

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 48114
Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.
RN101286433
Docket No. 2014-0042-PWS-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

Three or more enforcement actions (NOVs, orders, etc.) over the prior five year period for the same violation(s).

Media:

PWS

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Mustang Station, 1937 County Road 390, Yoakum County

Type of Operation:

Public water supply

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: May 2, 2014

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$630

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$630

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - High

Site/RN - High

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: December 9, 2013

Date(s) of NOE(s): December 20, 2013

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Violation Information

1. Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level (“MCL”) of 0.010 milligrams per liter (“mg/L”) for arsenic based on a running annual average [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106(f)(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c)].
2. Failed to comply with the MCL of 0.05 mg/L for selenium based on a running annual average [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106(f)(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c)].
3. Failed to comply with the MCL of 4 mg/L for fluoride based on a running annual average [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106(f)(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Respondent has implemented the following measures:

- a. Provided bottled water to persons served by the Facility since May 2, 1999;
- b. Completed the installation of a new groundwater well in September 2013 that will be used to comply with the MCLs for arsenic, selenium, and fluoride;
- c. Submitted well completion data for the new well on or about February 6, 2014; and
- d. As of February 21, 2014, the Respondent is in the process of completing the water distribution system design for review.

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 180 days, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule, to the Executive Director that provides for the completion of an alternate water source or treatment technology.
- b. Within 180 days, and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, submit progress reports. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCLs for arsenic, selenium, and fluoride.
- c. Within 195 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision a.
- d. Within 1,095 days:

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- i. Return to compliance with the MCL for arsenic;
 - ii. Return to compliance with the MCL for selenium; and
 - iii. Return to compliance with the MCL for fluoride.
- e. Within 1,110 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision d.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A
Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Michaelle Garza, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC R-13, (210) 403-4076; Candy Garrett, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1456
TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A
Respondent: George E. Hess, Vice President of Production, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 9898, Amarillo, Texas 79105-5898
Mark B. Schwartz, President, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 9898, Amarillo, Texas 79105-5898
Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	6-Jan-2014	Screening	10-Jan-2014	EPA Due	30-Sep-2013
	PCW	14-Jan-2014				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101286433		
Facility/Site Region	2-Lubbock	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	48114	No. of Violations	3
Docket No.	2014-0042-PWS-E	Order Type	Findings
Media Program(s)	Public Water Supply	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Michaelle Garza
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 2

Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$50	Maximum	\$1,000
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Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$600
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	5.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$30
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Notes: Enhancement for three NOVs with same/similar violations and reduction for high performer classification.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
Total EB Amounts	\$12,842	*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount	
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$40,000		

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$630
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount	\$630
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$630
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DEFERRAL	0.0% Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes:

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$630
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PCW

Respondent Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101286433

Media [Statute] Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Michaelle Garza

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History **Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)**

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	3	15%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%

Please Enter Yes or No

Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7)

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for three NOVs with same/similar violations and reduction for high performer classification.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

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Enf. Coordinator Michaelle Garza

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.106(f)(3) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)

Violation Description Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.010 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for arsenic based on a running annual average. Specifically, the running annual average concentrations for arsenic were 0.015 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2012, 0.021 mg/L for the first quarter of 2013, 0.029 mg/L for the second quarter of 2013, 0.028 mg/L for the third quarter of 2013, and 0.029 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2013.

Base Penalty \$1,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual		X		15.0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0.0%

Matrix Notes Exceeding the MCL for arsenic based on a running annual average has exposed persons served by the Facility to significant amounts of contaminants which did not exceed levels protective of human health.

Adjustment \$850

\$150

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2 Number of violation days 456

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	X
single event		

Violation Base Penalty \$300

Two annual events are recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction \$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$300

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$12,842

Violation Final Penalty Total \$315

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$315

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Media Public Water Supply

Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Cost **Date Required** **Final Date** **Yrs** **Interest Saved** **Onetime Costs** **EB Amount**
Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$40,000	31-Dec-2012	1-Aug-2017	4.59	\$612	\$12,230
Engineering/construction			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

The delayed cost includes the estimated amount to investigate, identify, and implement the necessary corrective actions to return to compliance with the MCLs for arsenic, selenium, and fluoride, calculated from the last date of the first quarter of noncompliance to the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$40,000

TOTAL

\$12,842

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PCW

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Media [Statute] Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Michaelle Garza

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.106(f)(3) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)

Violation Description Failed to comply with the MCL of 0.05 mg/L for selenium based on a running annual average. Specifically, the running annual average concentrations for selenium were 0.08 mg/L for the second quarter of 2013, 0.07 mg/L for the third quarter of 2013, and 0.08 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2013.

