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Submitted via e-mail to: SRFrule@deg.state.or.us

Re: Public Comment – Proposed Revisions to Clean Water State Revolving Fund Rules

Dear Larry:

The Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies is a private, not-for-profit organization of wastewater treatment and stormwater management agencies, along with associated professionals. Our statewide 119 members are focused on protecting and enhancing Oregon's water quality.

ACWA Supports the Proposed Rules

ACWA supports the proposed rules, detailing how Oregon DEQ will partner with Oregon communities to invest our portion of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

We appreciate our strong working relationship with Oregon DEQ and its willingness to involve local governments in developing this approach to the additional federal stimulus dollars dedicated to clean water infrastructure projects in Oregon.

ACWA members are very interested in green infrastructure projects, and many communities are incorporating green elements into their wastewater and stormwater utility improvements including green infrastructure, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Loans at 0% interest and the principle forgiveness provisions are very important to the communities that are able to secure a loan under the State Revolving Loan Fund rules. 0% interest rates and principle forgiveness translate into direct savings for rate payers in the communities receiving those funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding our support for the rules -- I can be reached in Portland at 503/236-6722 or by e-mail at gillaspie@oracwa.org.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet A. Gillaspie".

Janet A. Gillaspie

Executive Director

cc: ACWA Board of Directors

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