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Lincoln, Pryor, Berry, Announce Rural Development Funds for Well to Serve Clay, Craighead and Greene Counties

Washington – U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor and U.S. Representative Marion Berry (AR-01) announced today that St. Francis River Regional Water District will receive a \$266,500 USDA Rural Development grant and \$337,000 loan to construct a new well in Marmaduke that will serve as an additional source of water in Clay, Craighead and Greene counties. The funds will be used to construct the well, a well house, backup generators and booster pump stations.

“This Rural Development Grant will increase capacity to provide water for rural residents in Northeast Arkansas,” Lincoln said. “I am committed to securing funding for Arkansas’ rural communities that have been hit especially hard during these tough economic times.”

“A community can’t grow without a strong water system to support families and businesses,” Pryor said. “These funding resources will help foster economic development and job creation across Clay, Craighead, and Greene counties.”

“Access to clean, safe water is essential for any community to prosper and rural communities are no exception,” said Berry. “This funding will allow these communities to improve and modernize their water infrastructure, which continue to support growth and the local economy.”

The well will provide a backup source of water and boost the St. Francis River Regional Water District’s existing infrastructure. USDA Rural Development grants support public facilities and services, promote economic development, and offer technical assistance to help address the diverse and unique needs of rural communities.