Base Penalty \$1,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Release	Harm			Percent
	Major	Moderate	Minor	
Actual		X		15.0%
Potential				

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
				0.0%

Matrix Notes Exceeding the MCL for selenium based on a running annual average has exposed persons served by the Facility to significant amounts of contaminants which did not exceed levels protective of human health.

Adjustment \$850

\$150

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 274

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	X
single event	

mark only one with an x

Violation Base Penalty \$150

One annual event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction \$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
	Extraordinary	
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$150

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$158

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$158

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101286433

Media Public Water Supply

Violation No. 2

Percent Interest 5.0 | **Years of Depreciation** 15

Item Cost **Date Required** **Final Date** **Yrs** **Interest Saved** **Onetime Costs** **EB Amount**
Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

The delayed cost is captured in the economic benefit associated with violation no. 1.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$0

TOTAL

\$0

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PCW

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

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Media [Statute] Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Michaelle Garza

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.106(f)(3) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)

Violation Description Failed to comply with the MCL of 4 mg/L for fluoride based on a running annual average. Specifically, the running annual average concentrations for fluoride were 4.4 mg/L for the second quarter of 2013, 4.4 mg/L for the third quarter of 2013, and 4.4 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2013.

Base Penalty \$1,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

Table with columns: Release (Actual, Potential), Harm (Major, Moderate, Minor), and Percent (15.0%).

>> Programmatic Matrix

Table with columns: Falsification, Major, Moderate, Minor, and Percent (0.0%).

Matrix Notes Exceeding the MCL for fluoride based on a running annual average has exposed persons served by the Facility to significant amounts of contaminants which did not exceed levels protective of human health.

Adjustment \$850

\$150

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1 Number of violation days 274

Table for event frequency: daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual, annual (marked with x), single event.

Violation Base Penalty \$150

One annual event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction \$0

Table for Good Faith Efforts: Extraordinary, Ordinary, N/A (marked with x).

Notes The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$150

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$158

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$158

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Media Public Water Supply

Violation No. 3

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

The delayed cost is captured in the economic benefit associated with violation no. 1.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$0

TOTAL

\$0

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TCEQ Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN602663387, RN101286433, Rating Year 2013 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2013.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN602663387, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Regulated Entity: RN101286433, MUSTANG STATION **Classification:** HIGH **Rating:** 0.00

Complexity Points: 18 **Repeat Violator:** NO

CH Group: 06 - Electric Power Generation

Location: 1937 COUNTY ROAD 390, YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: REGION 02 - LUBBOCK

ID Number(s):

AIR OPERATING PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER YA0225A

AIR OPERATING PERMITS PERMIT 2859

WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0003951000

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER YA0225A

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS EPA PERMIT PSDTX875

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS EPA PERMIT PSDTX1080

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 94507

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS AFS NUM 4850100045

AIR EMISSIONS INVENTORY ACCOUNT NUMBER YAA001A

AIR OPERATING PERMITS PERMIT 1777

AIR OPERATING PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER YAA001A

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT 32881

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS AFS NUM 4850100039

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS REGISTRATION 54135

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT 72579

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS PERMIT 99691

AIR EMISSIONS INVENTORY ACCOUNT NUMBER YA0225A

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 2510025

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2008 to August 31, 2013 **Rating Year:** 2013 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2013

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: January 10, 2014

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: January 10, 2009 to January 10, 2014

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Michaelle Garza

Phone: (210) 403-4076

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO
- 3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator? N/A
- 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? N/A
- 5) If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? N/A

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1 January 21, 2009 (724259)

Item 2 April 22, 2009 (743375)

Item 3	July 15, 2009	(759484)
Item 4	October 13, 2009	(778649)
Item 5	November 13, 2009	(782376)
Item 6	June 17, 2010	(827478)
Item 7	June 23, 2010	(802402)
Item 8	July 23, 2010	(842400)
Item 9	November 30, 2010	(877655)
Item 10	January 21, 2011	(887090)
Item 11	February 24, 2011	(900015)
Item 12	July 11, 2011	(937003)
Item 13	July 18, 2011	(922752)
Item 14	January 23, 2012	(971055)
Item 15	May 04, 2012	(989885)
Item 16	November 26, 2012	(1046035)
Item 17	December 18, 2012	(1051168)

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

- 1 Date: 03/14/2013 (1138936) CN602663387
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(3)(C)
Description: ARS MCL 1Q2013 - The system violated the maximum contaminant level for Arsenic during the 1st quarter of 2013 with a RAA of 0.021 mg/L.

