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

The City of Dudley 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 constructing a new groundwater well for increased water supply to meet the demand during the peak holiday weekends. 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:

Water Supply Improvements for the City of Dudley

Project Location:

Laurens County, Georgia

Total Project Cost:

\$786,800

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:

\$786,800

Project Description

Under this project, the City of Dudley will add a new well and a new elevated storage tank. Currently the city is operating and served by one well, EPD requires a minimum of two wells. The daily water usage is approximately 80,000 GPD; the existing elevated water tank holds 60,000 GPD. The city of Dudley has less than one day of storage available. The proposed well and elevated storage tank will bring the city into compliance and serve the community with a reliable water source and better fire protection.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. This water supply project will allow additional wastewater generation from growth and development to be properly treated and returned to the environment. The city has a centralized collection sewer system which flows to the City's Treatment Facility and discharges into Turtle Creek. The effluent quality will be secondary, and will be in accordance with EPD regulations.

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 Dudley 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: John Towe, 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:

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Loan Recipient:

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