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RE: Southeastern Indiana Water Supply Study

Dear Water Utility Official:

As authorized by Senate Enrolled Act 416, the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) will soon initiate a study of the water supply and demand in the southeastern region of the State. The study continues work started in 2016 to assess infrastructure needs. The purpose of this study is to assess the region's current water supply, future demand, and the cost of infrastructure needed to meet the demand. The study area encompasses the following counties: Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Decatur, Floyd, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Ripley, Scott, Shelby, and Washington.

To accomplish this goal, the IFA has partnered with INTERA, Inc. who will carry out the following tasks throughout the study area:

- ❖ Analyze existing infrastructure, using data collected as part of the *2016 Evaluation of Indiana's Water Utilities* report;
- ❖ Forecast future water demand;
- ❖ Develop regional supply alternatives, including but not limited to the feasibility of:
 - interconnections between existing utilities, and
 - a regional water supply pipeline along the I-65 corridor;
- ❖ Estimate costs for each alternative; and
- ❖ Evaluate alternatives with respect to construction and life-cycle costs, potential economic benefits, and comparison of projected rates.

The IFA will host a public meeting to discuss this study with elected officials, utility personnel and other interested parties. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Mid-America Science Park in Scottsburg, 821 S. Lake Road South, Scottsburg, IN 47170, (812) 752-9521 (<http://maspark.org/>). This meeting will provide an overview of the study and provide a forum for addressing questions. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For those individuals that are not able to attend, IFA will attempt to keep you informed about the study as it moves along, including a summary of topics covered at the meeting, with periodic updates to this project's web site: <http://www.in.gov/ifa/>.

If you have questions, please contact myself or Sarah Hudson, WaterResources@ifa.in.gov, 317-232-2812.

Sincerely,

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