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July 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Smyth County
Water – Town of Marion
Water Line Replacements – Phase I
and Phase II
WSL – 031-17 and WSL – 032-17

Mr. Bill Rush, Town Manager
Town of Marion
P.O. Box 1005
Marion, VA 24354

Re: Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund (VWSRF)
FY 2017 Financial Assistance
Request for Categorical Exclusion

Dear Mr. Rush:

This is to advise you that the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is proposing to approve a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from an Environmental Assessment for the referenced projects. In accordance with the VDH's Procedural Guidelines, this proposed approval must undergo certain public notification procedures before the action can be finalized. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Categorical Exclusion approval memorandum, a Public Notice, a Public Notice Verification Sheet, and an example transmittal letter.

The owner must bear the cost of advertising the enclosed Public Notice, which shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks, one week apart in a newspaper of general, local circulation. Please transmit the Public Notice and Public Notice Verification Sheet to your local newspaper as soon as possible. An example transmittal letter is provided for your convenience. After the Notice has been published, you should follow up to see that the newspaper has sent proper verification of publishing (two copies) to the Project Engineer or provide copies of the verification yourself.

Following the first notice appearance in the paper, a minimum of 30 days will be allowed for public response. If no response is received or if the public response can be satisfactorily addressed, then you will be notified that the CE is approved. However, if there is significant public response that cannot be addressed satisfactorily, the development of an Environmental Assessment will be necessary.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning these procedures, please contact Keith J. Kornegay, PE, Project Engineer, at 540-463-0420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dale Kitchen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J. Dale" and the last name "Kitchen" clearly distinguishable.

J. Dale Kitchen, PE
Project Supervisor
Financial and Construction Assistance Programs

JDK/KJK/kl

Enclosures

cc Mr. Cecil Hicks, Town of Marion
Mr. Jeff Spickard, PE, The Lane Group, Inc.
Mr. Keith Kornegay, PE, FCAP Project Engineer ✓
FCAP Project File @ VDH Richmond Central

TO: Steven D. Pellei, PE, Director
Division of Construction Assistance, Planning, and Policy

FROM: J. Dale Kitchen, PE, Project Supervisor
Financial and Construction Assistance Programs

DATE: July 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Smyth County - Town of Marion
Categorical Exclusion for the Water Line Replacement Projects
Phase I (WSL-031-17) and Phase II (WSL-032-17)

COPIES: Howard Eckstein, Project Officer, FCAP - VDH – Richmond Central
Keith J. Kornegay, PE, Project Engineer, FCAP - VDH – Lexington Field Office

Project Description: The Town of Marion Water Line Replacement Projects, Phase I and Phase II, represent the first two phases of a comprehensive water line replacement program. In Phase I, the scope of work is to install approximately 5,600 linear feet (LF) of 6-inch diameter water line, 1,825 LF of 2-inch diameter water line, and all associated appurtenances. In Phase II, the scope of work is to install approximately 5,300 LF of 6-inch diameter water line, 2,210 LF of 2-inch diameter water line, and all associated appurtenances. The project also involves the reconnection of existing customers to the new water line, and asphalt patching/paving as required. All of the proposed work will take place in the Town of Marion within previously disturbed areas and existing right-of-ways.

Exclusion Categories: This project will be excluded by Category No. 3 - "Water line replacement/rehabilitation to correct exfiltration water loss problems or problems associated with inadequate water pressure" and Category No. 4 - "Replacement of existing equipment or structures at their present location" of the *Procedural Guidelines For Drinking Water Funding Recipients* dated January 1, 2016.

Documentation: The Town of Marion Water Line Replacement Projects, Phase I and Phase II, are documented in the Virginia Department of Health's Application for Construction Funds dated March 31, 2016, and a report titled "Environmental Report, System-Wide Water & Sewer Improvements Project, Marion, Virginia" dated November 5, 2015 as prepared by The Lane Group, Abingdon, Virginia. The Water Line Replacement Phase I project is also documented in the plans and specifications titled "Town of Marion, Waterline Replacement Phase 1, Marion, Virginia" dated May 2016. The plans and specifications are still being prepared for the Water Line Replacement Project - Phase II.

Staff Comments: The Town's consultant, The Lane Group, prepared a report titled "Environmental Report, System-Wide Water & Sewer Improvements Project, Marion, Virginia" dated November 5, 2015. This report did cover replacing all of the water line within the Town of Marion as part of a comprehensive water line replacement program. On December 11, 2015, USDA Rural Development accepted this environmental report as a "Categorical Exclusion with an Environmental Report." As such, VDH can accept these findings as long as the Town of Marion successfully completes the public notification requirement.

Staff Recommendations: The staff recommends that the Director, Division of Construction Assistance, Planning, and Policy approve this Categorical Exclusion, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Successful completion of the Public Notification.

Approved: 
Steven D. Pellei, PE, Director
Division of Construction Assistance, Planning, and Policy

Date: 7.13.16

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPROVAL OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM
AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROJECTS
FUNDED THROUGH THE VIRGINIA WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING FUND

PUBLIC NOTICE NO.: WSL – 031-17 and WSL – 032-17
FIRST PUBLICATION DATE: (to be supplied by the newspaper)

The Virginia Department of Health has under consideration a request for a Categorical Exclusion from an Environmental Assessment for waterworks projects proposed to be funded through the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund. The applicant is the Town of Marion.

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Prior to implementing construction, the applicant will obtain all applicable permits and approvals. On the basis of a review of the request and support documentation, the Virginia Department of Health proposes to approve the request.

Persons may comment in writing to the Department on the proposed approval of the Categorical Exclusion within 30 days from the first publication date. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered by the Department. Following the comment period, the Department will make its determination regarding the approval.

All comments should be addressed to:

Steven D. Pelli, PE, Director
Division of Construction Assistance, Planning, and Policy
Virginia Department of Health
Office of Drinking Water
Madison Building
109 Governor Street, 6th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Environmental Review
Town of Marion -- Water Line Replacements Phase I and Phase II

PUBLIC NOTICE VERIFICATION SHEET

PASTE PRINTED COPY OF NOTICE IN THIS SPACE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE NOTICE ATTACHED HERETO IN THE SPACE ABOVE APPEARED IN
_____ ONCE WEEKLY FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE
WEEKS, ONE WEEK APART, ON THESE DATES:

Date

Date

Date

Signature

Title

Environmental Review
Town of Marion – Water Line Replacements Phase I and Phase II

Date

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please publish the attached public notice in the earliest possible edition of your paper once a week for two consecutive weeks, one week apart. Please publish it in the legal section in the smallest print possible. Please add the first publication date to the public notice. Upon completion of the advertising, please forward a bill for your service to _____ . Also, please send a completed Public Notice Verification Sheet (attached) certifying that the notice has been published as requested above to me with two copies to the Virginia Department of Health as shown below.

Sincerely,

Recipient

Attachment

cc Keith J. Kornegay, PE, Project Engineer
VDH – Office of Drinking Water
131 Walker Street
Lexington, VA 24450

