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REGULATED ENTY NAME RAINBOWS END WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN111947768

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0016513001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: POLK

PRINCIPAL NAME: RAINBOWS END PARK INC

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September 14, 2024 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105 P.O.
Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087 Re: Protest of Water Quality Permit Application WQ0016513001
Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to formally protest the application for the proposed Texas Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016513001 (EPA I.D. No. TXO145858) submitted

by Rainbow's End Park, Inc. for the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 30,000 gallons per day. My primary concerns are the short and long-term environmental impacts, public health, and the effects on my property as well as properties further downstream. The discharge of such a volume, with chemical/chlorine entrainment, could potentially impact the natural habitat of native animals such as eagles, deer, birds, migratory waterfowl, squirrels, rabbits, frogs, turtles, alligators, and aquatic life. This stream also supports stock ponds and livestock in the proposed discharge path to the Trinity River. Additionally, the impacts on our well water supply and the safety of children and others who swim in Copeland Creek's spring-fed waters are unknown. How my property will be impacted is also unclear. The application states that the current wastewater systems in operation at Rainbow's End are failing, which is why they have applied to install a new system and discharge into our streams. They also plan to increase the volume of discharge from 30,000 gallons per day to 60,000 gallons per day at a later date. This raises several questions: If granted, will this permit be based on 30,000 gallons per day or 60,000 gallons per day? What happens to the land they have been discharging treated waste to for the last 20-plus years? Will they reinstate that land to make additional RV spots to generate more revenue while discharging their waste into our streams? As a private entity, how will they be governed to ensure compliance? Have the residents of Rainbows End been formally notified? Our local government does a very poor job of managing our public and private wastewater facilities, and during heavy rains, these systems fail, causing untreated waste to enter our streams and rivers. I believe that the issuance of this permit could have adverse effects on water quality, wildlife, public health, property value, and more. Furthermore, I am concerned about the potential impact of the discharge route on local water bodies, including Copeland Creek and the Trinity River. My property and others along Copeland Creek would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public, considering the discharge from the unnamed tributary enters Copeland Creek on my property, where multiple springs feed Copeland Creek, supplying water downstream to other property owners, wildlife, and cattle. I respectfully request that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) conduct a thorough review of this application and consider the potential environmental and public health impacts before making a decision on the issuance of the permit. I also request a public meeting to further discuss the concerns raised by the community regarding this application. Additionally, I would like to be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices. Please consider this letter as a formal request for a contested case hearing if the application is not directly referred for one. I am prepared to provide further evidence and testimony to support my concerns in a contested case hearing. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt consideration of my protest.

Sincerely, Larry Redden