FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project: Stutsman Rural Water District – Phase 6 Water Supply

Location: Stutsman and Kidder County, North Dakota

SRF Project No.: <u>4701303-06</u>

Total Cost: <u>\$2,900,000</u>

The proposed project involves tying-in to an existing Stutsman Rural Water District (SRWD) 8-inch water main and extending a 6-inch water pipeline throughout the Pettibone region.

The SRWD will provide reliable water services that are currently unavailable to the Pettibone region as well as sufficient working pressures that will be provided by the existing Woodworth Tank. This will give residents in this area an alternative to hauling water or using private wells.

The project area is within Stutsman and Kidder County. For a further discussion of this see Item IV, <u>Affected Environment</u> in the Environmental Assessment document. Wetlands, area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted.

The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement has been made. This action is taken on the basis of a careful review of the engineering report, environmental information document, and other supporting data which are on file in the Municipal Facilities Division of the North Dakota Department of Health.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron D. Wellman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947. After evaluating the comments received, the agency will make a final decision; however, no administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated the 25th day of July, 2018.

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