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SIERRA CLUB AND CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is made on the day hereafter stated by and between the Sierra Club ("S/C") and the Little Rock Sanitary Sewer Committee ("LRSSC") acting through Little Rock Wastewater Utility ("LRWU") by its Manager, Reggie A. Corbitt. S/C and LRSSC are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, LRSSC is a committee comprised of five (5) residents of the City of Little Rock qualified to serve as members of LRSSC with the statutory authority through LRWU to operate and maintain the sanitary sewer system owned by the City of Little Rock, situated in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and providing sanitary sewer service to its customers; and,

WHEREAS, LRSSC's point sources discharge into the Arkansas River and are presently regulated pursuant to two National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits ("NPDES Permits") Nos. AR0021806, and AR0040177, issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") dated May 31, 1996, and March 31, 1997, respectively; and,

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WHEREAS, on January 13, 2000, S/C filed a complaint against the City of Little Rock ("City") and LRSSC in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, entitled Sierra Club v. City of Little Rock and Little Rock Sanitary Sewer Committee, No. 4:00CV022, ("Lawsuit") alleging violations of LRSSC's NPDES Permits AR0021806 and AR0040177 under 33 U.S.C. 1311(a) (the "Clean Water Act") and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), on certain dates specified in the complaint; and,

WHEREAS, an order dated March 5, 2001 was entered by the United States District Court in the Lawsuit granting S/C's motion for partial summary judgment as to liability on Count I against LRSSC, but denying any relief sought by S/C against the City; and,

WHEREAS, a trial has been set in the Lawsuit for December 4, 2001 for all remaining issues, including S/C's claims alleged against LRSSC and the City; and,

WHEREAS, S/C and LRSSC each desire to avoid the costs and uncertainties of litigation, and, therefore, through their authorized representatives and without trial or final adjudication of the remaining issues of fact or law with respect only to S/C's claims against LRSSC in the Lawsuit, S/C and LRSSC have agreed to settle this matter, provided,

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however, this settlement is without prejudice as to any other claims in the Lawsuit between S/C and the City;

WHEREAS, by entering into this Settlement Agreement, LRSSC is not admitting liability or conceding any alleged violations whatsoever, nor is it admitting that, by paying any sum of money or agreeing to perform any act, it is in any way responsible or liable for any of the claims alleged in the Lawsuit and, moreover, LRSSC expressly denies any liability or that any of the SSOs are violations of its NPDES permits, the Clean Water Act, or RCRA; and,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions and covenants herein set forth, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

GENERAL

1. Definitions:

- (A) Design Storm Event: Depending on the duration of a particular rain event or a series of rainfall events, "Design Storm Event" is defined in the following table. Total rainfall for a Design Storm Event of a duration other than shown in this table will be determined from 2-year return period precipitation data, as published by the

U.S. Department of Commerce at the time of this Agreement.

Storm Duration (Hours)	2-Year Intensity (Inches/hour)	Given Duration Rainfall Total Required for 2-year Event (inches)
0.5	2.80	1.4
1	1.85	1.9
2	1.15	2.3
5	0.60	3.0
12	0.30	3.6
24	0.175	4.2
36	0.125	4.5
48	0.100	4.8
72	0.074	5.3
96	0.057	5.5
120	0.048	5.8

- (B) Capacity-Related SSO: A "Capacity-Related SSO" is an SSO caused primarily by a lack of sufficient capacity in the sanitary sewer collection system, such as an SSO caused by inflow and/or infiltration during a storm event.
- (C) Compliance Deadline: "Compliance Deadline" means the date by which LRSSC must eliminate all Capacity-Related SSOs in LRSSC's sanitary sewer collection and treatment system, except for Capacity-Related SSOs caused by a storm event greater than the Design Storm Event. The

"Compliance Deadline" shall be established in accordance with the process set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement.

- (D) Effective Date: "Effective Date" means the date upon which the Judgment referenced in Paragraph 13 of this Settlement Agreement is entered by the Court.
- (E) Non-Capacity Related SSO: A "Non-Capacity Related SSO" is any SSO from a sewer line or facility owned by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, and operated and maintained by LRWU other than a "Capacity-Related SSO," including but not limited to SSOs caused by pipe blockages, pipe breaks, equipment failures or power failures.
- (F) Sanitary Sewer Overflow or SSO: "Sanitary Sewer Overflow" or "SSO" means any discharge from LRSSC's sanitary sewer collection and treatment system other than a discharge to waters of the United States from the two discharge points specifically designated in LRSSC's two NPDES permits, or any additional NPDES permits issued to LRWU after the execution of this agreement.

