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State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

November 6, 2020

Mr. Perry J. Serrette, President
Henderson Nina Water System
1394 Henderson Highway
Henderson, LA 70517

RE: Capacity Development Review-Business Plan

Dear Mr. Serrette:

The review of the managerial and financial portions of the Business Plan has been completed, and this office finds at this time that the above-referenced system meets the capacity development requirements. The Business Plan must be updated annually with this office and must include annual reports of operations, preferably the annual audit report, and yearly financial reports. These reports will be reviewed for adherence to recommendations and comparisons of actual to projections. Any discrepancies, which would result in questionable viability, could then be addressed immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation. If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely,


Joel McKenzie, Manager
Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program

cc: Carrie Creel, DWRLF Loan Coordinator, DWRLF
Brian Baker, P.E., DWRLF
Chris Richard, P.E., Domingue, Szabo & Associates, Inc.



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November 9, 2020

Mr. Perry J. Serrette, President
Henderson/Nina Water System, Inc.
1394 Henderson Highway
Henderson, Louisiana 70517
St. Martin Parish

RE: Henderson/Nina Water System, Inc.
"Water System Improvements"
Loan 1-Water Treatment Improvements (USDA Interim Financing),
Loan 2-Transmission Main (Consolidation Initiative)
LDH's Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) Project Numbers:
1099006-01&02

Acceptance of Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) In Lieu of the System Improvement Plan (SIP), with LDH Statement of Finding (SOF)

Dear Mr. Serrette,

This is to advise you that Brian Baker, DWRLF Project Engineer has received the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA-RD) accepted Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) dated July 2019 for the above referenced project. In accordance with the Interagency Memorandum, *dated January 16, 2013*, between the USDA-RD and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), it is hereby ACCEPTED in lieu of the USEPA-required System Improvement Plan (SIP). This acceptance also constitutes approval of the technical portion of our capacity development requirements. However, the financial and managerial portions of our capacity development requirements are reviewed via the requested Business Plan and its approval will come under separate letter.

USDA-RD also conducted the environmental review of the proposed project based on information contained in the PER and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on August 19, 2019. In accordance with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) DWRLF State Environmental Review Process (SERP and the Interagency Memorandum, *dated February 10, 2017*, between the USDA-RD and the USEPA, LDH-DWRLF issued a Statement of Findings (SOF) concurring with the USDA-issued FONSI. Please find the SOF environmental determination document enclosed with this

Henderson/Nina Water System, Inc.
"Water System Improvements"

RE: Acceptance of the USDA Preliminary Engineering Report in Lieu of the System Improvement Plan, with LDH Statement of Findings

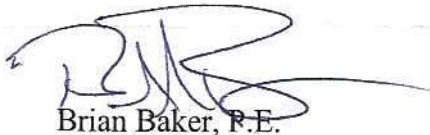
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letter for your records. In accordance with the revised 40 CFR Part 6 (effective October 19, 2007), this document is not required to be published, but must be made available to the public upon request.

We appreciate your interest in LDH's Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund and look forward to providing the funds needed for this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 225-342-7499.

Sincerely,



Brian Baker, P.E.

Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund

cc: Susan Richard, P.E., *Domingue, Szabo, & Associates, Inc.*
Jennifer Kihlken, P.E., *Deputy Chief Engineer – Field Operations, OPH*
Steven Joubert, P.E., *District Engineer, District 3, OPH*
Dan MacDonald, P.E., M.B.A., *Program Engineer, DWRLF, OPH*
Joel McKenzie, *Loan Coordinator, DWRLF, OPH*
Blake Fogleman, P. E., *Infrastructure Engineer, Engineering Services,*
Silas Corkern, R.S., *Enforcement Unit Administrator, LDH, OPH*
Amanda Ames, P.E., *Chief Engineer, Engineering Services, OPH*

Enclosures:

Statement of Findings (SOF)



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

September 16, 2020

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as administered by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health in accordance with Act 39 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature in connection with the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (DWRLF) and the Interagency Memorandum (dated January 16, 2013) between the U.S. Department of Agriculture–Rural Development (USDA-RD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

HENDERSON-NINA WATER SYSTEM
ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA
“WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS”
LDH-DWRLF PROJECT NO.: 1099006-01

A Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) was prepared for this project by USDA-RD (dated August 19, 2019). Based on the FONSI, the water system proposes to construct a new approximately 900 gallons per minute (GPM) water well to augment the two existing wells, construct a new pressure filter system to treat the water to meet the current drinking water standards, and install an ion exchange water softener to provide additional treatment. In addition, the proposed project includes the installation of a long water transmission line from the Henderson-Nina Water Treatment Plant through Butte La Rose following existing rights-of-way along the proposed project corridor, as shown on the attached Figure 1. Estimated quantities of PVC pipe necessary to construct the transmission line needed to serve the residents in the area include 19,130 linear feet (LF) of 12” pipe, 10,500 LF of 10” pipe, 17,000 LF of 8” pipe, 18,800 LF of 6” pipe, 11,660 LF of 4” pipe, and 30,000 LF of 3” pipe. A booster pump station consisting of two pumps rated at approximately 350 GPM and an approximately 200,000 gallon ground storage tank will also be constructed in the Butte La Rose area in order to maintain water pressure throughout the extended system.

This SOF is also hereby offered to reflect that the USDA-RD FONSI remains valid with regards to the additional project elements added to the project following its issuance as described above. LDH's environmental review process indicates that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result from the proposed additional project elements and, in fact, those elements would otherwise be categorically excluded from a formal environmental review. Therefore, the project's USDA-RD FONSI environmental determination (*dated August 19, 2019*) remains valid with regards to the additional project elements and is hereby applied to them through this SOF.



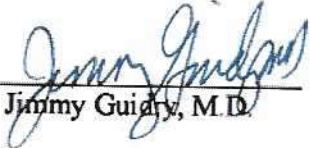
Sincerely,

Alexander Billioux, M.D., D. Phil.
Assistant Secretary
Office of Public Health
Louisiana Department of Health

Date

Concurrences for Environmental Review

The undersigned hereby certify that they have followed the progress of the environmental review of the proposed project for the Henderson-Nina Water System in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana and agree with the decision to issue this Statement of Findings (SOF) for this project. The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) environmental determination issued by the USDA-RD and dated August 19, 2019 is valid in regards to all elements of this project.

 _____ Dan MacDonald, P.E., M.B.A. Digitally signed by Joel McKenzie DN: cn=Joel McKenzie Date: 2020.09.16 15:50:56 -05'00'	LDH/OPH DWRLF Program Engineer _____ Title	9/16/2020 _____ Date
Joel McKenzie _____ Joel McKenzie	LDH/OPH DWRLF Program Manager _____ Title	9/16/2020 _____ Date
 _____ Amanda Ames, P.E.	LDH/OPH Chief Engineer _____ Title	9/17/2020 _____ Date
 _____ Jimmy Guidry, M.D.	State Health Officer _____ Title	9/17/2020 _____ Date