this case, GMD2 is not in a position to cast fault on the far more compliant responses of

other parties who have furnished proper privilege logs for documents withheld, and who (in the case of the City) long ago offered to send all the logged documents to the Hearing Officer for review of the claimed privilege/work-product protections. GMD2 has already been afforded discovery substantially in excess of what it has been willing to provide to the other parties.

11. Obviously, GMD2 has obtained discovery completely sufficient to form its recommendations, obtain expert reports, and prepare its case. The present discovery motions appear to be primarily a tactical effort to disrupt the final hearing preparation of the other parties.

WHEREFORE, GMD2's Motion to Compel to the City should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the City Attorney of the City of Wichita, Kansas

By /s/ Brian K. McLeod
Brian K. McLeod, SC # 14026

#### CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he transmitted the above and foregoing Response to GMD2's Motion to Compel to the City by electronic mail on this 12th day of March, 2019, for filing, to <u>David.Barfield a ks.gov</u> and <u>Kenneth. Litus a ks.gov</u> and served the same upon counsel for the other parties herein by electronic mail, addressed to:

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Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 8:51 AM

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Wendling; Oleen, Aaron [KDA]; Letourneau, Lane [KDA]

Cc: Barfield, David [KDA]; Beightel, Chris [KDA]; Magana, Jennifer, Dickgrafe, Sharon; King,

Alan; Macey, Scott

Subject: RE: Wichita ASR Motion to Extend and Continue

I can be available Friday in the 3:00-4:00 time space.

The "golden rule" letters sent after business hours on Friday, with a deadline that passed on the Veterans' Day holiday, appear to signal a likelihood of further disruption of the case schedule via collateral discovery litigation.

All of the documents produced by the City and all of the documents produced by DWR (including those on the established website) are in electronic form and should be searchable by automated means. The City believes the discovery responses of the City and DWR have provided GMD2 everything it legitimately needs to analyze the issues in the case (far beyond most permit applications matters, which typically do not involve formal discovery at all).

However, particularly in light of GMD2's repeated refusals to acknowledge information already in its possession, the City is concerned that no possible responses to GMD2's discovery requests will dispel GMD2's perception that it needs other and further information.

Accordingly, it would likely be efficient and help to preserve the new hearing schedule if the Hearing Officer were to proceed to address the adequacy of the challenged discovery responses, providing direction as to any supplemental disclosure required on the part of the City or DWR. If the Hearing Officer would like to conduct an *in comera* review of the documents logged by the City as subject to privilege or work product protection, in order to determine which, if any, should be released to GMD2, please let us know.

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Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 2,29 PM

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Subject: Wichita ASR Motion to Extend and Continue

Please find an attached order dealing with the recent motion to extend and continue.

We'd ask each party to respond to this email with their availability for a conference call on Friday (11/16) between 8:00-12:00 and 3:00-4:00.

Finally, just a note regarding the golden rule letters sent out by GMD2, since today is a state holiday, DWR won't be able to respond today. I assume the City is in the same situation, but I don't know for sure. Maybe the attached order alleviates some of the urgency in any case.

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Pursuant to ICS.A. 82a-1901 and K.A.R. 5-14-3a	

# EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 2 ANSWER'S TO THE CITY OF WICHITA'S REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS TO EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 2

Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-236, request is hereby made upon Equus Beds Groundwater Management District Number 2 ("GMD2") to admit within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Request for Admissions, the truth of the facts and genuineness of the statements set forth below.

Each matter as to which an admission is requested is admitted, unless within thirty (30) days after service of this Request for Admissions on GMD2 a written objection or answer addressed to this matter, signed by GMD2 or the attorney for said GMD2, specifically denying the matter or setting forth in detail the reason why GMD2 cannot truthfully admit or deny the matter, is served on counsel for the City of Wichita ("the City").

#### DEFINITIONS

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- "DWR" means the Division of Water Resources ("DWR"), and any agent, consultant, employee, or manager for DWR.
- "Chief Engineer" means David Barfield, Chief Engineer. Division of Water Resources,
   Kansas Department of Agriculture.



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- 7. "AMC" means Aquifer Maintenance Credits.
- 8. "Aquifer" shall mean the Equus Beds Aquifer.
- 9. "ASR" shall mean Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- 10."As used herein, the term ""document" means any medium upon which intelligence or information can be recorded or retrieved, and includes, without limitation, the original and each copy, regardless of origin and location, of any audio file, book, pamphlet, periodical, letter, memorandum, (including any memorandum or report of a meeting or conversation), contract, agreement, letter, e-mail, facsimile, check, receipt, notice, study, telegram, computer printout, invoice, computer data file, work papers, diary, calendar, transcript, bill, record, photograph, or any other graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, which is or was Your possession, custody or control.
- 11.As used herein, the term "communication" means any oral or written utterance of any nature including, but not limited to, correspondence, e-mail, facsimile, conversations, discussions, and consultations, between or among two or more persons.
- 12. As used herein, the terms "identification," "identify," or "identity," when used in reference to (a) a natural individual, require You to state his or her full name, job title, residential and business