- (G) Termination Date: "Termination Date" means the date upon which this Settlement Agreement and LRSSC's obligations thereto terminate, as set forth in paragraph 13.

CAPACITY-RELATED SSOS

2. **The Study:** LRSSC shall continue the engagement of a qualified consultant to undertake a study of alternatives (the "Study") to address Capacity-Related SSOs in the Little Rock sanitary sewer collection and treatment system:

- (A) Range of Study: The Study may consider a range of alternatives including, but not limited to, infiltration and inflow (I/I) reduction, expansion of conveying and treatment systems, and retention basins. The Study will identify alternatives to assure compliance with the LRSSC's NPDES Permit provisions, recognizing as a goal the elimination of Capacity-Related SSOs, and will recommend specific actions for implementation by LRSSC. The Study will establish a Compliance Deadline and serve as the foundation of a long-term program with the goal to eliminate Capacity-Related SSOs, except for

Capacity-Related SSOs caused by a storm event greater than the Design Storm Event.

(B) Study Completion Date: The Study shall be completed by March 1, 2002. Upon completion of the Study, and at least two (2) weeks before any public hearing on the Study, LRSSC shall provide to S/C, at LRSSC's sole expense, one copy of the Study and pay to S/C \$5,000.00 to cover S/C's review of the Study and the Compliance Deadline to be performed by Bruce Bell, if available. Any portion of the \$5,000.00 not expended on the review shall be reimbursed to LRSSC by S/C. If, upon review, S/C determines that the Compliance Deadline established by the Study is unreasonable or not supported by the Study, S/C shall have the opportunity to challenge the Compliance Deadline in writing with supporting documented findings and opinions of the qualified engineer, i.e., Bruce Bell, if available, and propose an alternative deadline before the Court, subject to the meet and confer provisions set forth in paragraph No. 16. S/C must file any such challenge within 45 calendar days from receiving

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a copy of the Study, failing which the Compliance Deadline shall be deemed accepted. Any such challenge filed shall attach thereto a statement of a qualified licensed engineer containing a concise statement of the basis for the challenge, as previously referred to herein.

(C) Resolution by LRSSC: By no later than September 30, 2002, LRSSC shall develop, adopt and implement a program (the "Program") based on the Study with the goal of eliminating all Capacity-Related SSOs by the Compliance Deadline, as set forth in paragraph 2(A). Failure of LRSSC to adopt a resolution authorizing the implementation of the Program by September 30, 2002, shall be a breach of this Agreement and subject to an order for specific performance of this provision by adoption of the authorizing resolution by LRSSC.

3. **Program Development**: Any Capacity-Related SSO in LRSSC's sanitary sewer collection and treatment system after the Compliance Deadline, except for Capacity-Related SSOs caused by a storm event greater than a Design Storm Event, shall be deemed by the Court to constitute a breach of this Settlement Agreement. Such determination shall be

subject to LRSSC's right to assert all defenses available to it under its then-existing NPDES Permits, and under applicable federal and state laws. Further, S/C reserves all rights to assert, in any action to enforce this Settlement Agreement, that the number of the Capacity-Related SSOs exceeding the goals which occur after the Compliance Deadline also constitute violations of the Clean Water Act, and LRSSC reserves its right to assert all defenses to such Clean Water Act claims that are available to it under its then existing NPDES Permits and under applicable federal and state laws.

NON-CAPACITY RELATED SSOS

4. **Priority/Forms:** Non-Capacity Related SSOs, as well as Capacity-Related SSOs, shall be given top priority in the maintenance of LRSSC's sanitary sewer collection and treatment system. LRSSC shall clean all SSOs pursuant to its established procedures as soon as possible upon discovery, as conditions allow. LRSSC shall prepare and maintain overflow report forms and all applicable provisions of the LRWU Sanitary Sewer Collection System Maintenance Procedures manual shall be followed by LRWU maintenance personnel.

