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Rural Development Approves \$55,000 Grant to Central Hampshire Public Service District

Morgantown, WV – March 15, 2004: State Director Jenny Phillips today announced that Rural Development has approved subsequent grant funding in the amount of \$55,000 for Central Hampshire Public Service District in Romney, Hampshire County, WV. The assistance will be made through the rural utilities program.

The grant will allow for the construction of various waterline extensions, two storage tanks, and a booster station to serve approximately 340 new customers within Hampshire County, WV. The extensions will consist of approximately 150,000 linear feet of waterline to serve the Dunkark Church Road, Route 29, Shanholtz Road, Hoy Road, Allen Hill Road, Jersey Mountain Road, and Route 28 areas.

"This project will demonstrate the commitment of Rural Development to the future of our rural communities," Phillips said. "This investment will improve economic opportunities for our rural families." This is a subsequent grant to complete a total Rural Development funding package of \$3,152,000.

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