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Mr. Timothy R. Asplund Monitoring Section Chief WDNR – Bureau of Water Quality 101 S. Webster Street Madison, WI 53707-7921

RE: Water Quality Management Letter for Sewer Service Area Amendment Request #2204 – Stoughton USA

Dear Mr. Asplund:

The City of Stoughton has submitted a request for a sewer service area amendment to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*. The proposed amendment is currently in the Town of Pleasant Springs, in the City of Stoughton-Yahara River (HUC 12: 070900020903) watershed. It includes the addition of approximately 18.5 acres of land, including approximately 0.5 acres of existing road right of way, and 0.8 acres of proposed environmental corridors for stormwater management for a net of approximately 17.2 developable acres to the Stoughton Urban Service Area. A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment at the May 12, 2022, Regional Planning Commission meeting. The City's application and the Commission staff's analysis report of the proposed amendment have been submitted to the Department's Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System.

It is the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission staff's opinion that the proposed amendment is consistent with water quality standards under Wis. Stat. § 281.15, and the adopted Policies and Criteria for the Review of Sewer Service Area Amendments to the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*, by meeting state and local requirements and agreements identified below. Additional actions have also been recommended below to further improve water quality and environmental resource management.

At our June 9, 2022, meeting, the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, based on the land uses and services proposed, and in recognition of the state and local requirements for the following:

 State and local review and approval of stormwater management plan(s) is required, including Regional Planning Commission staff review and approval as part of the sewer extension review process.

- Stormwater and erosion control practices are required to be installed prior to other land disturbing activities. Infiltration practices are required to be protected from compaction and sedimentation during land disturbing activities.
- b. Peak rates of runoff are required to be controlled for the 1-, 2-, 10-, 100-, and 200-year 24-hour design storms to "pre-development" levels, in accordance with the City of Stoughton and Dane County Stormwater Ordinances.
- c. Sediment control is required that achieves at least 80% sediment control for the amendment area based on the average annual rainfall, with a minimum of 60% of that control occurring prior to infiltration, in accordance with the City of Stoughton and Dane County Stormwater Ordinances.
- d. Runoff volume control is required that maintains the post development stay-on volume to at least 90% of the pre-development stay-on volume for the average annual rainfall period, in accordance with the City of Stoughton and Dane County Stormwater Ordinances.
- e. Oil and grease control are required that treats the first one-half inch of runoff using best management practices at commercial and industrial sites, in accordance with the City of Stoughton and Dane County Stormwater Ordinances.
- f. Maintaining pre-development groundwater recharge rates from the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey's 2012 report, *Groundwater Recharge in Dane County, Wisconsin, Estimated by a GIS-Based Water-Balance Model* (a range of 9 to 10 inches/year for the amendment area or by a site-specific analysis), when required by the City of Stoughton and Dane County Stormwater Ordinances.
- 2. Easements and perpetual legal maintenance agreements with the City, to allow the City to maintain stormwater management facilities if owners fail to do so, are required for any facilities located on private property.
- 3. Environmental corridors are required to be delineated for stormwater management areas to meet the Environmental Corridor Policies and Criteria adopted in the *Dane County Water Quality Plan*.

It is also recommended that the City of Stoughton pursue the following to further improve water quality and environmental resource management:

1. Continue to foster the responsible use of chlorides by collaborating with Wisconsin Salt Wise.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Rupiper, the Commission's Deputy Agency Director.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Rodney Scheel, Director of Planning & Development, City of Stoughton

