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Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 9:23 AM
To: Stephen Cain
Cc: Clem, Sarah
Subject: RE: ADEQ Confirmation Request

Stephen,

1. The Department has no data to suggest that the project's (hydropower plant located at Wilbur D. Mills Dam (Dam 2)) operations to present are inconsistent with the state's water quality criteria in general.
2. Arkansas River HUC 8020401 Reach 901 is the portion of the river upstream of the dam. Reach 901 is not on the EPA approved 2008 303(d) list, nor is it on the draft 2010, draft 2012, or draft 2014 lists. Arkansas River HUC 8020401 Reach 001 is the portion of the river downstream of the dam. Reach 901 is not on the EPA approved 2008 303(d) list, nor is it on the draft 2010, draft 2012, or draft 2014 lists.

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From: Stephen Cain [<mailto:Stephen.Cain@aecc.com>]
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Subject: ADEQ Confirmation Request

Ms. Clem:

Every five years or so Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) must re-apply for Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) certification that our hydropower plant located at Wilbur D. Mills Dam (Dam 2) on the Arkansas River (near Dumas, AR) has avoided environmental impacts pursuant to LIHI's criteria. AECC would appreciate ADEQ's confirmation of items 1 and 2 below. ADEQ previously granted this confirmation in April 2008, and the operation of the hydropower plant at Dam 2 has not changed since that confirmation.

1. The project's operations to the present remain consistent with the state's water quality criteria in general; and
2. If any waters in the vicinity of the project appear on the state's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list of impaired waters that the project does not contribute to that impairment.

For convenience, attached are: (1) the AECC letter submitted to ADEQ in April 2008 for the previous confirmation of items 1 and 2 above; and (2) ADEQ's response to that letter via email from Mr. Bob Singleton stating that the project remains consistent with the state's water quality criteria and the Arkansas River in that area of the state is not on the 303(d) list.

Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,
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