addresses and home and business phone numbers; (b) a corporation or business, require You to state its full name and any names under which it does business, the address of its principal place of business, and the addresses of all of its offices; (c) a document, requires You to state the number of pages and the nature of the document (e.g., letter or memorandum), its title, its date, the name or names of its authors and recipients, and its present location and custodian; (d) a communication, requires You to identify the document or documents which refer to or evidence the communication; and (e) an oral communication, requires You to identify the persons participating in the communication and to state the date, manner, place and substance of the communication.

- 13. When a request for admission requires You to "state the basis of a particular claim, defense, contention, or allegation, state in Your answer the identity of each and every communication and each and every fact and legal theory that You think supports, refers to, or evidences such claim, defense, contention or allegation.
- 14.As used herein, the word "or" appearing in a request for admission should not be read so as to eliminate any part of the request for admission, but, whenever applicable, it should have the same meaning as the word "and."
- 15.As used herein, the words "person" or "entity" mean any natural person, company, business, partnership, corporation, association or other group carrying on a business enterprise.

# REQUEST FOR ADMISSIONS

1. Admit or deny that under its existing permits, the City is permitted to annually withdraw up to

40,000 acre feet of water fr	om the Aquifer.
ADMIT	DENY
•	s vague as the term "existing water permits" is undefined. This to as it is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of
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Without waiving said objection, if this question is referring to City's existing "native water rights," Vested Water Right HV-006, Water Right No. 388, and Water Right No. 1006, then it is admitted that the City can withdraw up to 40,000 acre-feet annually from the Aquifer, subject to the limitations and conditions of the water rights including, but not limited to, not impairing senior water rights.

2. Admit or deny that if the City's exercise of it recharge the Aquifer, the City's existing ASI Recharge Credits for any such recharge implifacilities.	
ADMIT X	DENY X
This question is objected to as it is comple assumption.	tely vague and is predicated on assumption after
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Recharge Credits can be accrued by the C physically injecting source water from the	est is partially admitted to the extent that Physical City upon artificially recharging the Aquifer by ELittle Arkansas River into the Aquifer; however, lits is subject to ASR permit conditions and ad other factors.
3. Admit or deny that the City's AMC Proposa necessity of withdrawing water from the Aq	d would allow the City to accrue AMCs without the uifer to create storage deficits for recharge.
ADMIT	DENY X
This question is objected to as the term "stora Thus, this question is denied.	age deficits for recharge" is undefined and unclear.
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4.	Admit or deny that under the City's existing ASR permits, there is no limit on the aggregate
	acre feet in Physical Recharge Credits the City is permitted to accrue.

ADMIT X DENY X

This request is partially admitted to the extent that Physical Recharge Credits can be accrued by the City upon artificially recharging of the Aquifer by physically injecting source water from the Little Arkansas River into the Aquifer without an apparent "limit;" however, this recharge and accrual of recharge credits is subject to ASR permit conditions and limitations, the ASR accounting model, hydrologic conditions, and other factors.

5. Admit or deny that the minimum index levels for the storage basin area do not limit the City's rights to annually withdraw up to 40,000 acre feet of water from the Aquifer.

This question is objected to as it is unclear as to what "rights" are being referred to.

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However, without waiving said objection, it is admitted that the City can withdraw 40,000 acre feet of water annually from the Aquifer under the authority of the City's existing water rights, Vested Water Right HV-006, Water Right No. 388, and Water Right No. 1006, subject to the limitations and conditions of the water rights, including not impairing senior water rights.

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ADMIT_	_X DEN	Y
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City	•	nimum index levels, the onus will be upon the vater levels begin to decline, so as to recover them x levels.
ADMIT_	DEN	YX
unneces recharg	sarily withdraw water. It is also the C	a good steward of the Aquifer or whether to ity's decision if it wishes to withdraw its potentially leaving the City short of available d drought.
City		levels as the City has proposed would enable the its recharge credits in the event of a decline in
ADMIT_	DEN	YX
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create opportunities for	wing the City to accrue AMCs without first reducing water levels to recharge is likely to result in maintenance of higher water levels in all water users with water rights in the Aquifer.
ADMIT	DENY_X
This request is objected to as	Thomas A. Adrian, SC #06976  toma aplawpa.com ADRIAN & PANKRATZ, P.A. Attorneys for Equus Beds Groundwater Management District Number 2
of drought conditions and droughts, exacerbating the to the other water users. I Aquifer or whether to unn lower the groundwater lev Aquifer to establish rechar pumping excessive ground	ctions, this request is denied. It is difficult to predict the impacts the City could pump down the Aquifer further in times of e groundwater declines and water shortages and the detriments t is the City's decision whether to be a good steward of the eccessarily withdraw groundwater from the Aquifer to purposely els only for the purpose of injecting source water back into the rege credits. Conversely, the City NOT purposely and selfishly water—when alternate sources such as Cheney Reservoir are ult in maintenance of higher water levels in the Aquifer.
City to defer full exercise	ting the minimum index levels as the City has proposed would enable the e of its recharge credits during a prolonged drought event, and that this isers with water rights in the Aquifer.
ADMIT	DENYX
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protected if the recharge credits could not be withdrawn when the water level was below

