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C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Curt Fransen, Director

November 9, 2012

Nolan Gneiting
Morning View Water Company
P.O. Box 598
Rigby, Idaho 83442

RE: Environmental Determination for the Morning View Water Company Drinking Water Improvements (DWG 112-2011-5)

Dear Mr. Gneiting:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the Environmental Information Document for the Morning View Water Company Drinking Water Improvements. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The system's project engineer consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant issues. The project meets state and federal criteria for issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) since the environmental review process indicated no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

A FONSI legal notice will be published in the *Idaho Falls Post Register*, newspaper of greatest distribution for the area. DEQ has requested the *Idaho Falls Post Register* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Tuesday, November 20, 2012. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain a copy of the full FONSI for review and will give instructions on how they can submit comments. A 30 day public comment period will follow the FONSI legal notice publication. Should there be public comments and concerns related to the project or FONSI, DEQ may ask your help in preparing responses.

Following the 30 day public comment period, any significant comments or concerns will be considered and incorporated as appropriate into the *final* FONSI determination for the referenced project. After issuance of the *final* FONSI, and with approval of all technical considerations in the facility plan, DEQ will be able to close the DEQ planning grant and to proceed with the State Revolving Fund loan.

Gregory Eager, DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office (208) 528-2650, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

Barry N. Burnell

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Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ State Office
Charlie Parkins, DEQ State Office
Gregory Eager, P.E., Idaho Falls Regional Office Engineering Manager
Ryan Loftus, P.E., Aspen Engineering, Inc., Ryan@aspeneng.net
Bryan Zibbell, DEQ State Office Drinking Water Program

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: November 9, 2012

To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals

Subject: Environmental Determination for the Morning View Water Company Drinking Water Improvements, Jefferson County, Idaho

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22) and the Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program (IDAPA 58.01.20), an environmental review has been performed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the project described below:

Project:	Morning View Water Company Drinking Water Improvements
Location:	Jefferson County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number):	DWG-112-2011-5
DEQ Grant Costs:	$7,500
DEQ Loan Number:	TBD
Total Loan Project Cost:	$260,000

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to resolve problems with low pressure, high sand content and compliance with the Drinking Water Rules.

Description of the Project: The proposed project involves:

- Construction of a new drinking water well and pump house and approximately 300 feet of connecting buried water main in previously undisturbed ground;
- Installation of a natural gas or propane backup generator in the new pump house;
- Installation of variable-frequency drives on new and existing well; and
- Installation of individual water meters on existing service lines;

Direct and Indirect Impacts: An Environmental Information Document (EID) was prepared by Aspen Engineering, Inc. (Aspen), consulting engineer for Mountain View Water Company (MVWC). Aspen and DEQ consulted with appropriate state, federal and tribal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on the consultation with agency experts, Aspen and DEQ evaluated the potential short-and long-term impacts, and the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed drinking water improvements. The evaluation emphasized site-specific components of the environment that are most likely to be impacted by the construction and operation of the proposed project. The evaluation results indicate there will be environmental effects from the proposed project as described below.

Short term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the distribution, system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- Air Quality: Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the DEQ Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.651 (rule). The rule states that reasonable precautions for dust control and suppression include using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, it is recommended that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes DEQ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.

- Cultural Resources: If archeological artifacts and human remains are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe shall be notified.

- Stormwater: Stormwater shall be avoided by having equipment available to put appropriate containment systems into service in a timely manner. Examples of containment systems include silt fences, temporary berms, and vegetative or mulch cover, and installing drains to control surface runoff and to minimize soil loss.

- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.

- Any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

Morning View Water Company will also obtain appropriate permits as required:

- Well drilling permit from the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
- Any other local, state or federal permit required for activities taking place during project construction.

Beneficial Impacts: Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long-term positive effects to public health through the provision of safe drinking water.

Finding: The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement does not need to be prepared for the proposed project. Instead, a FONSI is hereby issued by DEQ. This decision is made following a careful review of the *Morning View Water Company Environmental Information Document* and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, the facility plan, the *Morning View Water Company Environmental Information Document* and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on the DEQ web site at <www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities> or at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality State Office
Division of Water Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706
Grant/Loan SERP Contact: Mike May – (208) 373-0406

Department of Environmental Quality Idaho Falls Regional Office
900 North Skyline Drive, Suite B
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402
Regional Office Contact: Gregory Eager – (208) 528-2650

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Idaho Falls Post Register*, one time in the November 20, 2012 publication.

Public Comments: Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision must be submitted on the DEQ web site <www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities > or addressed to:

Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality
Grant and Loan Program
1410 North Hilton Street
Boise, Idaho 83706
Attention: Mike May, Grant/Loan SERP Staff

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before December 20, 2012. After an evaluation of public comment, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the draft FONSI Notice.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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Morning View Water Company Drinking Water Improvements
Jefferson County, Idaho

This environmental determination was made as a result of the review process indicating no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project. There may be several environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

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> Mike May, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Grant and Loan Program, 1410 N. Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before December 20, 2012. Public comments will be considered in finalizing the planning phase of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of publication.

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Water Quality Division Administrator