RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01

of the

ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, population growth continues to place new demands on existing public water sources;

WHEREAS, Arkansas has an abundance of excess surface water;

WHEREAS, current regulations of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APCEC) do not provide for the use of excess surface water from Extraordinary Resource Waters without first removing their designation; and

WHEREAS, environmental analysis, evaluation under the Arkansas Water Plan, public review and comment, and oversight by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to ensure that there will be no significant degradation of use, Extraordinary Resource Waterways may help provide the people of Arkansas with safe drinking water without detracting from their value to the beauty and ecology of our state;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission respectfully requests that the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology favorably consider the River Valley Regional Water District’s petition to amend Regulation 2, Section 2.304 to establish a procedure by which public water providers may seek approval to use Extraordinary Resource Waters as water supply sources.

ADOPTED this 25th day of January 2006.

ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Ann Cash, Chairperson

ATTEST:

J. Randy Young, P.E.
Executive Director and Ex-Officio Secretary