the currently established minimum index levels.

11. Admit or deny that GMD2 Board Members !	Robert Seiler and Michael McGinn each have a
personal interest in the Subject Matter.	

ADMIT		DENY	X	

Objection: This request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is broad, vague, and burdensome. It is unclear what is meant by "personal interest." Further, it is impossible for the District to look into the minds of individual board members and doing so invades the immunity afforded to decision makers.

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Without waiving said objection, this request is denied as the District is without information or knowledge to answer this request. However, based purely on speculation, it is believed by the District that every board member *should* have an interest in preserving and properly managing the Aquifer for the good of all users of the Aquifer and every board member either has a water right or is employed by an entity that uses water rights. Joe Pajor is the only board member potentially having a job dependent on pushing through a proposal wholly beneficial to the City, to the extent the AMC Proposal fits this parameter.

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13. Admit or deny that ther	is not a definition of AMC in statute or regulation.	
ADMITX	DENY	
14. Admit or deny that there	s not a definition of "passive recharge credits" in statute or regulation	1.
ADMITX	DENY	

12. Admit or deny that GMD2 Board Members Robert Seiler and Michael McGinn have each

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Admitted to the extent that it accurately recites the condition of current statutes and

regulations.

ADMIT	DENY _ X
•	atutory construction illuminates the fact that the AMC arrent law. More detailed research and analysis e same conclusion.
	law vests responsibility for the City's drought preparedness activities icials of the City and not in GMD2.
ADMIT	DENY X
This request is objected to a evidence.	Thomas A. Adrian, SC #06976  tom a aplawpa.com ADRIAN & PANKRATZ, P.A. Attorneys for Equus Beds Groundwater Management District Number 2

17.	Admit or deny that the GMD2 Board has made decisions, set policies and taken actions to direct
	GMD2's positions in this matter in non-public meetings.

ADMIT DENY X

Objection: This request is broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

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Without waiving said objection, this request is denied. Upon information and belief, all motions by Board have been made in open sessions. There has been no motions made in Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he served the above and foregoing Requests for Admission by electronic mail on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, addressed to:

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# CITY OF WICHITA'S SECOND INTERROGATORIES TO FOUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 2

COMES NOW the City of Wichita, Kansas (the "City"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to K.S.A. 60-233 propounds the following interrogatories to Equus Beds Groundwater Management District Number 2 (hereinafter "GMD2") to be answered fully and under oath within thirty (30) days after service hereof. These interrogatories are continuing in nature and require supplemental answers if additional information is obtained between the time of answering and the time of hearing.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Space is provided for your answers. If additional space is necessary, please continue your response on an additional page, referencing the respective interrogatory.
- 2. Answers must be signed by you and objections must be signed by your attorney.
- 3. These interrogatories are continuing in nature and you are under a duty to promptly supplement your answers if you discover the following:



- a. The identity and location of any persons previously requested, but not affirmatively listed;
- b. The identity or location of persons having knowledge of discoverable information;
- c. The identity of persons expected to testify at hearing, expert or otherwise;
- d. A previous response is incorrect; or
- e. Additional information is obtained and discovered which enables you to make a more complete response.

Any supplemental answers are to be promptly and timely served upon counsel for plaintiff.

- 4. Any failure to truthfully respond or any attempt to conceal discoverable information, may lead to the imposition of sanctions pursuant to K.S.A. 60-237.
- 5. If the information requested cannot be ascertained from information in your immediate possession, please state the name, address and telephone number of those persons or entities that have custody, possession or control over the information.
- 6. If the information requested is subject to a claim of privilege, please state the exact nature and exact substance of the claimed privilege and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons asserting the claimed privilege.
- All reference to you includes the knowledge of all agents, servants, employees or attorneys who have possession of or who have obtained information for or on behalf of you.

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#### INTERROGATORIES

1. Identify each person who provided information or otherwise prepared or assisted in the preparation of the responses to these Interrogatories and to the Requests for Production of Documents and the Requests for Admissions served simultaneously with these Interrogatories and specify for each such person the information provided.

#### RESPONSE:

Tim Boese, Tom Adrian, Lee Rolfs, and Dave Stucky supplied input into the answers on each question.

