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November 8, 2012

Kurt Geise, Chairman
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RE: Augusta Wastewater Collection System Improvements
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
SRF Project #: C302228
TSEP #: MT-TSEP-CG-12-601

Kurt:

An environmental review of the above referenced project has been completed by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Water Pollution Control SRF Program and the Montana Department of Commerce, Treasure State Endowment 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 any project contract documents available for public review at your office or any public place of convenience. We have distributed the notice to the enclosed list of agencies. If you have any questions regarding this process or the project in general, you can call me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

AUGUSTA, MONTANA

SRF #: C302228

TSEP #: MT-TSEP-CG-12-601

AUGUSTA WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

November 8, 2012

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Montana Department of Commerce - Treasure State Endowment Program have reviewed the above named project. Augusta's wastewater treatment and collection system was upgraded in 2001. However, due to budget constraints at that time, not all of the original collection system was replaced. Recent inspections of these original lines, which were constructed in the early 1960's, noted numerous deficiencies including cracked and broken pipe, collapsing and sagging sections of line, inadequate slope, protruding service connections, and root balls. These deficiencies have resulted in raw sewage backing up into adjacent homes posing a significant public health and safety risk to those residents. To correct these deficiencies, approximately 3,000 lineal feet of existing clay tile sewer pipe will be replaced with 8-inch PVC pipe, and 9 existing manholes will be replaced. In addition, 600 lineal feet of 8-inch PVC pipe and 4 new manholes will be installed in three areas where multiple users are connected to existing undersized sewer mains. Fifty existing sewer services will be reconnected to the new main and approximately 700 square yards of asphalt will be replaced.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Montana Department of Commerce - Treasure State Endowment Program have 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 Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, or 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
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Sincerely,

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Montana Department of Environmental Quality

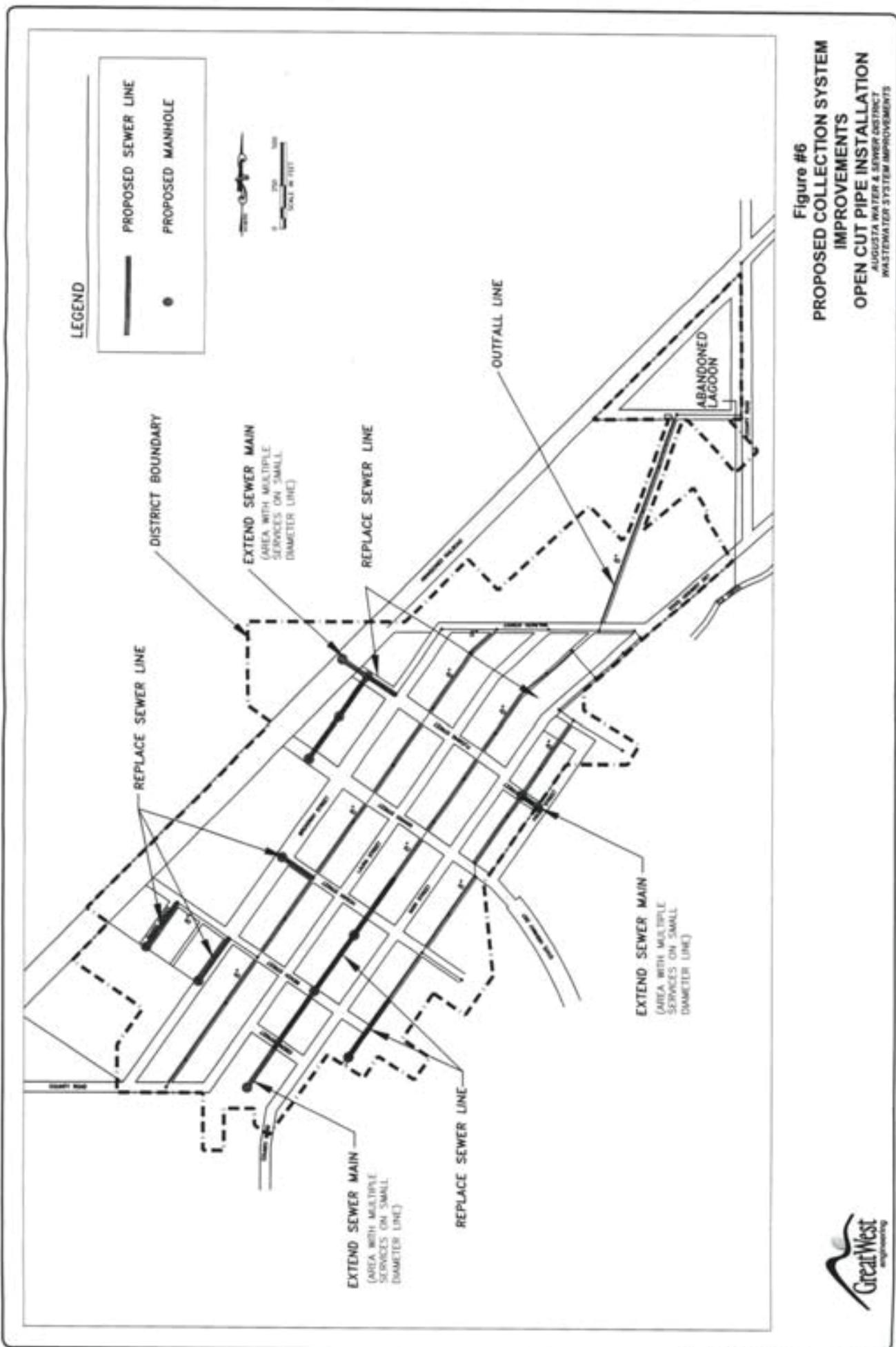


Figure #6
PROPOSED COLLECTION SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENTS
OPEN CUT PIPE INSTALLATION
 AUGUSTA WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
 WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS



PROJECT 21: WATER MAIN/SEWER MAINS IMPROVEMENTS