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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Ryan Daniel, Mayor  
City of Columbia City  
112 South Chauncey Street  
Columbia City, Indiana 46725

Dear Mayor Daniel:

Re: Long Term Control Plan Amendment Review  
City of Columbia City  
NPDES Permit No. IN0022624  
Agreed Order 2006-15875-W  
Whitley County

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Office of Water Quality (OWQ) has conducted a substantive review of the Columbia City Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) amendment submitted December 18, 2015.

The original LTCP was approved on June 22, 2006, and the LTCP Implementation Schedule was most recently updated on June 20, 2012. The controls outlined in Phases I and IIA have been completed. Under the proposed LTCP amendment, Phase IIB will be revised and Phase IIC will be eliminated. The revised Phase IIB consists of the following controls:

- 48" Interceptor from CSO 008 to the Main St. Lift Station
- CSO 008 Modification
- West Lift Station Improvements
- 42" Interceptor from CSO 005 to IIA-63
- Flow Meter Installation at CSO 006 Structure
- Dual 72" Interceptors at West Lift Station
- Jefferson Street Improvements with CSO Flow Meter
- CSO 004 Improvements, 48" Interceptor, and Dual 72" Interceptors
- CSO 006 Outfall Improvements

The estimated cost of the revised Phase IIB is \$8,530,000. The LTCP amendment does not change the original level of control. Full implementation under the proposed LTCP amendment would be December 30, 2021, approximately 3 years sooner than in the current LTCP. The revised Phase IIB retains the same Implementation Schedule as the current LTCP's Phase IIB; however, the tasks "Apply for Funding of Phase IIB" and



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“Secure Funding of Phase IIB” will be removed because funding has already been secured with current rate increases.

Based on this information, IDEM has determined that the LTCP amendment is acceptable. IDEM CSO Staff will coordinate on this amended plan with IDEM OWQ Enforcement Staff. The amended LTCP Implementation Schedule shall supersede the schedule contained in the previously approved LTCP, and Columbia City shall implement the LTCP in accordance with the amended LTCP Implementation Schedule. The City understands that upon full implementation of the LTCP, all remaining untreated CSO outfalls will become prohibited.

Please contact Colin Shumake at 317-234-9558 or by email at [cshumake@idem.in.gov](mailto:cshumake@idem.in.gov) if you have questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Novak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Novak, Chief  
Permits Branch  
Office of Water Quality

cc: Bridget Murphy, OWQ Inspections  
Mike Cook, Superintendent  
Keith Bryant, P.E., United Consulting  
David Koehler, IDEM Case Manager

<b>PROPOSED LTCP MODIFICATIONS</b>		
<b>Original Task</b>	<b>Revised Task</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
Second LTCP Update	This submittal.	<del>December 30, 2017</del> December 18, 2015
Apply for Funding of Phase IIB	Complete. Funding is in place with current rate increases.	<del>December 30, 2017</del> Complete
Begin Design of Phase IIB	Begin Design of Mitigation Project No. 6 – Alt. No. 2	June 30, 2018
Secure Funding of Phase IIB	Complete. Funding is in place with current rate increases.	<del>December 30, 2018</del> Complete
Start Construction of Phase IIB	Start Construction of Mitigation Project No. 6 – Alt. No. 2	June 30, 2019
Complete Construction of Phase IIB	Complete Construction of Mitigation Project No. 6 – Alt. No. 2	December 30, 2021
Third LTCP Update	Third LTCP Update	December 30, 2021
<del>Third LTCP Update</del>	<del>Third LTCP Update</del>	<del>December 30, 2020</del>
<del>Apply for Funding of Phase IIC</del>	<del>Not required.</del>	<del>September 30, 2021</del>
<del>Secure Funding for Phase IIC</del>	<del>Not required.</del>	<del>June 30, 2022</del>
<del>Begin Design of Phase IIC</del>	<del>Not required.</del>	<del>June 30, 2022</del>
<del>Start Construction of Phase IIC</del>	<del>Not required.</del>	<del>June 30, 2023</del>
<del>Complete Construction of Phase IIC</del>	<del>Not required.</del>	<del>December 30, 2024</del>
Fourth LTCP Update	Not required.	September 30, 2025

As indicated in the table above, the newly developed project will allow the City to reach its LTCP mitigation goals approximately four years ahead of schedule while reducing costs and capturing both design storm events.

In addition to the previous modifications, the City has updated its Post Construction Compliance Monitoring Program, Section 8.2 – Proposed Plan, as identified in the 2010 CSO LTCP Update. The modified Section 8.2 is included in Appendix “E”.