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

The Bartow County Water Department has made an application for a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The project consists of a sewer extension to serve a future development. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the federal Clean Water Act, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: Bartow County Water Department

Third Army Road Sewer Extension ARC Grant No. ARC GA-20127

Project Location: Bartow County, GA and City of Emerson, GA

Total Project Cost: \$2,826,480

Anticipated ARC Grant Amount: \$600,000

Project Description

The Bartow County Water Department proposes to extend the existing sewer system by a total of 13,030 linear feet (LF), including 8,760 linear feet (LF) of force main and 4,270 LF of gravity sewer, from Third Army Road to the Henry Jordan Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) along Old US 41, to serve a proposed commercial/industrial site. The extension will aid in the promotion of economic development, as well as offer sewer service to customers with septic tanks within the service area. The initial sewer capacity for the commercial/industrial prospect is approximately 6,800 gpd. The City of Emerson has agreed to reserve up to 100,000 gpd of treatment capacity at the Henry Jordan WPCP for Bartow County Water Department.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve Bartow County. The project will provide sewer service to a proposed commercial/industrial development and offer reliable sewer access to customers with septic systems. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise and dust associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction. No anticipated adverse secondary impacts are associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is as follows: Project activity is not anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts beyond those that can be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation. The project will take place primarily on easements and the existing right-of-way.

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There will be no increase in costs as a result of the project to customers currently connected to the sewer system. However, the County anticipates that initial tap fees for any future residential and commercial customers will be \$1,665 and \$1,110, respectively, plus any additional installation costs.

A public information meeting was held on December 14, 2020 to discuss the proposed project. No comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record concerning the proposed project has been made by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division that documents the environmental review of the project and provides more detail explaining why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Division's address listed below. A copy of the planning document is available for public examination upon request at the Bartow County Water Department offices during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of this 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 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to august.lutkehus@dnr.ga.gov or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: August Lutkehus 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1152 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334

After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: Bartow County Water Department

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Issue Date: February 10, 2021

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