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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY FORD

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed drinking water project for the City of Rocky Ford in accordance with EPA and the State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the State is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

Project Description:

The proposed project is the replacement of the screw lift pumps, influent composite sampler, influent pipe, upgrading the existing lagoons and associated appurtenances, aeration system, and upgrades to monitoring and data collection. The project will be funded by a Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of $1,750,000. Of the $1,750,000 loan, $192,436 will be in the form of principal forgiveness and the remaining $1,557,564 will be at 0%. The project will increase the user rates by $4.06 per tap, per month.

Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR parts 6.107 and 6.505

The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future water treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- Functional replacement of equipment

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

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Dated this 1st day of February, 2013.

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