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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS

In accordance with the environmental review guidelines of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1500 and in accordance with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division "Arkansas Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund State Environmental Review Process," an environmental review has been performed on the proposed Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) project:

EL Dorado Rural Public Water Authority Parnell Road Extension

Ashley County

Project Number: 23-203

Total Project Expenses (estimated): \$1,003,723.00

Total CWSRF Funding: \$694,723.00

Loan CWSRF Funding: \$173,680.75

Funding for the eligible expenses of the above project was determined to be in accordance with the requirements of the Arkansas CWSRF Program, Natural Resources Division Project Priority List, and Natural Resources Division Title 15. The city is planning to use these funds through a state revolving fund loan administered by the Department.

An analysis of the financial capability of the project entity has been performed based upon the latest applicable financial information.

The El Dorado Rural Public Water Authority (PWA) is proposing an extension of sewer service along Parnell Road to serve approximately 26 additional customers and provide an additional point of connection between the PWA and the City of El Dorado. The PWA is also proposing fifty additional new pumps to replace their existing deteriorating pumps. Bypass piping around the existing master meters will be installed allowing meters to be recalibrated or replaced.

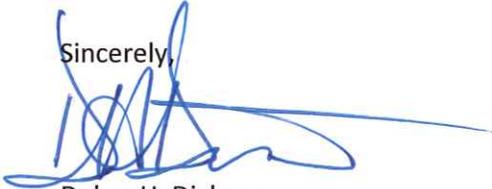
The proposed project has met all the requirements to be in compliance with Arkansas's State Water Plan.

Construction will begin in the fall of 2025 and be completed by the fall of 2026. The environmental review process, which is documented by the associated Environmental Assessment, indicates that no significant adverse environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made. This decision is based on a careful review of the Water Wastewater Advisory Committee application, the Environmental

Information Document, and other supporting data which is on file at the above office and available for public review upon request. Therefore, the Department is issuing this Finding of No Significant Impact.

The comment period for this FNSI has concluded with either no comments or no unresolved comments and this decision is considered final by the Department.

Sincerely,



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