2. Identify all documents that are relevant to the Subject Matter of this administrative hearing or the AMC Proposal.

#### RESPONSE:

Objection: This interrogatory is overly broad, vague, and burdensome. The information sought in this discovery is equally, or more, available to the propounding party. The District is not required to prepare the propounding party's case and the propounding party has the burden in this case.

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Without waiving said objection, this interrogatory will be supplemented with the exhibit lists and is also answered by reviewing and referencing all documents produced by all parties in this administrative hearing. These documents do not need to be listed because, upon answering the City's document requests, the City has or will have equal access to all discoverable documents.

- 3. If any of Your responses to the City's Requests for Admission are anything other than an unqualified admission, provide a detailed explanation of any and all facts that relate to or concern Your responses and identify:
  - a. Any and all persons with facts that relate to or concern Your responses:
  - b. Any and all documents that relate to or concern Your responses.

#### RESPONSE:

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome. The information sought in this discovery is equally, or more, available to the propounding party. This interrogatory further contains subparts, or compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive questions. This answer also calls for legal conclusions.

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Without waiving said objection, see detailed answers to Requests for Admission. This answer also specifically incorporates all witnesses and documents listed in answers to these requests for admissions, and the District's answers to all prior discovery requests. This answer will also be supplemented by the expert reports, and the witness and exhibit list later produced.

- 4. If You have ever had any of the documents that are to be identified pursuant to any of these Interrogatories or are to be produced pursuant to any of the Requests for Production of Documents served simultaneously with these Interrogatories but do not now have such document(s) in Your possession, custody, or control, state the following with respect to each such document:
  - a. The present location thereof or all reasons why You cannot or do not know the location thereof.
  - b. The date each such document left Your possession, custody, or control.
  - c. The reasons each such document is not now in Your possession, custody, or control.
  - d. Identify all persons having knowledge about the matters inquired about in the immediately preceding paragraphs (a) through (c).

#### RESPONSE:

Some documents of the City may have been in the District's control at some point but have been returned to the City. Otherwise, no other documents are responsive to this interrogatory.

- 5. If any of the documents that are to be identified pursuant to any of these Interrogatories or are to be produced pursuant to any of the Requests for Production of Documents served on You simultaneously with these Interrogatories are withheld under a claim of privilege, or are not produced for whatever reason:
  - a. State with specificity the claim of privilege or other reason to withhold production.
  - b. Identify each such document by date, author, and subject matter, without disclosing its contents, in a manner sufficient to allow it to be described to the Hearing Officer for ruling on the privilege or other reason asserted.
  - c. Produce those portions of any such document that are not subject to a claim of privilege or other reason for non-production by excising or otherwise protecting the portions for which a privilege is asserted, if such a technique does to result in disclosing the contents of the portions for which some privilege is asserted.

#### RESPONSE:

This interrogatory answer will be addressed at a later time, through answers to the City's Requests for Production of Documents, with a privilege log and any other supplemental response.

6. Identify any person that has or may have knowledge, other than the general public, of the facts related to the Subject Matter of this administrative hearing or the AMC Proposal.

#### RESPONSE:

Objection: This request is so overly broad, vague, and burdensome that it is generally meaningless and futile. This interrogatory is also objected to in the sense that the "general public" is undefined. The information sought in this discovery is equally, or more, available to the propounding party. The District is not required to prepare the propounding party's case and the propounding party has the burden in this case. Further, it is unclear to what extent we are following Kansas or Federal law with regard to discovery requests and, accordingly, this interrogatory is additionally objected to as exceeding the allowable number of interrogatories.

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Without waiving said objection, in addition to all individuals already listed in previous interrogatory responses, the District lists current and former employees of the District that had at least some level of exposure to the content of the AMC Proposal including, but not limited to: Tim Boese, Steve Flaherty, David Randolph, Rebecca Wilson, Dorinda Albrecht, Daniel Clement, Don Koci, Traey Rocket, Shelley Watkins, and Mike Dealy. Additionally, the District lists District consultants and experts, including, but not limited to: David Pope, Masih Akhbari, and David M. Romero. Otherwise, the City is already aware of all other individuals responsive to this interrogatory including, but not limited to, past and current employees of DWR, past and current employees of the City, past and current employees of KGS, and USGS past and current employees. The District further incorporates all individuals listed by the City or DWR in their answers to the District's interrogatories. The District also incorporates all experts of the District or of the City.

- 7. Please identify all experts You have hired or consulted with regarding the Subject Matter of this administrative hearing or the AMC Proposal, and:
  - a. Identify all documents that have been provided to all such experts:
  - b. Identify all documents that have been provided to You by such experts;
  - c. State the subject matter in which each expert was consulted and the substance of their expected testimony at hearing.

