



## **Citizens-Lebanon Water Supply Program Citizens Water Proposal to Serve Lebanon Utilities**

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Citizens Energy Group's water utility (hereafter "Citizens Water"), in coordination with the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) and Lebanon Utilities, is proposing to provide up to 25 million gallons of water per day (MGD) to Lebanon Utilities through a wholesale agreement.

Citizens Water is committed to protecting its current customers from bearing any costs associated with water infrastructure to provide service to Lebanon Utilities.

The infrastructure would be funded through forgivable loans from the Indiana Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Bonds would be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$700,000,000 in accordance with the Resolution adopted and approved by the Board of Directors for Utilities of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Indianapolis ("Citizens") on August 21, 2024. Rates from Citizens Water's existing customers will not be used to bear costs associated with this project.

Construction to provide Lebanon Utilities with 25 MGD would require approximately six years with interim water-delivery milestones and will include new water mains, booster stations, tanks, and treatment upgrades.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Citizens Water annually reviews and updates its strategic water resource plans for providing water to Central Indiana, considering normal and drought conditions up to 50 years into the future; this process includes collaborating with surrounding communities to examine regional water needs. The proposed water infrastructure to Lebanon Utilities is in line with this strategic process and is necessary to meet the regional growth needs of the City of Lebanon.

Citizens Water's robust, regional water system is composed of 10 water treatment plants along with natural water resources including the White River, Fall Creek, four water supply reservoirs (Eagle Creek, Geist, Citizens, and Morse), and groundwater wells.

Citizens Water's current treatment capacity is 256 MGD. With the addition of service to Lebanon Utilities, the regional water supply system capacity would be expanded to nearly 300 MGD.

Because Citizens Water already serves portions of Boone County, a long-haul pipeline is not needed. Citizens Water would not tap water from other utilities or communities to sell to Lebanon Utilities.

Under this proposal, Lebanon Utilities would be a wholesale customer of Citizens Water much like the city of Westfield, the town of Whitestown, the town of Brownsburg, and other communities in Central Indiana.

The 25 MGD in water supply being proposed for Lebanon Utilities would not impact the ability of Citizens Water to serve existing customers in Marion County, Hamilton County, or other regional wholesale customers, even in times of drought.