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July 6, 2012

Keith Lippert, Chairman
Carter-Chouteau County W&SD
PO Box 282
Carter, MT 59420

RE: Categorical Exclusion – Carter Chouteau County W&SD, Montana
Water Treatment System Improvements Project

Dear Chairman Lippert:

An environmental review of the above referenced project has been completed by the Drinking Water SRF Program. Based on this review, it has been determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion from further environmental review. A copy of the Notice of Publication of Categorical Exclusion for this project is enclosed. Please print the notice in at least one publication of your local newspaper, under legal advertising, and return a copy of the proof of advertisement to this office. Please have the notice, Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and the project contract documents available for public review at your home. We have distributed the notice to the enclosed list of agencies. Please call if you have any questions regarding this process or the project in general.

Sincerely,

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State Revolving Fund Loan Program
Technical and Financial Assistance Bureau
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Encl

cc: Craig Pozega, P.E., Great West Engineering, Helena, MT
Anna Miller, DNRC (w/o notice)
Valerie Short, TSEP
Bear Paw Development, Big Sandy, MT



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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
CARTER-CHOUTEAU COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT, MONTANA
WATER TREATMENT SYTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

July 6, 2012

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Montana Department of Commerce have reviewed the above named project. The project consists of a 250 square foot addition to the existing water treatment plant needed to house new treatment cartridge filters and a new booster pump system. The project also includes the replacement of two existing vertical turbine pumps within the existing treatment building and all associated piping, appurtenances and controls.

The proposed project will be located at the existing Carter-Chouteau County Water & Sewer District's water treatment plant. The plant lies approximately three miles south east of the district along the west bank of the Missouri River and just south of the Carter Ferry (see attached map).

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the planning documents, a new or modified application is submitted, new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

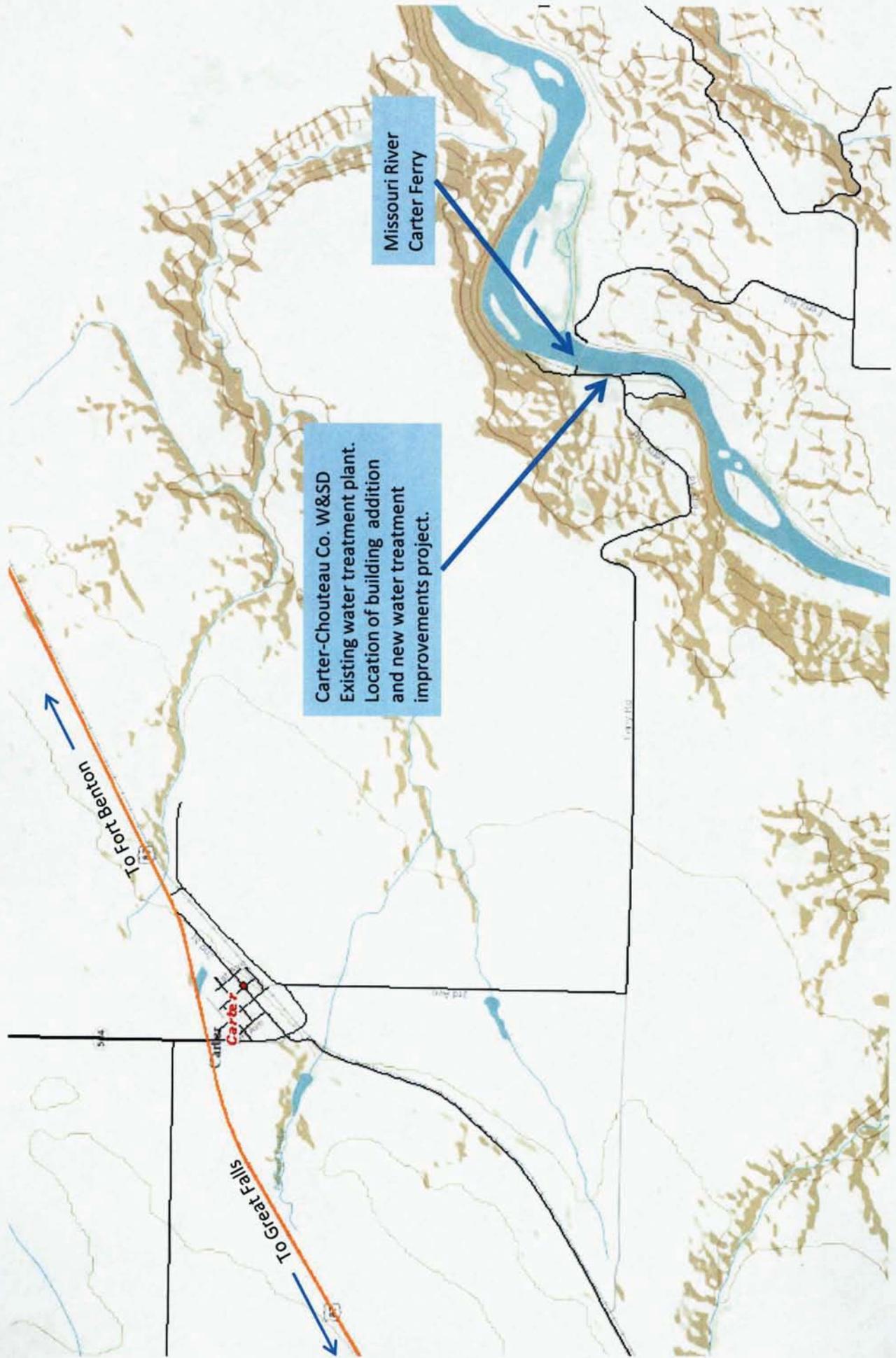
The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Carter-Chouteau WSD
Keith Lippert, Board Chairman
5341 Carter Road West
Carter, MT 59420

Sincerely,

Todd Teegarden, Bureau Chief
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau
Planning Prevention & Assistance Division
Montana Department of Environmental Quality



Missouri River
Carter Ferry

Carter-Chouteau Co. W&SD
Existing water treatment plant.
Location of building addition
and new water treatment
improvements project.

To Fort Barton

To Great Falls

Carter

1st Ave

2nd Ave

Carter Rd

Carter Ferry Rd