#### ANSWER:

Objection: It is unclear to what extent we are following Kansas or Federal law with regard to discovery requests and, accordingly, this interrogatory is objected to as exceeding the allowable number of interrogatories.

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### Without waiving said objection:

#### David Pope:

- a. The ASR Permit Modification Proposal, answers to all discovery requests in this administrative hearing, the documents on the DWR website related to this matter, the GMD2 / City of Wichita MOUs relating to the Phase I and Phase II orders, excerpts form the Phase I and Phase II ASR orders, and privileged email correspondence with attorneys and client.
- b. No expert report has been furnished at this juncture.
- e. See answer to City's first round of discovery requests and prior expert disclosure. This answer will be supplemented at the expert disclosure deadline.

#### Masih Akhbari:

- a. The ASR Permit Modification Proposal and related model and answers to all discovery requests in this administrative hearing.
- b. No expert report has been furnished at this juncture, except privileged preliminary e-mail correspondence with attorneys and client.
- c. This answer will be provided by the expert disclosure deadline. However, Mr. Akhbari is expected to testify to a variety of aspects of the City's scientific and hydrogeologic basis for the ASR Permit Modification Proposal including, but not limited to, as to whether the modeling was performed correctly, any errors in the modeling procedure or results, and the impact of the ASR Permit Modification Proposal on the Aquifer.

#### Dave M. Romero

- a. The AMC Proposal and related model and answers to all discovery requests in this administrative hearing.
- b. No expert report has been furnished at this juncture, except privileged preliminary e-mail correspondence with attorneys and client.
- c. This answer will be provided by the expert disclosure deadline. However, Mr. Romero is expected to testify to a variety of aspects of the City's scientific and hydrogeologic basis for the ASR Permit Modification Proposal including, but not limited to, as to whether the modeling was performed correctly, any errors in the modeling procedure or results, and the impact of the ASR Permit Modification Proposal on the Aquifer.

#### Tim Boese

- a. All documents in the possession of the District, the ASR Permit Modification Proposal and related model, and all discovery exchanged in this matter.
- b. No expert report has been furnished at this juncture, except privileged preliminary correspondence with attorneys regarding this matter.
- c. This answer will be provided by the expert disclosure deadline. However, Mr. Boese is expected to testify to a variety of aspects of the City's scientific and hydrogeologic basis for the ASR Permit Modification Proposal including, but not limited to, as to whether the modeling was performed correctly, any errors in the modeling procedure or results, and the impact of the ASR Permit Modification Proposal on the Aquifer. Mr. Boese will further testify to his understanding of and the development of the rules and regulations for the district. Finally, Mr. Boese will employ his vast knowledge of the Aquifer, water rights, and water law and regulations, from his extensive experience in working for the District and serving on various committees and boards concerning water rights.

#### **Steve Flaherty**

- a. All documents in the possession of the District, the ASR Permit Modification Proposal and related model, and some discovery exchanged in this matter.
- b. No expert report has been furnished at this juncture, except preliminary correspondence with attorneys regarding this matter.
- c. This answer will be provided by the expert disclosure deadline. However, Mr. Flaherty is expected to testify to a variety of aspects of the City's scientific and hydrogeologic basis for the ASR Permit Modification Proposal including, but not limited to, as to whether the modeling was performed correctly, any errors in the modeling procedure or results, and the impact of the ASR Permit Modification Proposal on the Aquifer. Finally, Mr. Flaherty will employ his knowledge of the Aquifer, water rights, and water law and regulations, from his experience in working for the District.

8. If You have ever had any of the documents that are to be identified pursuant to any of these Interrogatories or are to be produced pursuant to any of the Requests for Production of Documents served on You simultaneously with these Interrogatories that have been destroyed, describe in detail the circumstances of and all reasons for such destruction and produce all documents that relate to or concern either the circumstances or the reason for such destruction.

#### RESPONSE:

Objection: It is unclear to what extent we are following historical Kansas or Federal law with regard to discovery requests and, accordingly, this interrogatory is objected to as exceeding the allowable number of interrogatories.

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Without waiving said objection, upon information and belief, no documents have been intentionally destroyed in contravention of Kansas law on record retention.

9. Please indicate any and every meeting and communication You have had with the DWR about the Subject Matter. Please include the date of each meeting and/or communication, the individuals involved in any meeting and/or communication, the subject matter of each communication and/or meeting, and the location of any communication and/or meeting.

#### RESPONSE:

Objection: This interrogatory is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. This interrogatory is designed to harass the District with its scope. Further, "Subject Matter" is too broadly defined and no time period is specified in this interrogatory. This answer also requires the creation of lists and documents not in existence, or best left for document requests. Further, it is unclear to what extent we are following Kansas or Federal law with regard to discovery requests and, accordingly, this interrogatory is additionally objected to as exceeding the allowable number of interrogatories.

