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

> Hardwick Water System, WSID #5039 Hardwick, VT Water System Improvements DWSRF Loan RF3-305

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 Hardwick Water System, located in the Town of Hardwick, 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 consists of the installation of a new 300,000-gallon storage tank off of Hastings Lane, a new transmission main extension to the storage tank, a new booster pump station to serve the Pearl Street Area, and new water meters.

Our consideration of the Town of Hardwick's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Aldrich + Elliott, PC. 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 <u>Environmental Review Determination Notice</u> page.

Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation David Mears, Commissioner

By

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Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2014