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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:

A Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality on November 9, 2012 for the Morning View Water Company drinking water improvements based on a careful review of the revised Environmental Information Document prepared by Aspen Engineering.

The Draft FONSI was published on November 20, 2012 in the *Idaho Falls Post Register*, newspaper of greatest distribution for the area. One comment was received during the thirty (30) day comment period following publication. The FINAL FONSI has been revised to include the comment received and the agency's response.

This completes the environmental review of the project. Please contact Gregory Eager at the DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office, (208) 528-2650, if you have questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,

FOR BNB

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: December 21, 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:	$7,500.00
DEQ Loan Number:	DW-1302
Total Loan Project Cost:	$260,000 .00

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 was informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Idaho Falls Post Register*, one time in the November 20, 2012 publication and on the DEQ web site <www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities>.

Public Comments: One comment was submitted to DEQ for consideration during the thirty (30) day public comment period. The comment submitted and the agency's response is attached and are officially part of the project record and the FINAL FONSI.

TRW for BNB

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

Response to Public Comments Received During the 30 Day Public Comment Period for the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Morning View Water Company Drinking Water Improvements
December 21, 2012

Comment: I'm glad Nolan made it this far. I doubt that Mr. Gneiting will accept the loan and if he does he will default somewhere along the line. This public utility has never been in compliance and probably never will be. After attempting to work with IDEQ and IPUC regarding this company, I will be happy to have adequate water pressure all year round.

Response: The comment does not pertain to the EID and Draft FONSI.

(only one comment received)