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

Bellows Falls Water System, WSID #5298 Bellows Falls, VT Infrastructure Improvements DWSRF Loan RF3-308 and CWSRF Loan RF1-180

In accordance with Section VII of the Department's Environmental Review Procedures for projects funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Programs, the Bellows Falls Water System, located in the Town of Rockingham, VT has requested its proposed infrastructure improvement projects 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 replacement of the following waterlines or sewer mains:

- 500 linear feet of watermain on Lockwood Street
- 170 linear feet of watermain on King Street
- 290 linear feet of watermain on Pleasant Street
- 1,500 linear feet of watermain on Burt Street
- 1,500 linear feet of sewer main on Burt Street

Our consideration of the Bellows Falls Water System's request included reviewing environmental information and documentation completed and submitted by their engineering consultant, Dufresne Group. 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) 585-4904. In addition to the applicant, a copy of this determination will be sent to a list of stakeholders and posted on the Facility Engineering Division's <u>Environmental Review</u> page.

Agency of Natural Resources Department of Environmental Conservation Alyssa B. Schuren, Commissioner

Blatt, P.E., Director Facilities Engineering Division

Dated in Montpelier, Vermont this <u>4th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2016