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Beaverhead County Jackson Water and/or Sewer District)	Docket No. SDWA-08-2014-0048
)	COMPLAINANT'S STATUS REPORT
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Respondent.)	
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) submits this report in response to a directive issued by the Honorable Elyana R. Sutin, Presiding Officer in this matter, during a conference with the parties on February 26, 2015.

In that conference, counsel for the EPA indicated that on October 31, 2014, the EPA had sent Beaverhead County Jackson Water and/or Sewer District (Respondent) forms for providing financial information. The EPA had made this request to determine whether the Respondent had the financial capability to pay the proposed penalty in this matter. In the February 26, 2015, conference, the EPA asked the Presiding Officer to establish a deadline by which the Respondent would submit this information, should the Respondent wish to make the claim of inability to pay the penalty that the EPA proposed in its complaint in this matter.

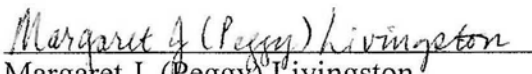
In response to the EPA's request, the Presiding Officer set a deadline of March 20, 2015, for the Respondent to respond to the EPA's October 31, 2014, request, if the Respondent wished to claim that it was unable to pay the proposed penalty. The Presiding Officer also directed the EPA to submit a status report by March 27, 2015. This filing is intended as that status report.

The EPA received financial information from the Respondent on March 24, 2015. The information included (1) the "Common Financial Data" sheet that the EPA had sent on October 31, 2014, (2) the Munipay Information Request Form 2" that the EPA had sent on October 31, 2014, and (3) annual financial reports for the years ending 2014, 2013, and 2012, which the Respondent indicated had been submitted to the State of Montana Department of Administration.

The EPA's financial analyst, Daniela Golden, has conducted a preliminary review of this information and has identified issues for which the EPA will need clarification from the Respondent (and possibly Beaverhead County and/or the Montana Department of Administration).

The EPA anticipates that (1) it will contact the Respondent (and, if appropriate, Beaverhead County and/or the Montana Department of Administration) no later than Friday, April 10, 2015, with questions and (2) assuming the EPA receives answers within a week, the EPA can complete its ability to pay analysis by Thursday, April 30, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,


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