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December 6, 2016

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair  
Representative David Meeks, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY17 Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

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Larry W. Walther  
Director

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Attachment(s)

# ARKANSAS OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

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Lawrence Bengal  
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October 27, 2016

Larry Walther, Director  
Department of Finance & Administration  
1509 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Room 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Director Walther:

The Oil and Gas Commission, in accordance with Section 5 of Act 181 of Fiscal Session 2016 – Appropriation for the 2017 Fiscal year, requests the transfer of \$1,000,000 dollars from the Oil and Gas Commission Treasury Fund Balance to the Abandoned and Orphan Well Plugging Fund (Plugging Fund).

The Plugging Fund currently has approximately 475 abandoned and orphan wells remaining to be plugged. At the present time the cost to plug the existing abandoned wells would be approximately \$6.5 million dollars. The Commission Plugging Fund currently has a balance of \$2,393,229.

The Commission is requesting the transfer of funds to maintain activity in the ongoing plugging program, given during FY17 the balance of the Abandoned and Orphan Well Plugging Fund (Plugging Fund) will decline below the FY17 Appropriation of \$2,500,000, as the planned FY17 plugging projects are undertaken and completed.

If you require additional information regarding this request please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Bengal".

Lawrence E. Bengal  
Director

Cc: Donna McDonald, Fiscal Officer

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