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

Village of Ludlow, WSID #5323 Water System Improvements DWSRF Project Number AR3-040

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Vermont/EPA Revolving Loan Fund Program, Ludlow Water System WSID #5323 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.

This project includes: 1) New 10-inch and 12-inch water transmission main from the existing water treatment facility on Snell Springs Road, along Andover Road (Rte. 100) to Pond Street; approximately 11,000 linear feet. 2) New 400,000 gallon prestressed, precast concrete water storage tank at the location of the Village's abandoned open reservoir off Pallottas Hill Road, including site modifications and a 10-inch connecting water main to Andover Road, approximately 700 linear feet. 3) Water distribution main upgrades on Route 103, Depot Street, Meadow Street, Prospect Street, and Pond Street, totaling approximately 3,000 linear feet. 4) New altitude valve and replacement pressure reducing valve adjacent to Andover Road.

Our consideration of the Village of Ludlow request included reviewing the Environmental Report, dated February 2009, which was completed and submitted by Otter Creek Engineering. 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 at the Department of Environmental Conservation, Water Supply Division, Old Pantry Building, at 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Water Supply Division's website.

Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation Justin Johnson, Acting Commissioner

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