# JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA SEWER REVENUE WARRANTS

Series Designations and CUSIP Numbers on Attached Schedule A

# MATERIAL EVENT NOTICE March 9, 2009

The following information is provided by Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County") pursuant to certain Continuing Disclosure Agreements executed and delivered by the County in connection with the issuance of certain of the warrants set forth on the attached Schedule A (the "Warrants"), in compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12. Certain of the Warrants were issued at fixed interest rates (the "Fixed Rate Warrants" shown on Schedule A), others were issued as variable rate demand warrants (the "Variable Rate Demand Warrants" shown on Schedule A) and others were issued as auction rate warrants (the "Auction Rate Warrants" shown on Schedule A). Although the County has no Continuing Disclosure Agreement with regard to the Series 2002-A Warrants described in Schedule A (due to their exemption from the continuing disclosure obligations of SEC Rule 15c2-12), the County has nonetheless determined to include such Warrants in this Notice in order to provide a more thorough description of the events reflected herein.

The County filed material event notices dated February 20, 2008, February 27, 2008, March 4, 2008, March 11, 2008, March 31, 2008, April 1, 2008, June 2, 2008, June 9, 2008, June 30, 2008, August 1, 2008, August 13, 2008, September 10, 2008, September 22, 2008, October 6, 2008, October 9, 2008, October 24, 2008, October 28, 2008, November 10, 2008, December 8, 2008, December 19, 2008, January 5, 2009 and February 24, 2009 with regard to the Warrants (collectively, the "Prior Notices"). This material event notice describes certain events that have occurred subsequent to the filing of the Prior Notices.

The Warrants were issued and are outstanding under a Trust Indenture dated as of February 1, 1997, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Trust Indenture") between the County and The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Trustee").

#### **Extension of Liquidity Facility Forbearance Agreements**

As described in Prior Notices, the County entered into a separate Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, with each of the banks (the "Liquidity Providers") providing a Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement (the "Liquidity Facilities") with respect to Variable Rate Demand Warrants, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the "Trustee"), Syncora Guarantee (formerly XL Capital Assurance) ("Syncora") and Financial Guaranty Insurance Corporation ("FGIC"), which were subsequently extended by all the parties. On February 20, 2009, the County entered into a separate letter agreement with each of the Liquidity Providers and the Liquidity Agent which further extended the forbearance period. The letter agreements provide that it is not the Liquidity Providers current intent to exercise their rights and remedies prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on April 20, 2009, provided that the

Liquidity Providers have reserved the right to exercise their rights and remedies at any time in their sole discretion (the Forbearance Agreements and Reservation of Rights with respect to the Liquidity Facilities, as amended and described above, are collectively referred to as the "Liquidity Facility Forbearance Agreements").

Copies of the Liquidity Facility Forbearance Agreements are available on the County's Department of Finance website at <a href="https://www.jeffcofinance.com">www.jeffcofinance.com</a>.

### **Extension of Swap Forbearance Agreements**

As described in Prior Notices, the County entered into a separate Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, with each of the counterparties to the County's interest rate swap transactions with respect to the Warrants, which were subsequently extended by all the parties. On Feburary 20, 2009, JPMorgan Chase Bank ("JPMorgan"), Bear Stearns Capital Markets Inc. ("Bear Stearns"), and Bank of America, N.A. extended the forbearance period with regard to its interest rate swap transactions through April 20, 2009, subject to termination at any time at the discretion of such counterparties, provided that such counterparties have reserved the right to exercise their rights and remedies at any time in their sole discretion (the Forbearance Agreements and Reservation of Rights with respect to the interest rate swap transactions, as amended as described above, are collectively referred to as the "Swap Forbearance Agreements"). The Swap Forbearance Agreement with Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("Lehman") expired on November 17, 2008 and as of the date of this Notice, the County has not obtained an extension.

Copies of the Swap Forbearance Agreements are available on the County's Department of Finance website at www.jeffcofinance.com.

