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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board  
Marion County

SRF Project No. FS010279-01

January 7, 2021

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$1,008,775 in financial assistance available to the Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board proposes a project to replace existing meters and service lines within the distribution system. The proposed project will consist of replacing existing water meters with new touch read water meters and replacing the service lines from the main to the meter. Completion of this proposed project will reduce the unaccounted for water loss and decrease overall operational cost associated with labor and transportation.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Mrs. Chavon R. Jones, SRF Section, Permits and Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Post Office Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, no later than 30 days after the date of this public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

Lance R. LeFleur,  
Director

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Attachment



Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board  
SRF# FS010279-01

The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following drinking water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions:
  - a. *Actions intended solely for minor rehabilitation, functional replacement, or ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.*
  - b. Minor construction, including:
    - (1) New wells or replacement wells for water supply purposes if ancillary to the existing system;
    - (2) Improvements not intended to increase capacity of the system;
    - (3) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
    - (4) Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;
    - (5) *Construction of water tanks;*
    - (6) Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas within one mile of the existing distribution system.
  - c. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.C.1.a-d do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a drinking water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following must not apply:
  - a. The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly adversely impact any of the following:
    - (1) Cultural or historical resources;
    - (2) Endangered or Threatened Species and/or their critical habitats;
    - (3) Environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, prime agricultural land, or aquifer recharge zones.
  - b. The action is not cost effective.
  - c. The action will cause significant public controversy.
  - d. The action will create a new or expanded surface drinking water source.

This project complies with the above requirements and has been determined to be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.



# ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Lisa D. Jones  
Executive Director  
State Historic Preservation Officer

August 11, 2020

Stuart Blackwell  
GMC Network  
2701 First Avenue South Suite 100  
Birmingham, AL 35233

Re: AHC 20-1178  
Hackleburg Water Meter Replacement  
Marion County

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We concur with the above referenced project provided all construction activities will occur within either the highway right-of-way or in previously disturbed areas. Any area that is to be involved and does not fall into one of the above categories will require a cultural resource assessment by a professional archaeologist. Submit the resulting report to our office for review and determination prior to project initiation.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or [Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov). Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Anne Wofford".

Lee Anne Wofford  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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July 29, 2020

Mr. Bill Pearson  
Field Supervisor  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1208-B Main Street  
Daphne, AL 36526

RE: Request for Concurrence  
Hackleburg Water Meter Replacement  
Marion County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board with the help of Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood, Inc. (GMC) is in the process of performing an environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The Town is applying for State Revolving Funds (SRF) through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). The proposed improvements will address the problem of high-water losses and other problems related to aging infrastructure.

The proposed project will involve the replacement of service lines and water meters throughout the Hackleburg water distribution system. All replacements will take place within existing, previously disturbed, public right-of-way. The attached maps define the existing system where replacements will be made.

According to the USFWS's Information for Planning and Consultation for the project area in Lawrence County last accessed July 27, 2020, a number of federally listed species may occur within the county.

**CLAMS**

- Inflated Heelsplitter (*Potamilus inflatus*) – Threatened
- Orangenacre Mucket (*Lampsilis perovalis*) – Threatened
- Ovate Clubshell (*Pleurobema perovatum*) – Endangered
- Southern Clubshell (*Pleurobema decisum*) – Endangered

**MAMMALS**

- Gray Bat (*Myotis grisescens*) – Endangered
- Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) – Endangered
- Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) – Threatened

**FLOWERING PLANTS**

- White Fringeless Orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*) – Threatened

Because the entire project is located in existing, previously disturbed, right-of-way, primarily consisting of manicured lawn, it appears that there is no suitable habitat present



for the aforementioned species. No tree clearing will be required. All appropriate Best Management Practices will be in place during construction of the project.

To comply with the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 USC 1531 et seq.) and the Fish Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 USC 661 et seq.), GMC respectfully requests that your office review the attached figures for any known federally listed endangered and/or threatened species and their habitats. If you concur that the implementation of the proposed project will have no effect on federally listed species or their habitats, please indicate your approval and return this document, or photocopy thereof, to GMC. If you do not concur, please provide the requisite guidance for the proposed project.

We would appreciate a response from your office as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (205) 695-9137. To help expedite the review process, your response can be e-mailed to [caleb.dean@gmcnetwork.com](mailto:caleb.dean@gmcnetwork.com).

Sincerely,  
GOODWYN, MILLS & CAWOOD

Caleb Dean, P.E.  
Project Manager

Enclosures



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. **IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW.** We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html> ).

