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NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

The City of Lula has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan is for adding a new well, extending water lines and related appurtenances. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:

Well Development for the City of Lula

Project Location:

Hall County, Georgia

Total Project Cost:

\$752,996

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:

\$752,996

Project Description

Under this project, the City of Lula will upgrade an existing well that ties into the existing waterline, as opposed to a brand new well. The scope also includes approximately 7,225 linear feet of 6" water transmission main from the end of the City's existing water main along with several fine hydrants and valves, several free bores, clearing, grading, and the erosion, sedimentation and pollution control plan. The additional water capacity provided by this project will meet the City's demands and ensure future growth for the City.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be conducted on the existing well property and on the right-of-way of the road. This extension will encourage greater economic growth along this corridor which will require an increase in available potable water. As more people settle in Lula, the need for potable water capacity will be greater and if not met will hamper the expansion of the City. A cost-effective new source of potable water is key to preventing adverse impacts to existing customers, while maintaining the viability for future residential and commercial development within the area.

A review of the Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, the City of Lula has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has

also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division ATTN: Jordan Gamble, Environmental Engineer Drinking Water Program 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1362 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Issue Date: 12/17/2019

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Loan Recipient:

City of Lula 6055 Main Street, P.O. Box 99 Lula, GA 30554