5. **Goals by Years:** LRSSC shall limit the number of Non-Capacity Related SSOs per 100 miles of sanitary sewer lines operated and maintained by LRWU in LRSSC's collection and treatment system in compliance with the following Interim Schedule for Non-Capacity Related SSOs, said schedule being based upon the execution and final approval of this settlement being accomplished on or before December 31, 2001:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Number of Non- Capacity- Related SSOs per 100 miles of Sewer Lines</u>
2002	12
2003	11
2004	10
2005	9
2006	8
2007	7
2008	6

When LRSSC has reduced the number of Non-Capacity Related SSOs to 6 per 100 miles of sewer lines for two consecutive calendar years, LRSSC shall be deemed to have complied with all provisions of this Agreement related to Non-Capacity Related SSOs. For the Calendar Year 2002 LRSSC's treatment and collection system shall be deemed to contain 1100 miles of sewer lines. Thereafter, in the Annual Report required by Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, LRSSC shall certify the miles of sewer lines in LRSSC's treatment and collection

system for the relevant calendar year. Such certification shall provide sufficient evidence to substantiate any increase or decrease in the length of sanitary sewer lines. The Annual Report shall also include a catalog of each SSO that occurred during the relevant calendar year, including the date and location of the SSO and whether the SSO was a Capacity-Related SSO or a Non-Capacity Related SSO.

6. **Failure to Comply:** LRSSC's failure to comply with the Interim Schedule for Non-Capacity Related SSOs shall create a rebuttable presumption that LRSSC has breached this Settlement Agreement. A determination of breach shall be subject to LRSSC's right to assert all defenses available under its then-existing NPDES Permits, and under applicable federal and state laws, including without limitation the upset defense. Further, S/C reserves all rights to allege in any action to enforce this Settlement Agreement that Non-Capacity Related SSOs also constitute violations of the Clean Water Act, and LRSSC reserves its right to assert all defenses to such Clean Water Act claims that are available to it under its then-existing NPDES Permits and under applicable federal and state laws. If LRSSC does not meet the Interim Schedule, S/C and LRSSC agree to meet promptly upon reasonable notice

given by either party to discuss the circumstances and reasons for the goal not being met and the appropriate corrective actions. LRSSC shall notify the City of Little Rock and give the City of Little Rock an opportunity to be present at this meeting. If the parties are not able to agree on the appropriate corrective actions, S/C may then file a motion with the U.S. District Court for appropriate relief consistent with paragraphs 11 and 16.

SSO RESPONSE PLAN

7. **Plan Development:** In order to more effectively respond to all SSOs, on or before September 30, 2002, LRSSC will review the current procedures for responding to SSOs and will develop, adopt and implement a formal Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan that identifies specific measures to protect the public health and the environment, including but not limited to mechanisms to:

- (A) LRWU/Public Awareness: Provide that LRWU is made aware of all SSOs (to the extent possible), so that LRWU may take appropriate corrective and preventive action as soon as possible;
- (B) Responding to SSOs: Provide that LRWU personnel respond to SSOs including ensuring that reports of SSOs are promptly distributed to appropriate

personnel for investigation and appropriate response;

- (C) Reporting SSOs: Provide that LRWU promptly report all SSOs to ADEQ and any other authority required by the applicable LRSSC NPDES permit or law;
- (D) Notice: Provide that LRWU notify the public, health agencies, and other impacted entities (e.g. water suppliers) pursuant to applicable governmental authorization, as required by the applicable NPDES permit;
- (E) LRWU Personnel: Provide that appropriate LRWU personnel are aware of and follow the plan and are trained;
- (F) Photographs: Provide that LRWU personnel take photographs of the overflow area before and after the cleanup, as required by the LRWU's Sanitary Sewer Collection System Maintenance Procedures in effect at the time of the occurrence of the SSO;
- (G) Identification of Capacity-Related/Non-Capacity Related SSO: Provide that LRWU personnel identify each SSO as either a Capacity-Related

SSO or a Non-Capacity Related SSO and provide a basis for each determination.

LRSSC shall provide S/C with a copy of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan immediately upon adoption.

SSO NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

8. **SSO Notification Program:** LRSSC shall implement and execute a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Notification Program ("SSONP") that is designed to protect the health and welfare of persons in the event of SSOs from LRSSC's sanitary sewer collection and transmission system. The SSONP shall meet the following requirements:

- (A) City Owned Property: If an SSO occurs on City owned property, LRSSC, during cleanup, shall place a sign near the location of the SSO notifying the public that an SSO has occurred. The sign shall also warn the public of the possibility of adverse health effects that may be caused by SSOs and shall provide a contact phone number so that the public can obtain additional information about the SSO. The warning sign shall remain in place until LRWU has cleaned the SSO according to LRWU's established procedures

and there is no longer the possibility of significant risk of harm to the public.