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

Date

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT  
218 SUMMIT PARKWAY, SUITE 222  
HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA 35209

November 12, 2020

North Branch  
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Pre-Application Consultation, File Number SAM-2020-00817-JDC, Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board – water system improvements

Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board  
529 Walker Street  
Hackleburg, Alabama 35564

Transmitted electronically to [caleb.dean@gmcnetwork.com](mailto:caleb.dean@gmcnetwork.com)

Dear Sir and/or Madam:

This is in response to the July 29, 2020 letter, submitted on your behalf by Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc., requesting comments regarding proposed improvements to the Hackleburg water system. The work would occur throughout the City of Hackleburg in Marion County, Alabama, centered near Latitude 34.27700°N, Longitude 87.82900°W. This project has been assigned file number **SAM-2020-00817-JDC**, which should be referred to in all future correspondence regarding the project.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that a Department of the Army (DA) permit be obtained for the placement or discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands, prior to conducting the work (33 U.S.C. 1344). Based on our review of the information you provided and other publicly available mapping resources, it appears the proposed system-wide service line and meter replacements may require discharges of fill material into jurisdictional streams and/or wetlands that would require a DA permit. However, without a formal delineation of the potential jurisdictional aquatic resources within the project area and more specific construction design and land disturbance footprint information, the nature and extent of aquatic resource impacts that may require a permit remains unclear.

It appears that Nationwide Permit 12 (NWP 12) for Utility Line Activities **may** be applicable to the proposed service line and meter replacement activities that may impact waters of the U.S.; therefore, a copy of NWP 12 is enclosed for your reference. Please be aware that the conditions of NWP 12 require the applicant to submit a pre-construction notification (PCN) to this office, and receive a written verification of coverage under the permit prior to commencing the activity if any one of the following criteria are met: (1) the activity involves mechanized land clearing in a forested wetland for the utility line right-of-way; (2) a Section 10 permit is required; (3) the utility line in waters of the United States, excluding overhead lines, exceeds 500 feet; (4) the utility line is placed within a jurisdictional area (i.e., water of the United States), and it runs parallel to a stream bed that is within that jurisdictional area; (5) discharges that result in the loss of greater than 1/10-acre of waters of the United States; (6) permanent access roads are constructed above grade in waters of the United States for a distance of more than 500 feet; or (7) permanent access roads are constructed in waters of the United States with impervious materials. Additionally, pre-construction notification would be required if the proposed work would potentially affect federally listed threatened and endangered species and/or their designated critical habitats, if the work would affect known historic properties or cultural

resource sites or such sites that are potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and if the work would affect Federal navigation project waters such as the Black Warrior River, Tombigbee River, Bakers Creek, Burnt Cane Creek, etc. If none of the aforementioned conditions would be triggered by the proposed work, it is possible the proposed work would already be authorized under NWP 12 provided the work would be conducted in compliance with all terms and conditions in the attached copy of Nationwide Permit 12.

If you are specifically requesting written verification under a NWP 12 for Utility Line Activities to cover any of the proposed water system maintenance and improvement work, please submit a complete pre-construction notification (PCN) in accordance with General Condition 32 (b) Content of Pre-Construction Notification to this office accompanied by a wetland delineation for the entire project, as well as locations (latitude/longitude) of the stream and/or wetland impacts, and the flow classifications of the streams (perennial, intermittent, ephemeral).

Nothing in this letter shall be construed as excusing you from compliance with other Federal, State, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations that may affect any proposed work.

Electronic copy of this correspondence has been provided to you agent, Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc., to the attention of Mr. Caleb Dean at [caleb.dean@gmcnetwork.com](mailto:caleb.dean@gmcnetwork.com).

You may contact me at [Jevon.D.Coleman@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jevon.D.Coleman@usace.army.mil) or 205-381-0741 if you have questions concerning this matter. We appreciate your cooperation with the USACE Regulatory Program. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our website at [www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx). Also, while you are there please take a moment to complete our customer service survey located on the right side of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will help us improve our services.

Sincerely,

Jevon Coleman  
Regulatory Specialist  
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Attachments

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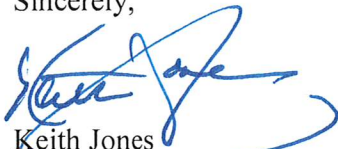
Mr. Caleb Dean, PE  
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Re: Project: Town of Hackleburg, AL Water System Improvements- Systemwide Meter and service line replacement

Mr. Dean:

We are in receipt of your letter regarding ADEM's consideration of SRF funding for the proposed project, which involves the replacement of water service lines and meters throughout Hackleburg's water distribution system. It is my understanding the existing meters and lines are aged and contribute to high water loss. The replacement will reduce lost revenue for the Hackleburg Water and Sewer Board while remaining within previously disturbed public right-of-way. Due to the positive benefits offered and employment of best management practices during the replacement, this agency supports the proposed project and is unaware of any potential adverse impacts to the natural or human environment which will result from the replacement. Therefore, this request is consistent and compatible with regional and local development plans and programs. This letter shall serve as regional concurrence with the proposed project.

