

November 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

Meeting with the EPA and Leroy Tours Gerald Water Supply

EPA- Ordonez, Curry, Moore

LTG- Simcik, Polansky, Debbendener, Davis, Delgado, Hays, Miles and Ms. Tekell

Discussed the status of the USDA-RD Loan Application, that it has been moved to the state.

Discussed when funds could possibly become available.

Mr. Simcik stated that LTG had also been approved and would be receiving funds through ARPA from McLennan County.

Discussed what these funds were for. LTG would be able to use these funds to help with the engineering fees or anything related to arsenic abatement.

EPA asked what the expected completion date could be. Engineer stated that at this time he believes 27 months.

Discussed the penalty for non-compliance.

The EPA would like to set up an agreement that holds a low penalty, later issue an administrative order once LTG provides the USDA loan schedule to the EPA. This is one possible solution. But, must first have discussions with management to make sure if this is an acceptable solution.

Ms. Tekell talked about the penalty and its fairness.

The EPA stated they would be reviewing all their records and time line of the events leading up to this complaint.

EPA stated how this will happen. They issue an agreement, that LTG will satisfy by resolving the complaint, penalty amount, time frame for payment.

Ms. Tekell stated again what is the purpose of a penalty when LTG has been working hard and moving forward. Issues happened like Covid and shut downs and funding issues.

EPA stated they have documents showing a clear time line of events. They will be reviewing this time line. At the time of this order the water system was still in discussion of switching engineers and still trying to decide which path they were going to take.

This complaint was issued in September of 2021 and the water system was at a standstill. As far as their plan to move forward. There was even a public meeting where they discussed many different options that they were going to possibly pursue.

EPA stated the water system is out of compliance for to long. They will discuss agreement and penalty and get back to LTG with a decision.

Mr. Simcik stated LTG monthly meeting is Thursday, so this will be discussed with the Board.