

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In re:)	
)	
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA,)	Case No. 11-05736-TBB
a political subdivision of the State of)	
Alabama,)	Chapter 9
)	
Debtor.)	

NOTICE OF SECOND SEWER RATE HEARING

Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), the debtor in the above-captioned chapter 9 case, hereby advises that the notice attached hereto as Exhibit A has been posted in the County Courthouse and will be advertised in several forthcoming editions of the *Birmingham News*.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of July, 2012.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To Jefferson County Sewer System Ratepayers, Creditors and Other Interested Persons:

Please take notice that the Jefferson County Commission (the "Commission") will hold a public hearing (the "Hearing") on **Tuesday, July 24, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at the Bessemer Courthouse, 1851 2nd Avenue North, in Bessemer, Alabama. The purpose of the Hearing is to receive testimony from invited witnesses and public comments from ratepayers, creditors and any other parties (collectively, "Interested Persons") who are or may be affected by the Jefferson County Sanitary Sewer System (the "System") on the question of what reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations fixing rates and charges for sewer service the Commission should consider adopting or amending. All Interested Persons are invited to attend and comment.

At the Hearing, the Commission intends to hear from one or more invited witnesses. These witnesses will be given priority in order of presentation at the hearing. Any Interested Person who wishes to speak at the Hearing must sign up on the sign-up sheet before the time the Hearing begins. The sign-up sheet will be available in the County Manager's Office in the Jefferson County Courthouse, Second Floor, Room 251, 716 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard North in Birmingham, Alabama during normal business hours until 3 p.m. on July 24, 2012, after which time the sign-up sheet will be available at the Bessemer Courthouse. The Commission will limit Interested Persons' time for commentary to no more than three (3) minutes. The Commission also invites Interested Persons to submit in advance of the Hearing any written comments or material they want the Commission to consider in connection with the fixing of rates and charges for sewer service or the fixing of a rate structure. All written submissions must be delivered to the County Manager's Office before the Hearing begins.

Among other topics, the Commission seeks information regarding the costs of operating and maintaining the System in a sound, responsible manner, including appropriate renewal and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure; the level of future capital expenditures required for compliance with applicable state and federal law; the financial burden of System rates on households and businesses in the community; and the propriety of current and potential alternative rate structures. The Hearing will be recorded contemporaneously and a transcribed record of the Hearing will be prepared for the Commission's use.

This is the second of several hearings the Commission intends to hold on this important topic. A subsequent hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 21, 2012, at a time and location in Jefferson County to be determined and announced by the Commission.