

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

Barre City Water Department, WSID #5254
Barre, Vermont
Water System Improvements

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 Barre City Water Department located in Barre, 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 proposed project includes replacement of the existing aging vault located on the corner of Hill and Nelson Streets within the existing right-of-way. The proposed construction of a new Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Vault and the new parallel in-line hydroelectric turbine will replace the existing facility in need of upgrade and will produce power and be group net metered to the City's utility--Green Mountain Power.

Our consideration of the request included review of an Environmental Information Document and supporting documentation prepared by Eco Strategies, dated August 2, 2012. At the completion of this independent evaluation, the Department has determined the project meets the criteria for receiving a categorical exclusion.

Further information on the project and this determination are available for inspection by contacting the DWSRF Program at (802) 654-8969. 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 website located at www.vermontdrinkingwater.org.

Agency of Natural Resources
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David K. Mears, Commissioner

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Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division

Dated at Winooski, Vermont this 20th day of August, 2012