- (B) Residential Property: If an SSO occurs on or adjacent to residential property, LRSSC shall provide notice to the homes immediately proximate to the SSO notifying the owners that an SSO has occurred. The notice shall also warn the owner of the possibility of adverse health effects that may be caused by SSOs and shall provide a contact phone number so that the owner can obtain additional information about the SSO.
- (C) Recurring SSOs: At those manholes located on City owned property where SSOs occur more than once in any twelve-month period, LRSSC shall place a notice informing the public that SSOs may occur at the location. The notice shall also warn the public of the possibility of adverse health effects caused by SSOs and shall also provide a contact number to obtain additional information about SSOs.
- (D) Billing Notices: In routine billing notices at least once a year, during the next three years, LRSSC shall provide general information about

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SSOs, the possibility of adverse health effects caused by SSOs, and how the public can report SSOs to LRSSC.

- (E) Notice of SSOs Threatening Public Health: In instances where SSOs occur that because of their magnitude or other exceptionable circumstances pose a possible threat to the public or environment beyond the immediate vicinity of the overflow area, LRSSC shall take steps to notify the public of any public health or environmental concerns.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTING

9. **Copies of Reports to Sierra Club:** At the same time the LRWU submits such report to LRSSC, LRSSC agrees to copy and to submit to S/C at LRSSC's sole expense, an annual report summarizing LRSSC's compliance status with the provisions of this Agreement. The annual report shall be made promptly at the end of each reporting period.

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

10. **Establishment of SEP:** The Sewer Committee shall establish a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The SEP shall consist of the following:

(A) Fourche Creek: Subject to the approval necessary by the City of Little Rock Board of Directors and any other appropriate governmental authorities as required by law or regulations, LRSSC shall, within its legal authority to do so, preserve in its existing natural condition approximately 90 acres of wetlands adjacent to the LRWU Fourche Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, as shown on the attached map marked Exhibit 1. The Fourche Creek property shall be open for daily use and enjoyment by the public, consistent with the conservation of the property as wetlands and wildlife habitat and the use and operation of the treatment plant on the adjacent property. LRSSC shall cooperate with Little Rock Parks and Recreation in the event that the Little Rock Parks and Recreation develops hiking trails on the property, along with signs, to educate users of the property concerning vegetation and wildlife that may be found on the property.

(B) Bike Paths: LRSSC shall cooperate with the City of Little Rock and Little Rock Parks and Recreation in the event that the Little Rock

Parks and Recreation creates and maintains bike paths on mainline sanitary sewer easements located on public lands; and such easements located on private lands where such development is otherwise permitted by the easement and a right of ingress and egress from public streets or City easements makes such development of reasonable utility. In the planning of future extensions of sanitary sewer lines, LRSSC shall work with Little Rock Parks and Recreation regarding the provision of bike paths and trails, consistent with the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Master Plan, on mainline sanitary sewer easements. LRSSC shall also utilize Little Rock Parks and Recreation as a resource to address the common goals and objectives of each.

- (C) Little Maumelle River Basin: LRSSC shall provide notice and give the public, including S/C, an opportunity to provide comments during LRSSC's process of site selection for the construction of any wastewater treatment facility in the Little Maumelle River Basin. A copy of any report pertaining to environmental impacts of the

treatment plant shall be provided to S/C at the expense of LRSSC. Prior to the selection of any location for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility in the Little Maumelle River Basin, LRSSC shall prepare and make available to the public an assessment of (a) the environmental impacts of the wastewater treatment facility at the preferred location, and (b) a description of the comparative environmental merits and detriments of each alternative location for the wastewater treatment facility and any other alternative project to treat sanitary sewage in the portions of LRSSC's collection system located in the Little Maumelle River Basin (e.g. pumping to present treatment facilities).

- (D) First Tee Project: This project involves the construction of a golf facility for urban children to promote their interest in golf. The project is located on South University in Little Rock. LRWU will participate in this project by constructing sewer lines to accommodate this project, which is sponsored by Little Rock Parks and Recreation. The cost is approximately

\$50,0000.00 for the on-site sewer improvements. Work has started on the golf course and the sewer improvements should be completed in the summer of 2001. Attached is a copy of a map showing the project, marked Exhibit 2.