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Without waiving said objection, this will be answered by documents produced and through any accompanying privilege log. This interrogatory answer will be addressed at a later time, through answers to the City's Requests for Production of Documents, with a privilege log and any other supplemental response

10. Please identify each water right which You contend will be adversely affected by any aspect of the proposed permit modifications, and for each such water right explain how it will be impacted as to quantity or quality, or both, and set forth the facts supporting Your contentions, including an identification of any pertinent documents.

#### RESPONSE:

Objection: This interrogatory is overly broad, vague, and burdensome. The information sought in this discovery is equally, or more, available to the propounding party. Moreover, this discovery request seeks the legal reasoning and theories of propounding party's contentions. The District is not required to prepare the propounding party's case and the propounding party has the burden in this case. This interrogatory further contains subparts, or compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive questions. Further, it is unclear to what extent we are following Kansas or Federal law with regard to discovery requests and, accordingly, this interrogatory is additionally objected to as exceeding the allowable number of interrogatories.

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Without waiving said objection, see our answer to the prior interrogatory in the City's First Set of Interrogatores regarding impairment, which is fully incorporated herein. By way of further answer, it is contended that every water right in the basin storage area of the District has the potential to be adversely impacted by the permit modifications and the City's ASR Permit Modification Proposal. The ASR Permit Modification Proposal has the potential of further lowering the water table during times of drought. This will impact all users of the Aquifer in the basin storage area. If the water table is unreasonably lowered, this will have a variety of impacts to the water quality including, but not limited to, the fact that the movement of the salt contamination will increase and will impact the quality of the water in the basin storage area. This contention will be supported by the testimony of the experts listed above, by current and former employees of the District, and by numerous other stakeholders in the District and others.

11. Please explain in detail whether the water quality of the Aquifer will be impacted by the AMC Proposal and Your rationale.

#### RESPONSE:

Objection: This interrogatory is overly broad, vague, and burdensome. The information sought in this discovery is equally, or more, available to the propounding party. Moreover, this discovery request seeks the legal reasoning and theories of propounding party's contentions. The District is not required to prepare the propounding party's case and the propounding party has the burden in this case. This interrogatory further contains subparts, or compound, conjunctive, or disjunctive questions. Further, it is unclear to what extent we are following Kansas or Federal law with regard to discovery requests and, accordingly, this interrogatory is additionally objected to as exceeding the allowable number of interrogatories.

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Without waiving said objection, see answer to interrogatory number 10.

# Respectfully Submitted,

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# **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS	)	
COUNTY OF HARVEY	) ss. )	
that he is the Manger for Equus I that he has read the above and fo	ng of lawful age and being duly sworn upon oath, deposited Groundwater Management District Number 2, a regoing interrogatories and responses and that the ansin above contained are true and correct to the best of h	party herein; swers,
	Trusty D. Been	
SUBSCRIBED AND S and county, this 414 day of Ft	Palacratulan	nforesaid state
My Appointment Expires:	Notary Public  NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas  REBECCA WILSON  My Appt. Exp. Objul 2022	

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she served the above and foregoing Interrogatories upon counsel for the other parties herein by electronic mail, this 7th day of December, 2018, addressed to:

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# STATE OF KANSAS BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In the Matter of the City of Wichita's	)	
Phase II Aquifer Storage and recovery Project In Harvey and Sedgwick Counties, Kansas	)	Case No. 18 WATER 14014
Pursuant to K S A 87s-1901 and K A R 5-14-3u	_)	

# EQUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ANSWERS TO CITY OF WICHITA'S PRODUCTION REQUEST TO FOUUS BEDS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

COMES NOW the City of Wichita, Kansas (the "City"), a party herein, and requests production of documents by Equus Beds Groundwater Management District Number 2 ("GMD2") as set forth below.

#### DEFINITIONS

- "You" and/or "Your" means GMD2, and any board member, agent, consultant, employee, or manager for GMD2.
- 2. "DWR" means the Division of Water Resources ("DWR"), and any agent, consultant, employee, or manager for DWR.
- "Chief Engineer" means David Barfield. Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources,
   Kansas Department of Agriculture.
- "Subject Matter" means the content of this administrative hearing including, but not limited to, AMCs, the ASR Permit Modification Proposal, and all related subject matter.
- "ASR Permit Modification Proposal" means the proposal dated March 12, 2018, that the City submitted to the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.



