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***Aberdeen-Pate customers benefit from low interest  
and clean water***

INDIANAPOLIS – Aberdeen-Pate Water Company will close a \$1.38 million loan today through the State’s Drinking Water Revolving Fund, saving the utility an estimated \$140,000 in interest over a 20-year period. The loan will finance upgrades to the drinking water system, including a new storage tank and lines connecting the system to residents who were previously served by Patriot Water Company.

“The thing that has impressed me most is the speed at which this has all happened on the financial end,” said President of Aberdeen Pate Water, Paul Banta. “This project is going to help a lot of people. It will especially allow us to reconnect to a part of our system (Brushy Fork) that has been disconnected from us since the early 1960s.”

In addition to improving water pressure and quantity for all users, the project will also provide a direct connection from the Aberdeen-Pate distribution system to the Brushy Fork area which will provide residents with water that complies with the manganese and iron secondary standards. Manganese can cause esthetically unpleasing dark-colored water and staining of clothing, plumbing fixtures and skin.

“I’m very pleased to see federal dollars working in conjunction with state dollars to develop this important infrastructure improvement,” said Congressman Mike Sodrel. “Residents of the Brushy Fork area will benefit greatly from this project.”

Governor Mitch Daniels created the Indiana Finance Authority in 2005 to more effectively manage the State's finances under one agency. The Authority manages the State's Wastewater State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Programs, which provide political subdivisions and other eligible entities a low-cost financing alternative for their wastewater and drinking water infrastructure improvement projects.

“Governor Daniels is committed to helping communities and businesses invest wisely in both the future health and economy of Indiana , and our State Revolving Fund Programs help Hoosier communities and utilities achieve these goals,” said Ryan Kitchell, Director of the Authority.

The SRF Programs receive capitalization grants each year from the U.S. EPA, which the Authority then leverages with tax exempt bonds. Leveraging increases the funds available to the Authority to make loans. Currently, the Authority is able to make more than two dollars in loans for each one dollar received from the U.S. EPA. The SRF Programs have loaned over \$1.7 billion to Indiana communities for infrastructure and improvements since 1991. During 2005 and through the first half of 2006, the SRF Loan Programs have saved Indiana communities \$40.5 million in interest costs.

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