OTHER PROVISIONS

11. **Meeting Deadlines/Extensions:** LRSSC agrees to use its best efforts to meet the deadlines set forth herein and expressly acknowledges that monetary cost shall not be an excuse for failing to meet the deadlines set, unless LRSSC's good faith effort to obtain any rate increase or bonded financing necessary to fund the Program is denied by the Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock. LRSSC's obligation to meet any requirement set out in this Settlement Agreement may be excused or extended only by the Court or by mutual written agreement of the parties, and only to the extent that such failure or delay arises out of causes or circumstances beyond the control of, and without the fault of, LRSSC. Examples of such causes include but are not limited to acts of God, fires, or floods beyond the reasonable control of LRSSC that prevent contractors from performing their services, any unsuccessful challenges made by S/C or any third party under Arkansas law, any court-

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issued injunction not attributable to the fault of LRSSC, and the inability of LRSSC to obtain required approvals or permits from any regulatory agency with jurisdiction for reasons outside LRSSC's reasonable control. Any requests for extensions of deadlines contained in this Settlement Agreement shall be made to the Court by LRSSC by noticed motion.

12. **Attorney Fees:** LRSSC agrees that S/C is entitled to an award of its reasonable attorneys' fees, expert expenses and other costs of litigation (hereafter "Costs of Litigation") accrued as of the Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement and as arise from the claims asserted in this litigation against LRSSC, but this agreement and any such award shall be without prejudice to Defendant City of Little Rock or any of its claims and defenses in the pending litigation between S/C and the City of Little Rock. LRSSC and S/C shall attempt to reach agreement as to this sum, but if they are unable to do so, S/C may file an application with the Court for the recovery of its Costs of Litigation. The deadline for filing such an application is hereby extended until one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days after approval and entry of Judgment and the Settlement Agreement by the Court, or such later date as is

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set by the Court upon motion or otherwise. LRSSC shall have thirty (30) calendar days to respond to any such application. This agreement is without prejudice to the rights of S/C to seek an award of costs of litigation from the City of Little Rock and contend that such an award should be made without credit to the City for amounts paid by LRSSC hereunder, as permitted by law. In the event S/C pursues any claim to compel LRSSC to comply with any provision of this Settlement Agreement or pursues compliance through the "meet and confer" provisions set forth in paragraph 16, the Court may award S/C a reasonable costs of litigation for any claim or portion of claim upon which S/C prevails.

13. **Judgment/Jurisdiction:** The Parties hereby agree that, subject to the Court's approval, a Judgment in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3 shall be entered in favor of S/C on liability against Defendant LRSSC for past alleged violations of the Clean Water Act for SSOs, as set forth in the Court's order dated March 5, 2001, granting S/C's motion for partial summary judgment against LRSSC on liability on count one. The Parties further agree that the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated into the Judgment of the Court, and that the Court shall

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retain jurisdiction over this Lawsuit for purposes of interpreting, modifying or enforcing the terms of this Settlement Agreement through thirty (30) months after the Compliance Deadline or the date of dismissal of this proceeding, if earlier ("Termination Date"). This Termination Date shall be extended only if LRSSC obtains relief from any deadline pursuant to paragraph 11, above, in which case the jurisdiction of the Court shall be extended for like period; or, if there is a motion to enforce this Settlement Agreement pending as of the Termination Date, the Court shall retain jurisdiction to adjudicate said motion and to enforce any resulting order. The Parties further agree that the Court shall retain jurisdiction over this Lawsuit, to adjudicate any motion for attorneys' fees and costs filed by S/C against LRSSC.

14. Settlement Agreement Without Prejudice to Plaintiff S/C and Defendant City of Little Rock: This Settlement Agreement between Plaintiff S/C and Defendant LRSSC is entered into without prejudice to the claims and defenses asserted in this proceeding by Plaintiff S/C and Defendant City of Little Rock with respect to those two parties.

15. **Termination of Agreement:** This Settlement Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect upon termination of the Court's jurisdiction in accordance with paragraph 13, above.

16. **Power to Enforce/Meet and Confer:** In the event of a breach of this Settlement Agreement by either party, the Court shall have the power to enforce this Agreement with all available legal and equitable remedies, including contempt and civil penalties. The provisions of this Settlement Agreement shall not be construed to limit the Parties' respective defenses to any claims of breach alleged by the other party. Prior to filing a motion with the Court seeking relief for any alleged breach of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties agree to meet and confer with the other party and to make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute and/or fashion an appropriate remedy. In the event an action for breach of this agreement is filed, the prevailing party will be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys fees incurred plus costs and expenses as a consequence of the action being brought.