- "AMC Proposal" means the Aquifer Maintenance Credits Proposal submitted as part of the ASR Permit Modification Proposal.
- 7. "AMC" means Aquifer Maintenance Credits.
- 8. "Aquifer" shall mean the Equus Beds Aquifer.
- 9. "ASR" shall mean Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- 10. "As used herein, the term ""document" means any medium upon which intelligence or information can be recorded or retrieved, and includes, without limitation, the original and each copy, regardless of origin and location, of any audio file, book, pamphlet, periodical, letter, memorandum, (including any memorandum or report of a meeting or conversation), contract, agreement, letter, e-mail, facsimile, check, receipt, notice, study, telegram, computer printout, invoice, computer data file, work papers, diary, calendar, transcript, bill, record, photograph, or any other graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, which is or was Your possession, custody or control.
- 11. As used herein, the term "communication" means any oral or written utterance of any nature including, but not limited to, correspondence, e-mail, facsimile, conversations, discussions, and consultations, between or among two or more persons.
- 12. As used herein, the terms "identification," "identify," or "identity," when used in reference to (a) a natural individual, require You to state his or her full name, job title, residential and business addresses and home and business phone numbers; (b) a corporation or business, require You to state its full name and any names under which it does business, the address of its principal place of business, and the addresses of all of its offices; (c) a document, requires You to state the number of pages and the nature of the document (e.g., letter or memorandum), its title, its date, the name or names of its authors

and recipients, and its present location and custodian; (d) a communication, requires You to identify the document or documents which refer to or evidence the communication; and (e) an oral communication, requires You to identify the persons participating in the communication and to state the date, manner, place and substance of the communication.

- 13. When a request for admission requires You to "state the basis of a particular claim, defense, contention, or allegation, state in Your answer the identity of each and every communication and each and every fact and legal theory that You think supports, refers to, or evidences such claim, defense, contention or allegation.
- 14. As used herein, the word "or" appearing in a request for admission should not be read so as to eliminate any part of the request for admission, but, whenever applicable, it should have the same meaning as the word "and."
- 15. As used herein, the words "person" or "entity" mean any natural person, company, business, partnership, corporation, association or other group carrying on a business enterprise.

## REQUESTS

Please furnish all communications between GMD2 Board Members, or between any GMD2
Board member(s) and GMD2 staff or outside consultants concerning the City's ASR project or
ASR Permit Modification Proposal.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. Additionally, the term "ASR project" is not defined and no time frame is stipulated. The City's "ASR project" has been discussed for at least the last 20 years, so it unreasonable to request all related communications. This request also seeks information not in the control of the District. Further, this request invades the immunity afforded to decision makers of governmental bodies.

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Without waiving said objection, requested communications involving District staff are produced from the time period that the ASR Permit Modification Proposal was officially submitted by the City to the Chief Engineer. District Staff did a reasonable good faith search of e-mails by searching the term "ASR", but in this digital age, it is impossible to guarantee that all e-mails have been located. Due to the large volume of communications, a CD or USB drive containing the communications will be mailed to the City. Additionally, the District believes that all communications between the District and the collective Board of Directors included District Board Member and City employee Joe Pajor, so the City is already in possession of these communications.

2. Please provide all communications or correspondence between You and DWR concerning the City's ASR project or the City's ASR Permit Modification Proposal.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. Additionally, the term "ASR project" is not defined and no time frame is stipulated. The City's "ASR project" has been discussed for at least the last 20 years, so it unreasonable to request all related communications.

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3. Please provide an electronic copy of any groundwater model(s) used by You to evaluate the ASR Permit Modification Proposal, including all inputs, outputs, calibration, and adjustments.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. This request is ambiguous as the term "model" is not defined. Further, to the extent the term models is properly understood, all models utilized are already in the possession of the City. Thus, there are no documents/electronic copies necessary to produce. Further, depending on how broadly the term "model" is defined, some of this information may still be in the possession of Steve Flaherty.

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Without waiving said objection, the Experts used by the District may have manipulated the City's model and utilized various other models to generate their expert reports. Any modifications or analysis used is already documented in those reports. The City is welcome to arrange a mutually beneficial time to analyze any of the models used by the District's Experts. In fact, the District would welcome a "mediation" of sorts in an effort to resolve any modeling disputes.

4. Please furnish all documents relating to the work product of any expert who is expected to testify in this administrative hearing, including, but not limited to, documents evidencing, substantiating, referring or relating to: (a) each expert's factual observations and opinions: (b) the subject matter on which each expert was consulted and/or: (c) a summary of the grounds of each opinion: (d) all documents generated by, prepared by, provided to, relied upon, or reviewed by any such expert: (e) all documents provided to You by each expert, including but not limited to notes, reports, summaries, and correspondence: (f) documents evidencing the hourly rate of each expert, the method of determining the amount to be paid to the expert, the amount of fees earned by the expert to date, the amount of fees currently owed to the expert, the amount of fees billed to You by the expert, and the amount paid to the expert to date; and (g) a resume or curriculum vitae or other document summarizing such expert's qualifications within the field or discipline or area with respect to this litigation with regard to which such expert was consulted.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome.