#### **Termination of JPMorgan and Bear Stearns Swap Transactions**

The County received notices dated March 2, 2009 from both JPMorgan and Bear Stearns designating March 3, 2009 as the Early Termination Date under the Swap Agreements (defined below) with regard to each of the interest rate swap transactions between JPMorgan, Bear Stearns and the County. By separate notices, both JPMorgan and Bear Stearns provided calculations of the aggregate swap termination payments due JPMorgan and Bear Stearns of \$647,804,118 and \$9,060,896, respectively.

The County has not made any periodic payments with regard to the interest rate swap transactions with JPMorgan or Bear Stearns since the date of the original Swap Forbearance Agreement, and net payments from the County to JPMorgan and Bear Stearns will be due upon expiration of the Swap Forbearance Agreement in addition to the termination payments. As described in a Prior Notice, the County's obligations to JPMorgan and Bear Stearns with regard to swap termination payments under the ISDA Master Agreements and related schedules and annexes (collectively, the "Swap Agreements") that govern such transactions are secured by a pledge of the net sewer revenues of the County that is on a parity with the pledge of such net revenues for the benefit of the Warrants, except with respect to swap termination payments which are secured by a subordinate pledge. No assurances can be given that the County will be

able to obtain further extensions of the forbearance agreements with respect to such interest rate swap transactions.

## **Rating Actions**

#### **Downgrades**

At the time of their issuance, the various series of Warrants issued to the public were insured either by Financial Security Assurance Inc., Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC") or Syncora Guarantee (formerly XL Capital Assurance) ("Syncora"), as reflected on Schedule A, and were assigned ratings by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and Fitch Ratings Ltd. ("Fitch"). The ratings on the Warrants have been previously downgraded as described in the Prior Notices.

On January 29, 2009, the long-term insured rating assigned to those Warrants insured by Syncora was further reduced from "B" to "CC" by S&P in conjunction with the corresponding reduction in such rating agency's financial strength and financial enhancement rating of Syncora. The current reduced rating of the Syncora insured Warrants is classified as "Outlook Negative" by S&P.

Similarly, on March 9, 2009 the long-term insured rating assigned to those Warrants insured by Syncora was further reduced from "Caa1" to "Ca" by Moody's in conjunction with the corresponding reduction in such rating agency's financial strength and financial enhancement rating of Syncora. The current reduced rating of the Syncora insured Warrants is classified as "Outlook Developing" by Moody's. Fitch withdrew its long-term insured rating assigned to the Syncora insured Warrants on September 5, 2008.

## Suspensions

On March 28, 2008, S&P lowered its financial strength rating on FGIC from "A" to "BB" resulting in a suspension of the rating assigned to the Series 2002 A Warrants. In its ratings release issued on March 28, 2008, S&P states "Standard and Poor's believes that the credit characteristics of the underlying insured municipal, corporate, and structured transactions may be stronger than the FGIC-enhanced rating following the downgrade. For those issuers or issues for which we currently have an underlying rating, or SPUR, Standard & Poor's will rate to the higher of the SPUR or the insurer. Standard and Poor's has suspended its ratings on those issuers or issues that do not currently carry a SPUR." At the time of issuance, a SPUR was not obtained for the Series 2002 A Warrants.

Likewise, on November 18, 2008, S&P lowered its financial strength rating on Syncora from "BBB-" to "B" and suspended its ratings on all municipal transactions insured by Syncora that do not have a SPUR. At the time of issuance, a SPUR was not obtained for the Syncora insured Series 2002 C Warrants, prompting S&P to suspend its rating assigned to the Series 2002 C Warrants.

#### Corrections

On December 1, 2008 the long-term insured rating associated with the Syncora insured Series 2003 B-2 through Series 2003 B-7 Warrants was inadvertently suspended by S&P in their internal system. In addition, on December 12, 2008, the SPUR associated with the Series 2003 B-2 through Series 2003 B-7 Warrants was also inadvertently suspended by S&P in their internal system. On February 20, 2009, S&P reinstated both the long-term insured rating ("CC") and the SPUR ("D") for the Series 2003 B-2 through Series 2003 B-7 Warrants and issued an accompanying ratings release.

