



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

JACKSON COUNTY WATER UTILITY, INC.
ADDENDUM NO. 4, AMR METER PURCHASE AND WATER UTILITY MASTER PLAN
SRF Project DW 14 12 36 01

Date: September 15, 2016

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Jackson County Water Utility, Inc.'s Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum No. 4 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

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**CATEGORICAL
EXCLUSION**

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name: Addendum No. 4, AMR Meter Purchase and Water Utility Master Plan
Jackson County Water Utility, Inc.
1119 W Spring Street
Brownstown, IN 47220

SRF Project Number: DW 14 12 36 01

Authorized Representative: Ms. Gloria Baughman
President, Jackson County Water Utility Board

II. PROJECT LOCATION

The project will be within the Jackson County Water, Inc. service area.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The project includes the purchase of 1,367 automatic meter reading (AMR) meters such that all meters can have AMR capability. The existing meters have reached the end of their useful life and may begin inaccurately recording water use in the near future. The project also includes completing a Water Utility Master Plan to evaluate the capital improvement needs of the utility over the next 5-10 years as well as an assessment of the needs over the next 20 years.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

PROJECT AREA	ESTIMATED COST
1,367 5/8" meters @ \$195.00/each	\$ 266,565
Water Utility Master Plan	30,000
Total Estimated Project Cost for addendum	\$ 296,565

Jackson County Water Inc. will finance the project using the balance of their existing State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

All meter replacement will occur within the confines of existing facilities. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish, or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public notice was published on May 12, 2016 in the Jackson County Banner. There were no written comments in the ten day post-notice period.