

responded. The commitments and response were summarized in a letter to the City manager dated September 24, 2004. (Attachment 5)

- A meeting was held at the TDEC headquarters office in Nashville on September 30, 2004 concerning planning limits. SSR represented Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg was represented as well. TDEC indicated that the proposed discharge increases for both cities would be problematic due to a number of issues. (Attachment 6)
 - A meeting was held with the TDEC Knoxville basin office on October 12, 2004. At that meeting TDEC indicated that they were re-evaluating the West Prong to re-classify it from a Tier I to a Tier II stream. (Tier II streams are subject to more stringent water quality standards and are rigid in regard to anti-degradation). TDEC officials went on to say that the West Prong was an "effluent dominated stream." Classifying the stream as Tier II and labeling the stream as effluent dominated severely limited the City's option for an expanded discharge at the current location. (Attachment 7)
 - A meeting was held with TDEC in Nashville on January 4, 2005 to discuss the Pigeon Forge WWTP expansion. TDEC indicated that a long range plan for the Little Pigeon River should be developed along with other background data. (Attachment 8)
 - The City obtained a copy of an undated internal working memo (faxed to SSR January 13, 2005) from TDEC discussing the Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg situation. (Attachment 9) The memo indicates fear of third party (i.e. environmentalist) involvement if expanded discharges are granted based on issues in Knoxville.
 - On February 1, 2005 an SSR representative had an informal discussion with then TDEC Commissioner Betsy Childs. She indicated that expansion of the WWTP discharge to the West Prong would be very difficult. (Attachment 10)
 - A meeting was held with TDEC in Knoxville on August 11, 2005 that included Assistant Commissioner Pula Sloan. We requested direction from TDEC within 30 days concerning expanding the City's discharge to the West Prong. (Attachment 11)
 - The City obtained a copy of an undated internal working memo (faxed to SSR August 16, 2005) from TDEC discussing the Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg situation. (Attachment 12) The memo references the West Prong Tier II issue.
 - A meeting was held at Nashville TDEC office on August 31, 2005 to discuss the Pigeon Forge request for planning limits. (Attachment 13)
- SSR received planning limits for the expansion of the Pigeon Forge WWTP from TDEC in a letter dated October 10, 2005. (Attachment 14) Citing impairment on the West Prong, TDEC said that increasing the City's discharge to the West Prong was not feasible. TDEC indicated that the City could discharge to the French Broad River at approximately river mile 27.3 and issued planning limits for this location.