17. **Release:** By executing this Agreement, S/C, its agents, successors, affiliates, assigns, attorneys, representatives and employees, release LRSSC from all

claims for relief which arise from violations alleged in the Complaint filed by S/C in the Lawsuit, including, but not limited to, any alleged violations of LRSSC's NPDES Permits, Nos. AR0021806 and AR0040177, the Clean Water Act or RCRA, up to the date of execution of this Settlement Agreement. S/C, its agents, successors, affiliates, assigns, attorneys, representatives and employees, further release LRSSC from any violations of the provisions in the two NPDES Permits (as they may be amended, modified, or reissued) resulting from Capacity-Related SSOs up to the Compliance Deadline, provided that S/C shall retain the right to seek relief from the Court if it believes that LRSSC is not making a good faith effort to comply with the Compliance Deadline.

18. **Solicitation of Other Claims:** S/C further agrees that neither it nor any of its successors, employees, agents, or attorneys, or any organization S/C controls, will encourage or solicit any third party or any member of S/C, to allege any violation by LRSSC of its NPDES Permits Nos. AR0021806 and AR0040177, or the Clean Water Act or RCRA released under paragraph 17, above.

19. **Recipients of Notice:** Documents to be submitted to S/C shall be sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid to:

Hank Bates
McMath, Vehik, Drummond, Harrison & Ledbetter, P.A.
711 West Third Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211

or to such other person as may be designated in writing by plaintiff's attorney of record herein; and documents to be submitted to LRSSC shall be sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid to:

Manager
Little Rock Wastewater Utility
221 East Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202.

20. **Good Faith:** Both parties agree that they each shall act in good faith in implementing the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

21. **Department of Justice/EPA Approval/Form of Judgment:** The Parties recognize that pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1365 a Consent Judgment may not be entered by the Court in this case prior to 45 days following the receipt of a copy of the Consent Judgment by the U.S. Attorney General and the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Parties shall submit this Settlement Agreement, and the proposed Judgment attached hereto as

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Exhibit 3, to the U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Legislation and Special Litigation Section for review and comment in writing by the United States (including Region VI of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) promptly upon execution. The Parties shall submit to the Court the comments, if any, of the United States prior to entry of judgment. In the event the Court does not adopt this Settlement Agreement and the proposed Judgment as written, this Settlement Agreement shall automatically be deemed to be null and void and of no legal force or effect.

22. **Construction:** The language in all parts of this Settlement Agreement shall be construed according to its plain and ordinary meaning.

23. **Separability:** In the event that any provision, section or sentence of this Settlement Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions shall not be adversely affected.

24. **Copies Deemed Originals:** This Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, and each executed copy shall be deemed an original, which shall be binding upon the signatories hereto.

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25. **Entire Agreement:** This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, and it is expressly understood and agreed that this Settlement Agreement may not be altered, amended, modified, or otherwise changed, in any respect or particular whatsoever, except by a writing duly executed by the Parties or their authorized representatives. The Parties acknowledge and agree that no one of them will make any claim at any time or place that this Settlement Agreement has been orally altered or orally modified in any respect.

26. **Assignment:** No party to this Settlement Agreement may assign any rights or obligations under this agreement, including the right to enforce this Settlement Agreement, to any third party who is not a successor in interest. This Settlement Agreement, shall be binding on any successors in interest of the Parties hereto.

27. **Full and Final Settlement:** This Settlement Agreement constitutes a full and final settlement of any claims by S/C in this Lawsuit against LRSSC, and resolves all allegations of the Lawsuit against LRSSC through the Termination Date of this Settlement Agreement, with the exception of S/C's motion for attorney's fees and costs and all obligations, rights and defenses expressly set forth in

this Agreement. It is the intent of the parties that this Settlement Agreement and LRSSC's full compliance with its provisions shall provide a complete and full remedy for (a) all SSOs that occurred prior to the Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement and (b) all SSOs that occur after the Effective Date but prior to the Termination Date. If prior to the Termination Date, any third party brings an action against LRSSC alleging that any action or omission which does not violate this Settlement Agreement is a violation of either the Clean Water Act or any applicable NPDES permit, the Sierra Club agrees to meet and confer in order to determine the effect of such action upon this Settlement Agreement and take whatever action the parties hereto mutually agree upon to prevent any adverse effects from the action upon this settlement and the performance of its terms and provisions by the parties hereto.

28. **Interpretation/Ambiguities:** This Settlement Agreement is the product of arms-length negotiations between the Parties and their respective attorneys. Each of the Parties expressly acknowledges and agrees that this Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to have been mutually prepared so that the rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting

party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Settlement Agreement.

29. **Signatories Authorization:** The undersigned representatives for S/C and LRSSC each certify that he/she is fully authorized by the party whom he/she represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement and that this Settlement Agreement binds that party.

30. **Laws Governing:** This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas and such federal laws as may be applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Settlement Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2001.

