



For Immediate Release

**City of Ocean Springs and Ocean Springs High School to benefit  
from completed \$3.8 Million Jackson County Southern Water Supply Project**

**Jackson County, MS** (October 19, 2016) – The Jackson County Utility Authority (JCUA) has completed the *Jackson County Southern Water Supply Project* benefiting both the City of Ocean Springs and Ocean Springs High School.

“This completed project provides a new water supply well and elevated storage tank for the regional water supply system serving both the City of Ocean Springs and Ocean Springs High School,” said Tommy Fairfield, Executive Director of JCUA. “This project also expands water delivery to residents in the neighborhoods south of Old Spanish Trail near Belle Fountain Road.”

The JCUA Regional Water Supply System is a Mississippi Department of Health 5.0 rated water supply system. The system has maintained this highest rating since commencement of operations by JCUA.

The new water supply capacity added by the regional system facilitated the construction of the new Ocean Springs High School, and is presently providing the City of Ocean Springs over 10,000,000 gallons of potable water each month.

“It is also important to note this water supply has enabled JCUA to provide fire hydrants along Belle Fountaine Road as an added fire protection resource for local fire departments,” said Fairfield.

The elevated storage tank site was provided by the Ocean Springs School District. The \$3,835,288.00 construction cost for the tank and well was funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Loan Program. This project did not increase or impact JCUA’s current rate of \$2.98 per thousand gallons for wholesale wastewater treatment or any rates for wholesale or retail water.

The Jackson County Utility Authority (JCUA) transports and treats approximately 13.2 million gallons of wastewater per day under the strict guidelines of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, and also provides water to the City of Ocean Springs on a wholesale basis by contract. JCUA has no role in water systems with the cities of Pascagoula, Gautier or Moss Point. JCUA has agreements with the following municipalities and entities. JCUA does not serve individual residents, households or individual businesses. JCUA charges an equal rate of \$2.98 per thousand gallons. The amount each JCUA customer pays is determined by the percentage of wastewater flow they produce each month. There was no JCUA rate increase for 2016.

**JCUA Customer Base:**

City of Ocean Springs	West Jackson County Utility District	Helena Utility District
City of Pascagoula	Saint Andrews Utilities	Houston Estates
City of Moss Point / Escatawpa	Utility Services	
City of Gautier		

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