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RE: Updates for Punkin Water Projects

A joint pre-construction conference was held last week for both the Punkin Water Extension Project and the Punkin Water Booster project and members of the Punkin Water Board were present. Contracts have been executed for both projects and the contractors are taking all necessary steps to begin work.

Eubank Construction Company Inc will begin work on the water main extension project in the coming weeks. However, neither an exact start date nor a starting location has been finalized at this time. Utility locate requests are being identified now in the area of County Road 217 to allow the contractor to view the area of future connection between the new line and an existing Punkin water line. Work is also underway to transfer possession of all pre-ordered materials from the City of Oxford to the contractor.

The water extension project consists of installing a 16" water main from approximately Cannon Road to County Road 217 and connecting to the existing 10" water main that currently serves Punkin Water. A new 8" water main will also be constructed on a portion of County Road 217 to connect residents near Deer Run and Old Oaks to City of Oxford water.

When active construction begins, it is anticipated that the contractor will temporarily "skip" the actual connection point between the City of Oxford and Punkin Water (near Cannon Road), which requires two road bores. Instead, work will likely first begin further into the project limits in order to install lines that are being buried by a normal trench excavation operation. As the new line is being installed, the new service connections will be installed up to the existing meter but will not be connected until the new water main has been pressure tested, disinfected and tested for water quality. This will affect a limited number of customers in the immediate area and additional information regarding this process and any impacts to water service will be provided in future project status updates.

At this time, work will be performed within right-of-way of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, county roads or within existing easements and may require single-lane closures in areas.

Cleveland Construction was awarded the contract for the pressure booster station and has provided submittals (a type of shop drawing) for the booster station for review and approval. The materials will be ordered and active construction is anticipated to begin in the late winter/early spring.

Additional details and information regarding the start of construction will be provided as soon as possible. We are excited to begin work on these critical projects!