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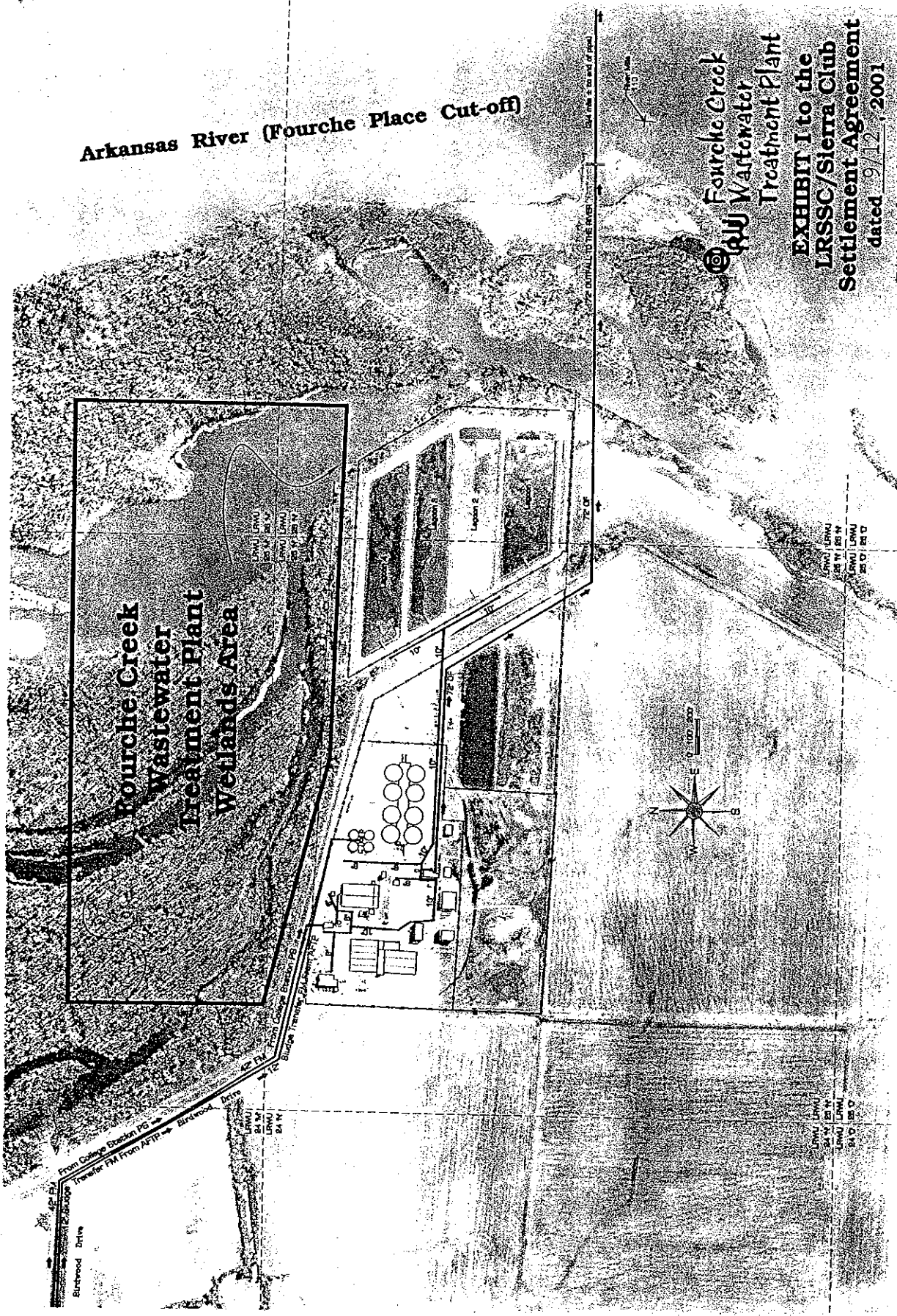
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Arkansas River (Fourche Place Cut-off)

Fourche Creek
Wastewater
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EXHIBIT I to the
LRSSC/Sierra Club
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dated 9/12, 2001

