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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

July 11, 2022

Laurie Gharis Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Application from the City of Granbury for new TPDES Permit No. WQ0015821001; TCEQ Docket No. 2021-1001-MWD; SOAH Docket No. 582-22-0585

Dear Ms. Gharis:

I have enclosed the Executive Director's Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosure** 

cc: Mailing list

## SOAH Docket No. 582-22-0585 TCEQ Docket No. 2021-1001-MWD

Application by the City of	§	Before the State Office of
<b>Granbury for new Texas Pollutant</b>	§	
Discharge Elimination System	§	Administrative Hearings
Permit No. WQ0015821001	ξ	

## **Executive Director's Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision**

#### I. Overview

The Executive Director (ED) of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) supports the administrative law judge's (ALJ's) conclusions that the City of Granbury (Granbury) has met its burden of proof regarding all the referred issues in this case and that Granbury's application for Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015821001 should be granted. The ED does not have any exceptions to the Proposal for Decision per se but does have several recommended changes to the proposed order.

## **II. Recommended Changes**

# (A) Page 27, line referring to footnote 119

"...and further <u>underline</u> the water quality in Lake Granbury..." should be changed to "...and further <u>undermine</u> the water quality in Lake Granbury...."

### (B) Page 70, final sentence

"...and would preserve the high aquatic <u>use life</u>" should be changed to "...and would preserve the high aquatic <u>life use</u>."

## (C) Finding of Fact No. 17

Issues N through Z should be changed to Issues A through M. The ED sees no issues with the Issues themselves, only the lettered numbering.

### (D) Finding of Fact No. 25

The ED recommends that "Influent ... will <u>be pretreated through</u>..." be changed to "Influent ... will receive primary treatment by passing through..." for accuracy.

### (E) Finding of Fact No. 86

"...Lake Granbury and Rucker Creek have high aquatic <u>use life</u>..." should be changed to "...Lake Granbury and Rucker Creek have high aquatic <u>life use</u>..."

Additionally, the ED recommends that "mean DO criteria" be changed to "<u>daily</u> mean DO criteria" for clarification purposes.

#### **III. Conclusion**

The ED appreciates and fully supports the ALJ's finding that Granbury met its burden of proof for the referred issues and their recommendation to grant Granbury's application and issue the ED's proposed permit. Therefore, the ED respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the ALJ's proposed order with the ED's recommended changes presented herein and issue the proposed permit.

Respectfully submitted,

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