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(sent electronically and hard-copy)

**Re: ExxonMobil Pegasus Pipeline**

Dear Elected Leaders:

Central Arkansas Water (CAW) thanks you for your continued efforts to protect the Lake Maumelle Watershed from the risks posed by ExxonMobil's Pegasus Pipeline ("the pipeline"). Your continued requests for transparency and openness to ExxonMobil have allowed CAW and the public to gain access to limited amounts of information that have provided a start to our evaluation of the integrity of the pipeline. CAW has been and will continue to be an advocate for complete public transparency regarding the operation and safety of the pipeline.

As we have indicated throughout this process, CAW's immediate goal is to prevent the restart of the pipeline until CAW has had the opportunity to review all relevant data and identify additional safety and integrity measures needed in the Maumelle Watershed. Therefore, CAW has determined that we must submit a 60 day notice ("Notice") to ExxonMobil and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) that provides CAW the option to file suit under the federal Pipeline Safety Act and associated regulations.

As you know, CAW's primary obligation to Little Rock, North Little Rock, the Central Arkansas region, our customers, and the CAW Board and staff is to ensure the safety and integrity of our primary drinking water supply for over 400,000 people. In order to fulfill this obligation, we are in need of comprehensive, unredacted information regarding the pipeline and its integrity. However, despite our best efforts for complete public transparency, ExxonMobil claims that much of the information that we have requested is protected from disclosure due to security and/or competitive advantage concerns. We have continuously requested this information since early April, but have yet to receive any requested information directly from ExxonMobil.

Therefore, since June 18, CAW has been reluctantly considering a confidentiality agreement proposed by ExxonMobil, with the hope that this short-term solution will provide CAW with comprehensive and unfiltered access to the information needed to complete our evaluation of the safety and integrity of the pipeline, while also adequately addressing ExxonMobil's security and competitive concerns. CAW provided a signed, negotiated, and mutually agreed-upon version of this confidentiality agreement to ExxonMobil on August 27, but has yet to receive an executed copy of the agreement or access to the agreed-upon information from ExxonMobil.

The continued lack of critical data requested by CAW has raised legitimate concerns regarding the potential of the Pegasus Pipeline restarting before CAW has sufficient time to review the necessary information and make informed decisions regarding the protection of the Maumelle Watershed. The Notice, therefore, is an administrative process that ensures CAW has an important option available if ExxonMobil submits a restart request for the Pegasus Pipeline to PHMSA. This Notice must occur before CAW can pursue an injunction to prevent the restart of the pipeline or other any other legal options.

Despite submission of the Notice, CAW remains committed to working with ExxonMobil to gain access to the information we have requested since April and to identify and implement safety and integrity improvements. Submission of the Notice does not require CAW to file suit in 60 days. As stated previously, CAW's immediate goal is to prevent the restart of the pipeline until CAW has had the opportunity to review all relevant data and identify additional safety and integrity measures needed in the Maumelle Watershed. Should these activities occur, legal action may not be needed.

We will continue to keep you informed of any substantial developments in this matter. CAW will continue to provide any information or assistance that you may need regarding the pipeline and the Maumelle Watershed.

Should you have any questions regarding anything contained in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact John Tynan, Watershed Protection Manager, at 501.377.1268 or [john.tynan@carkw.com](mailto:john.tynan@carkw.com).

Thank you again for your continued efforts to protect Lake Maumelle. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other efforts.

Sincerely,

CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER



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