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Without waiving said objection, the experts' reports have already been furnished.

\*\* \*We also did not answer phantom requests for production numbers 5-8.

9. Please furnish all documents relating to the work product of any consulting expert whose work will provide the basis, in whole or in part, of the testimony of any expert who will testify as a witness in this administrative hearing, including, but not limited to, documents evidencing, substantiating, referring or relating to: (a) each expert's factual observations and opinions; (b) the subject matter on which each expert was consulted; (c) a summary of the grounds of each opinion; (d) all documents generated by, prepared by, provided to, relied upon, or reviewed by any such expert; (e) all documents provided to You by each expert, including but not limited to reports, summaries, and correspondence; (f) documents evidencing the hourly rate of each expert, the method of determining the amount to be paid to the expert, the amount of fees carned by the expert to date, the amount of fees currently owed to the expert, the amount of fees billed to You by the expert, and the amount paid to the expert to date; and (g) a resume or curriculum vitae or other document summarizing such expert's qualifications within the field or discipline or area with respect to this litigation with regard to which such expert was consulted.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome.

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Without waiving said objection, the email of Mary Knapp is submitted on the CD or USB drive being mailed to the City.

 Please furnish all documents upon which You relied or referred to in answering the City's Interrogatories.

See produced documents, not already in City's possession. The City's proposal and Kansas statutes and regulations were also reviewed, which obviously will also not be produced as said documents are already readily in the possession of the City.

11. Please furnish all documents upon which You relied or referred to in answering the City's' First Set of Requests for Admission.

See produced documents, not already in City's possession. The City's proposal and Kansas statutes and regulations were also reviewed, which obviously will also not be produced as said documents are already readily in the possession of the City.

12. Please provide all communications or correspondence, not privileged, between You and any third party concerning the City's ASR Project or the City's ASR Permit Modification Proposal.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. Additionally, the term "ASR project" is not defined and no time frame is stipulated. The City's "ASR project" has been discussed for at least the last 20 years, so it unreasonable to request all related communications.

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Without waiving said objection, requested non-privileged communications involving District staff are produced from the time period that the ASR Permit Modification Proposal was officially submitted by the City to the Chief Engineer. District Staff did a reasonable good faith search of e-mails by searching the term "ASR", but in this digital age, it is impossible to guarantee that all e-mails have been located. Due to the large volume of communications, a CD or USB drive containing the communications will be mailed to the City.

13. Please produce all communications, not privileged, between You and/or Your attorneys and with Your experts in this case regarding the Subject Matter or the AMC Proposal.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. All documents sought by this request are protected by attorney-client privilege and/or work product doctrine.

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14. Please provide any and all documents, models, displays, exhibits, or any other form of demonstrative evidence which may be used as an exhibit at the administrative hearing in this matter.

In addition to the produced documents and previously submitted expert reports, this will be supplemented as any necessary exhibit lists are furnished and as documents are organized.

15. Please provide all handwritten or recorded personal notes (including computer entries) or other documents of any kind whatsoever, including calendars, diaries, or similar documents made regarding the events and incidents which form the basis of this Subject Matter.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence.

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Without waiving said objection, electronic calendars and any other documents found that fall within the ambit of this request are submitted on the CD or USB drive being mailed to the City.

**16.** Please provide any and all documents relating to non-retained experts. You may call at the administrative hearing.

See expert disclosures and witness lists. By way of further answer, no such witnesses are known at this time and thus this request will be supplemented at a later time as this decision is made.

17. Please provide all records, including digital or magnetic audio recordings, of all GMD2 Board meetings at which the City's ASR Project or the City's ASR Permit Modification proposal was discussed.

Objection: This request is duplicative as this is, in part, the subject of a KORA complaint filed by the City against the District. The Attorney General has not yet ruled on the KORA complaint. If directed by the Attorney General, a member of the City is free to listen to any available recordings.

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18. Please provide all records of GMD2's procurement proceedings for the selection of consultants or outside counsel in connection with the Subject Matter, including the specifications for services to be provided, the basis upon which responses were solicited, the criteria upon which the selection was made, and all steps taken to comply with K.S.A. 44-1001, et seq. the Kansas Acts Against Discrimination.

Objection: This request is overly broad, vague, and burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence. K.S.A. 44-1001, et seq. has no relevance to hiring experts or counsel to assist with this administrative hearing. This request further invades attorney/client privilege and the work product doctrine.

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19. All contracts or letters of engagement between Leland Rolfs and GMD2 relating to the performance of services in connection with the Subject Matter.

Objection: This request is duplicative as this is, in part, the subject of a KORA complaint filed by the City against the District. The Attorney General has not yet ruled on the KORA complaint. If directed by the Attorney General, the document(s) subject to the KORA complaint will be provided. This request further invades attorney/client privilege and the work product doctrine.

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