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RE: *Petition of Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC for Approval of and Authority to Borrow up to \$4,000,000 to Finance Additions and Improvements to Facilities and Acquisitions Pursuant to T.C.A. § 65-4-109, TPUC Docket No. 25-00066*

Dear Mr. Kettles:

We are in receipt of the Commission's data requests to Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC ("Limestone"), dated October 2, 2026. Please find Limestone's responses below.

1. *Provide an update on the status of the bidding process. Were bids submitted? Has a contractor been selected? What is the scope of work covered by the selected bid? Provide the estimated project cost based on the winning bid.*

Response:

- (a) *Provide an update on the status of the bidding process.* Limestone Water UOC has completed the advertisement process; proposals have been received and evaluated and a preferred bidder has been identified.
- (b) *Were bids submitted?* Yes.
- (c) *Has a contractor been selected?* Yes – pending contract execution.
- (d) *What is the scope of work covered by the selected bid?* Expansion and upgrade of the existing wastewater treatment facility from 0.25 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) to 0.45 MGD, including influent handling improvements, flow equalization, Aerobic Granular Sludge (AGS) treatment, tertiary filtration, UV disinfection, and associated facility improvements.

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- (e) *Provide the estimated project cost based on the winning bid. The awarded contract is expected to be approximately \$15.7 million, subject to final contract execution and pricing. Including a 10% contingency, the estimated total project cost is approximately \$17.3 million.*
2. *Please discuss the relationship between the Future Treatment Flow Diagram included in the August 6, 2026 TDEC Application to renew the NPDES Permit for the Grasslands system and the scope of the selected bid. Are all elements of the Future Treatment Flow Diagram included in the scope of work covered by the selected bid?*

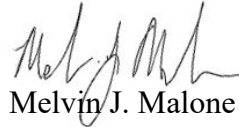
Response:

- (a) *Please discuss the relationship between the Future Treatment Flow Diagram included in the August 6, 2026 TDEC Application to renew the NPDES Permit for the Grasslands system and the scope of the selected bid. The future treatment flow diagram included in the August 6 permit renewal application was taken directly from the construction plans that formed the basis of the bid solicitation. Therefore, the scope reflected in the flow diagram is incorporated into the selected bid.*
- (b) *Are all elements of the Future Treatment Flow Diagram included in the scope of work covered by the selected bid? Yes.*

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

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