

**PRESS RELEASE**

**JCUA WASTEWATER TREATMENT RATES FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMER  
REMAINS THE SAME**

The Jackson County Utility Authority has advised after opportunity for public comment that its 2018 fiscal year treatment rate will not increase for the third consecutive year.

The Jackson County Utility Authority operates a wholesale wastewater treatment system that treats the sewer from the cities of Pascagoula, Moss Point, Gautier and Ocean Springs, the West Jackson County Utility District and other public entities in Jackson County.

Through its diligent efforts, hard work and responsible physical management, the JCUA has maintained its estimated treatment rate of \$2.98 per 1,000 gallons of sewer, which the collecting entities deliver to the JCUA for treatment.

This has resulted in a reduction in the cost of sewer treatment to the cities of Moss Point, Pascagoula, Gautier and Ocean Springs, although several of these cities' percentage of wastewater flow actually increased.

The JCUA thanks its management and staff and its seven member Board of Directors, which includes representatives from the cities of Pascagoula, Moss Point, Gautier and Ocean Springs, and three representatives from the unincorporated areas of Jackson County.

The JCUA is pleased it is able to commit its mission without an increase in treatment rates and to actually deliver a reduction in cost to the cities for fiscal year 2018. The JCUA is also pleased that its Pascagoula-Moss Point facility was selected as the Plant of the Year in Mississippi for the fourth time, and that both its east and west water systems received a continuation of a perfect "5.0" rating from the Mississippi Department of Health.