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

The City of Dexter 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 the engineering, planning, and permitting for a new well for the Town of Dexter to be connected to the Town's distribution system. 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:

Town of Dexter Well #2

Project Location:

409 Waites Lane, Dexter, GA 31019

Total Project Cost:

\$425,000

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:

\$425,000

Project Description

The overall scope of the City of Elberton's project includes the engineering, planning, and permitting of a new well for the Town of Dexter. Once approval and permitting is obtained, then the well will be constructed and connected tot eh Town of Dexter's distribution system. A well house along with electrical and chemical feed equipment will also be constructed.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to only the small site for the proposed replacement well within existing City limits. The proposed project will replace or modify existing infrastructure located in public rights-of-way and do not change land use. This project is necessary for the Town since abandonment of its second supply well, meaning a replacement well is mandatory to keep the system in compliance.

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 Town of Dexter 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: 8 12 2020

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Loan Recipient:

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