IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

CAROL BITTING, LIN WELLFORD And NANCY HALLER, M.D.

APPELLANTS

VS.

Case No. 2017-

ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION and ELLIS CAMPBELL d/b/a EC FARMS

APPELLEES

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Come the Appellants, Carol Bitting, Lin Wellford and Nancy Haller, M.D., and, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §8-4-223, herewith file their Notice of Appeal from a Minute Order No. 17-07 of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission passed January 27, 2017 (a copy of which is attached to this Notice of Appeal as Exhibit No. 1), which Minute Order was based on Order No. 9 (Recommended Decision) of Administrative Law Judge Charles Moulton issued January 5, 2017.

The grounds for this appeal are:

(1) The Commission erred in affirming Order No. 9 of the Administrative Law Judge, which found as a matter of law that Regulation 5.601 of the Regulations of the Commission prohibited Permit No. 3540-6, a confined animal feeding permit issued by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to Ellis Campbell effective March 1, 2015, from being modified by ADEQ to a land-application-only Permit No. 3540-7; that a new and separate land-application-only permit was required to be processed and issued by ADEQ to Ellis Campbell; but affirming Permit No. 3540-7, provided that ADEQ issue a separate tracking number for that permit and that

ADEQ receive the appropriate permit fee for a separate permit. As a matter of law, those findings are inconsistent and contrary to Commission Regulation 5.

(2) The Commission erred in affirming Order No. 9 of the Administrative Law Judge in failing to void Permit No. 3540-7 and remand it to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for commencement of proceedings for a new land-application-only permit pursuant to the procedures set forth in Regulation 8 of the Regulations of the Commission, including Regulations 8.201 through 8.211.

The person upon whom service of a response to this Notice of Appeal and other papers in this matter may be made upon the Appellants, and his address is:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on the date set forth below, he served a copy of the above and foregoing Notice of Appeal filed in the captioned case upon counsel of record for the parties by depositing a copy of the same in the U.S. Postal Service, and by electronic mail, addressed to:

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Richard H. Mays

Dated: February 21, 2017.

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On January 5, 2017, Charles Moulton, Administrative Law Judge 9 (Recommended Decision) issued Order No. Consolidated Docket No. 16-002-P, which is a case styled: In the Matter of EC Farms.

Order No. 9 Affirms Permit No. 3540-WR-7, except for the following matters that are remanded to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") with the following directions:

- 1. ADEQ must issue a separate tracking number for Permit No. 3540-WR-7 as required by Req. 5.601; and
- 2. ADEQ shall receive the appropriate permit fee for a separate permit as required by Reg. 5.601 and Regulation No. 9.

The record compiled in this docket by the Administrative Law Judge and Order No. 9 came before the Commission at its January 27, 2017 meeting. After considering the matter, the Commission adopts and affirms, without modification Order No. 9 (Recommended Decision) entered on January 5, 2017, and closes this docket.

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