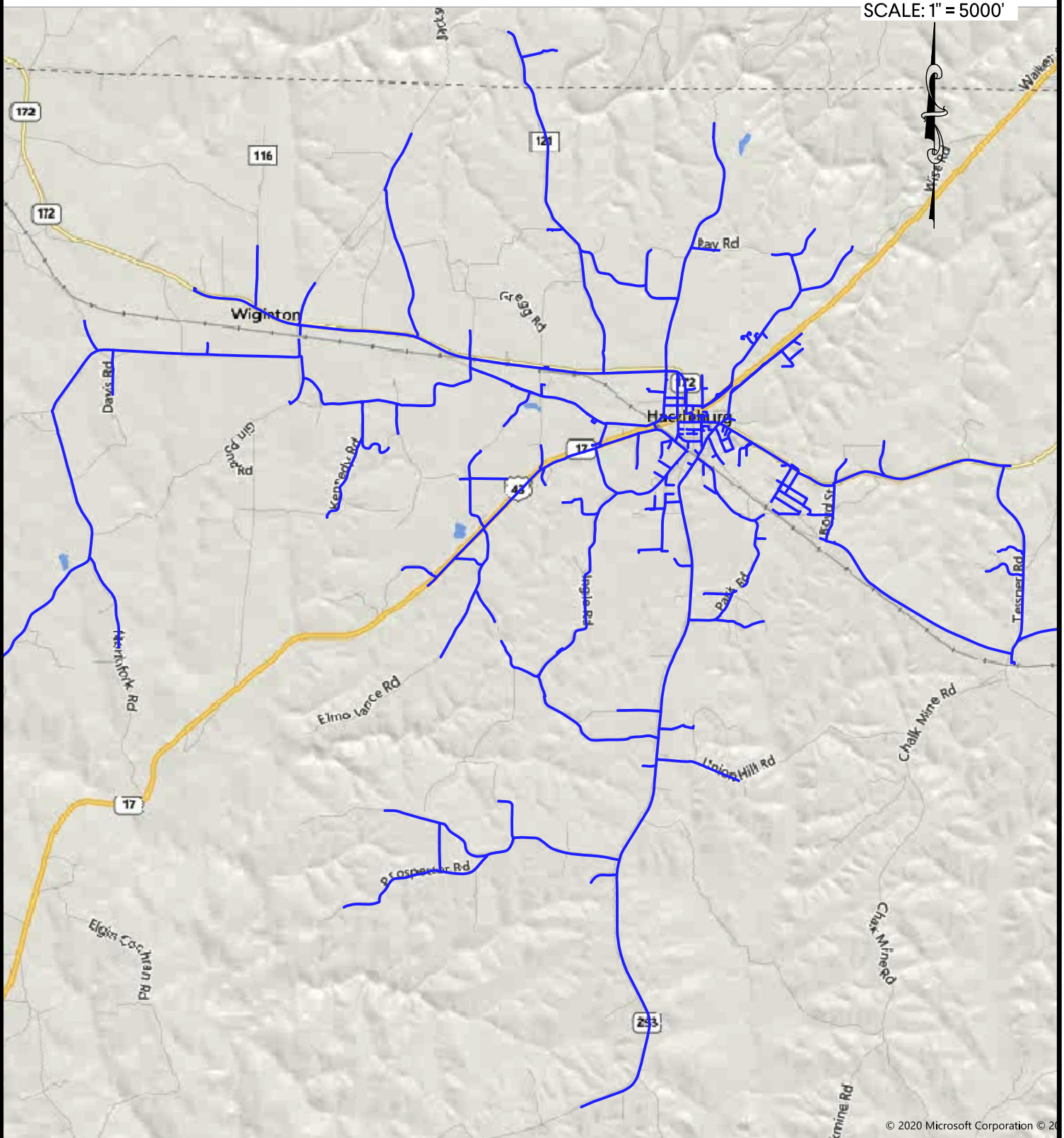
Sincerely,



Keith Jones  
Executive Director  
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 EXISTING WATER MAINS

## 2020 DWSRF METER REPLACEMENT

EXISTING WATER MAIN SURVEY  
GENERAL LOCATION MAP  
FOR THE HACKLEBURG WATER AND SEWER BOARD  
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