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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-19-06

DATE: March 11, 2019

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT NAME: Motel Partners 1

FACILITY NAME: Econo Lodge

FACILITY LOCATION: 4953 North Reserve St., Missoula, MT 59808

COUNTY: Missoula

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Grant Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0029840

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

DEQ is proposing a draft Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit renewal for the Econo Lodge noncontact cooling water heat exchanger. When air coolers cannot handle the demand for heat exchange, ground water is piped through the heat exchanger, circulated using three variable speed pumps, and discharged directly to Grant Creek on the west side of the motel parking lot. Typically, well water is used for cooling from April through October of each year with a maximum discharge of 60 gallons per minute.

Noncontact cooling water discharges do not contain or come in contact with raw materials, intermediate products, finished products, or process wastes. The only pollutant added is temperature. The facility is not a new or increased source. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring and reporting of discharge quality. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 10, 2019.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS April 10, 2019** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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