

MADISON BEGINS RECEIVING WATER THROUGH “WHEELING PLAN”

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Tea, SD – Yesterday the “wheeling plan” for the City of Madison became operational. Madison is now able to access up to 1 million gallons a day of capacity through a cooperative effort involving the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System (L&C), Minnehaha Community Water Corp (MCWC) and Big Sioux Community Water System (BSCWS). This added capacity will supplement the City’s existing water supply.

L&C is selling water to MCWC at their connection near Crooks. In turn MCWC is selling water to BSCWS in the northern part of their system. BSCWS is in turn using five miles of L&C’s pipeline to sell water to Madison. “Madison is not receiving Lewis & Clark’s water, but they can now access up to 1 million gallons a day of high quality water from Big Sioux, which will address their immediate water needs until we can eventually complete the 32 miles of pipeline still needed to connect Madison,” said Executive Director Troy Larson.

The wheeling plan took a great deal of cooperation and coordination. Funding to make the wheeling plan possible was made available through the State of South Dakota. “We owe a big thank you to Governor Daugaard, the State Legislature, the SD Board of Water and Natural Resources, and the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources for their support these last few years as we have worked to put this plan together. We also thank the boards and staffs of MCWC and Big Sioux for working with Madison and Lewis & Clark to make this wheeling plan possible. It was a true team effort,” said Larson.

BACKGROUND:

Two different formats of a map showing the wheeling plan are attached. The red lines are the two segments of pipeline L&C constructed to make the wheeling plan possible. Each segment is five miles long. The green line represents the 32 miles of pipeline that will be constructed in the future to connect Madison to Lewis & Clark. MCWC and Big Sioux also constructed pipeline and other infrastructure to make the wheeling plan possible. The star in the middle shows where MCWC and Big Sioux now have an interconnection. It is at this location where MCWC sells water to Big Sioux. Big Sioux in turn uses L&C’s five miles of pipeline near Madison to sell water to the City.

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