State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Determination of Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion

Derby Line Water System, WSID #20568 Derby, VT Water System Improvements DWSRF Loan RF3-304

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, the Derby Line Water System, located in the Town of Derby, VT has requested its proposed water improvement project be evaluated for eligibility for a categorical exclusion exempting the project from detailed environmental procedures required for projects having a significant environmental impact.

The project will install approximately 4,900' of new 8" and 10" diameter water distribution lines from Forest Avenue, running along Foster Terrace and Dashner Lane and continuing west through the cornfields to the Derby Elementary School access driveway. This new 8" waterline will interconnect with Elm Street at multiple locations; Kingsbury Avenue, Patenaude Street, Day Street, and Mountainview Drive. Additionally, approximately 1,200' of new 10" diameter waterline from Louis Street south to Valentine Avenue to replace an original 4" diameter waterline will be constructed.

Our consideration of Derby Line's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Aldrich + Elliott. Additionally, an Archaeological Desk Review was completed by the Consulting Archaeology Program at the University of Vermont on November 27, 2013 finding no areas of sensitivity for pre-contact Native American or historic period Euroamerican sites. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a Categorical Exclusion. The project will correct water system deficiencies and does not meet any of the criteria resulting in denial of an exclusion.

Further information on the project and this determination are available for inspection by contacting the DWSRF Program at (802) 585-4905. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division's Environmental Review Determination Notice page.

| Department of Environmental Conservation | |
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| David Mears, Commissioner | |
| By EARLY | |
| Eric Blatt, P.E., Director | |
| Facilities Engineering Division | |
| Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this18 th day of March | , 2014 |

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