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NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FFY12 DRINKING WATER PRIORITY SYSTEM/INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) AND A “SECOND CHANCE CALL FOR PROJECTS”

February 2, 2012

Dear Interested Parties:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 authorized a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to assist publicly and privately owned community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to further the public health objectives of the SDWA.

The FFY2012 DWSRF Final IUP was published on September 14, 2011. The IUP contained the SFY2012 and the SFY2013 schedules for submitting DWSRF projects. Project sponsors were required to meet these schedules with all applicable deadlines in order to be considered for financing in the SFY2012 and SFY2013 funding cycles.

Several changes have been made to the IUP and the SFY2013 schedule:

- 1) A second chance opportunity is being provided for project sponsors to submit projects for financing in the FFY2012/SFY2013 Financing Program.**

The FFY2012/ SFY2013 Financing Program now includes a second chance provision to accommodate project sponsors that missed the initial commitment letter and planning document deadline of October 3, 2011. Sponsors of such projects will be given a second opportunity to participate in the FFY2012/SFY2013 Financing Program provided they are able to submit a letter of intent, complete planning documents, design documents, a loan application and proof that all applicable permits/approvals have been applied for by March 5, 2012. Projects that met the October deadline are still required to submit their project design documents and loan application on or before March 5, 2012.

Additionally, projects by-passed in the SFY2012 cycle that did not meet the October 2011 deadline for resubmission of their project, should resubmit a loan application by March 5, 2012.

Second chance projects will be eligible for loans (at one-quarter the market rate) in the SFY2013 Financing Program provided the project meets the program requirements in a timely manner and that there are sufficient DWSRF monies based on the project's rank. Second chance projects will be ranked in accordance with the FFY2012 Priority System and assigned a rank below the projects that met the October deadline which have been identified in the January Report to Legislature.

An electronic copy of the complete package must be submitted to the Trust in electronic format by close of business on March 5, 2012. All electronic submissions must be on CD or DVD in PDF, TIFF, or JPG format. Please refer to www.njeit.org/forms.htm under loan applications for further guidance.

- 2) **A new classification of projects called "Legacy Projects"** has been created for projects that were not able to meet the SFY2012 financing deadlines but will receive all the necessary approvals and are awarded Interim Loans on or before April 20, 2012. This new class of projects or **legacy projects** from the 2012 program will be prioritized over any new projects seeking loans in the SFY2013 Program (including second chance projects as noted in 1. above).

Projects eligible for financing in the 2013 Program will be offered loan awards in the following order: (1) emergency projects, (2) small systems, (3) supplemental loans, (4) legacy projects, (5) new projects in rank order based on Project Priority List ranking methodology that met the initial program deadline in October 2011, and (6) second chance projects.

If you would like a copy of the IUP or Project Priority Lists, you may contact the DWSRF program or obtain a copy from our website, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/loanprog.htm>.


The period for submitting written comments on this proposal will close on March 5, 2012 (all comments must be postmarked by that date). Please submit the written comments to:

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All comments submitted in accordance with the deadline will be considered in the preparation of the final amended FFY2012 Priority System IUP documents.

Should you have any questions regarding the IUP or the DWSRF program, please contact Roger Tsao or Josephine Craver at the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at (609) 292-5550 or fax (609) 292-1654.

Thank you for your anticipated input on this proposal document.

Very truly yours,

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