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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS

In accordance with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's "Arkansas Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund State Environmental Review Process," an environmental review has been performed on the proposed Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project:

Bentonville 48-Inch Supply Transmission Main Extension Main

Benton County, Arkansas

Project Number: 25-023

Total Project Expenses: \$17,500,000.00

Total DWSRF Funding: \$9,621,360.00

Loan DWSRF Funding: \$8,733,449.00

Funding for the eligible expenses of the above project was determined to be in accordance with the requirements of the Arkansas DWSRF Program, 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 carried out based upon the latest applicable financial information.

The City of Bentonville is proposing an extension of an existing transmission main to facilitate a rapid growth rate in their service area. This extension proposal created three various alignments. The selected alternative consists of approximately 9,000 linear feet of 48-inch water pipeline to increase flow capacity from Beaver Water District to the Bentonville I Street Pump/Tank Station. This proposed project also includes a connection to existing waterlines on the east side of S. Walton Boulevard and the installation of improvements at the Tiger Water Tower.

The proposed water line project travels along the most direct route and will extend flow capacity from the treatment plant to serve the residents.

The proposed project has been determined to be in compliance with Arkansas's State Water Plan on May 15, 2025.

Construction will begin in the summer of 2026 and be completed by the summer of 2028. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debra H. Dickson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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