

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Dickinson (Stark County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 4500242-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed State Avenue Water Main Extension for the City of Dickinson in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed project involves the installation of approximately 5,500 feet of PVC water main along State Avenue from 2nd Street Southwest to 8th Street Southwest. Currently, there are only two water main crossings under the Heart River into the south side of the city. This limits the possibility of replacing the existing asbestos-cement water mains in the area, which are a public health and environmental issue. The addition of a third water main crossing under the Heart River into the south side of the city will provide the additional looping needed for the replacement of the existing asbestos-cement water mains.

The City of Dickinson has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$565,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the improvements will occur entirely within the alignment of the existing roadway and right of ways. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project (ND SHPO Ref.: 17-0251). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts to the population or area of Dickinson and Stark County.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Evan Wahl, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 25th day of March, 2021.

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