- 2 Date: 05/07/2013 (1138936) CN602663387
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(3)(C)
Description: ARS MCL 2Q2013 - The system violated the maximum contaminant level for Arsenic during the 2nd quarter of 2013 with a RAA of 0.029 mg/L.
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(3)(C)
Description: SEL MCL 2Q2013 - The system violated the maximum contaminant level for Selenium during the 2nd quarter of 2013 with a RAA of 0.08 mg/L.
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(3)(C)
Description: FLU MCL 2Q2013 - The system violated the maximum contaminant level for Fluoride during the 2nd quarter of 2013 with a RAA of 4.4 mg/L.

- 3 Date: 11/07/2013 (1138936) CN602663387
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(3)(C)
Description: SEL MCL 3Q2013 - The system violated the maximum contaminant level for Selenium during the 3rd quarter of 2013 with a RAA of 0.07 mg/L.
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(3)(C)
Description: ARS MCL 3Q2013 - The system violated the maximum contaminant level for Arsenic during the 3rd quarter of 2013 with a RAA of 0.028 mg/L.
Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.106(f)(3)(C)
Description: FLU MCL 3Q2013 - The system violated the maximum contaminant level for Fluoride during the 3rd quarter of 2013 with a RAA of 4.4 mg/L.

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
GOLDEN SPREAD ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.
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**BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2014-0042-PWS-E**

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this agreement to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water supply at 1937 County Road 390 in Yoakum County, Texas (the "Facility") that has approximately two service connections and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year.
2. During a record review conducted on December 9, 2013, TCEQ staff documented that the running annual average concentrations for arsenic were 0.015 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the fourth quarter of 2012, 0.021 mg/L for the first quarter of 2013, 0.029 mg/L for the second quarter of 2013, 0.028 mg/L for the third quarter of 2013, and 0.029 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2013.
3. During a record review conducted on December 9, 2013, TCEQ staff documented that the running annual average concentrations for selenium were 0.08 mg/L for the second quarter of 2013, 0.07 mg/L for the third quarter of 2013, and 0.08 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2013.
4. During a record review conducted on December 9, 2013, TCEQ staff documented that the running annual average concentrations for fluoride were 4.4 mg/L for the second quarter of 2013, 4.4 mg/L for the third quarter of 2013, and 4.4 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2013.
5. The Respondent received notice of the violations on December 27, 2013.
6. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following measures at the Facility:
 - a. The Respondent has provided bottled water to persons served by the Facility since May 2, 1999;
 - b. The Respondent completed the installation of a new groundwater well in September 2013 that will be used to comply with the maximum contaminant levels ("MCLs") for arsenic, selenium, and fluoride;
 - c. The Respondent submitted well completion data for the new well on or about February 6, 2014; and
 - d. As of February 21, 2014, the Respondent is in the process of completing the water distribution system design for review.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the Commission.

2. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with the MCL of 0.010 mg/L for arsenic based on a running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106(f)(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
3. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 3, the Respondent failed to comply with the MCL of 0.05 mg/L for selenium based on a running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106(f)(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
4. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 4, the Respondent failed to comply with the MCL of 4 mg/L for fluoride based on a running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106(f)(3) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
5. Pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$630) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(b). Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$630) of the administrative penalty is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any requirement contained in this Agreed Order, the deferred amount of the administrative penalty shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice, and the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred administrative penalty.

III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$630) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 6 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., Docket No. 2014-0042-PWS-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule, to the Executive Director that provides for the completion of an alternate water source or treatment technology to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.e.;
 - b. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, submit progress reports to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.e. below. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCLs for arsenic, selenium, and fluoride;
 - c. Within 195 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.e. below to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a.;
 - d. Within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
 - i. Return to compliance with the MCL for arsenic, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106;
 - ii. Return to compliance with the MCL for selenium, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106; and
 - iii. Return to compliance with the MCL for fluoride, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.106.
 - e. Within 1,110 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.d.i., 2.d.ii., and 2.d.iii. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false

information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Public Drinking Water Section Manager
Water Supply Division, MC 155
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

and to:

Technical Review and Oversight Team
Water Supply Division, MC 159
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
5. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the Respondent if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
6. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.

7. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
8. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
9. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the third day after the mailing date, as provided by 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission


For the Executive Director

6/4/14
Date

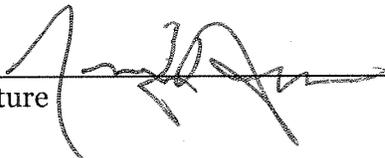
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order in the matter of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., and do agree to the specified terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I understand that by entering into this Agreed Order, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. waives certain procedural rights, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations addressed by this Agreed Order, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and the right to appeal. I agree to the terms of the Agreed Order in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. This Agreed Order constitutes full and final adjudication by the Commission of the violations set forth in this Agreed Order.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions;
- and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Signature 

4/3/14
Date

George E. Hess
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Vice President Production
Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section III, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.