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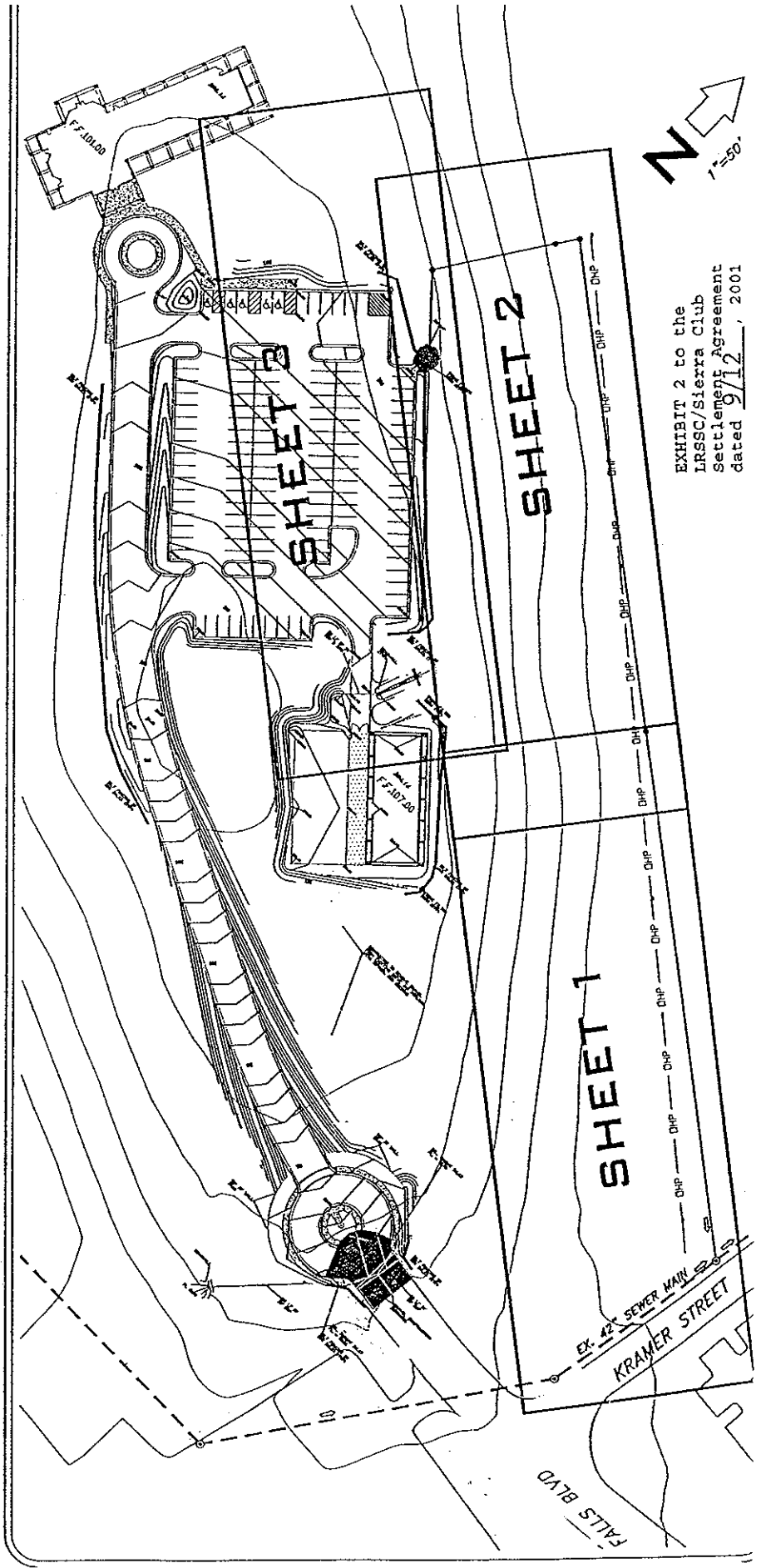


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PLAINTIFF

V.

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SEWER COMMITTEE; LITTLE ROCK
WASTEWATER UTILITY

DEFENDANTS

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AND DISMISSAL OF ALL OTHER
CAUSES OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT
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Upon the stipulation of Plaintiff Sierra Club and Defendant Little Rock Sanitary Sewer Committee ("LRSSC") that they have agreed to settle all claims by Plaintiff against Defendant LRSSC and for good cause shown,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Judgment on liability of Defendant LRSSC for past alleged violations of the Clean Water Act for Sanitary Sewer Overflows, as alleged in Plaintiff's First Cause of Action, and as set forth in this Court's March 5, 2001 Order, referred to as count one, shall be entered in the above-entitled action in favor of Plaintiff Sierra Club and against Defendant LRSSC; and, all other causes of action alleged by Plaintiff Sierra Club against Defendant LRSSC, including the Second and Third Causes of Action, for alleged violations of

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U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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DATED this 16 day of Nov, 2001.


U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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