The ratings releases issued by S&P as well as a description of the S&P credit rating definitions can be obtained from the S&P website at <a href="www.standardandpoors.com">www.standardandpoors.com</a>. A rating reflects only the view of the agency assigning such rating and is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Warrants. Such rating may be changed at any time, and no assurance can be given that it will not be subject to further revision or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency if, in its judgment, the circumstances so warrant. Any further reduction or withdrawal of the ratings on the Warrants may have an adverse effect on the market price of the affected Warrants.

# **SCHEDULE A**

| Fixed Rate V    | Warrants               |                      | Bond<br>Insurer    |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Series 1997 A   |                        |                      |                    |
| Series 1997 II  | CUSIP                  | _                    |                    |
|                 | 472682NV1              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682NW9              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682NX7              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682MC4<br>472682MD2 |                      | FGIC<br>FGIC       |
| Saving 2001 4   |                        |                      |                    |
| Series 2001 A   | CUSIP                  | _                    |                    |
|                 | 472682JB0              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JC8              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JD6              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JE4              |                      | FGIC<br>FGIC       |
|                 | 472682JF1<br>472682JG9 |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JH7              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JJ3              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JL8              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JM6              |                      | FGIC               |
|                 | 472682JN4              |                      | FGIC               |
| Series 2003 A   |                        | <u> </u>             |                    |
| _               | CUSIP<br>010653QU0     | _                    |                    |
|                 | 010653QV8              |                      |                    |
|                 | 010653QW6              |                      |                    |
|                 | 010653QX4              |                      |                    |
|                 | 010653QY2              |                      |                    |
|                 | 010653QZ9              |                      |                    |
|                 | 010653RA3              |                      |                    |
| Series 2003-B-8 | CI TOTA                | _                    |                    |
| _               | CUSIP                  | _                    | EG A               |
|                 | 472682ML4<br>472682MM2 |                      | FSA<br>FSA         |
|                 | 472682MN0              |                      | FSA                |
|                 | 472682MP5              |                      | FSA                |
|                 | 472682MQ3              |                      | FSA                |
|                 | 472682MR1              |                      | FSA                |
|                 | 472682MS9              |                      | FSA                |
| Variable Ra     | te Demand Wa           | rrants               |                    |
| Series 2002 A   |                        |                      |                    |
|                 | CUSIP                  | Subseries            |                    |
|                 | 472682JW4              | 2002 A               | FGIC               |
| Series 2002 C   |                        |                      |                    |
|                 | CUSIP                  | Subseries            | 0                  |
|                 | 472682KE2              | 2002 C-2             | Syncora            |
|                 | 472682KF9<br>472682KG7 | 2002 C-3<br>2002 C-4 | Syncora<br>Syncora |
|                 | 472682KJ1              | 2002 C-4<br>2002 C-6 | Syncora            |
|                 | 472682KK8              | 2002 C-7             | Syncora            |
| Series 2003 B   |                        |                      |                    |
|                 | CUSIP                  | Subseries            |                    |
|                 | 472682LN1              | 2003 B-2             | Syncora            |
|                 | 472682LP6              | 2003 B-3             | Syncora            |
|                 | 472682LQ4              | 2003 B-4             | Syncora            |
|                 | 472682LR2<br>472682LS0 | 2003 B-5<br>2003 B-6 | Syncora<br>Syncora |
|                 | 472682LS0<br>472682LT2 | 2003 B-0<br>2003 B-7 | Syncora            |
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| Auction Rat   | e Warrants |            | Bond<br>Insurer |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Series 2002 C |            |            |                 |
|               | CUSIP      | Subseries  |                 |
|               | 472682KA0  | 2002 C-1-A | Syncora         |
|               | 472682KB8  | 2002 C-1-B | Syncora         |
|               | 472682KC6  | 2002 C-1-C | Syncora         |
|               | 472682KD4  | 2002 C-1-D | Syncora         |
|               | 472682KH5  | 2002 C-5   | Syncora         |
| Series 2003 B |            |            |                 |
|               | CUSIP      | Subseries  |                 |
|               | 472682LH4  | 2003 B-1-A | FGIC            |
|               | 472682LJ0  | 2003 B-1-B | FGIC            |
|               | 472682LK7  | 2003 B-1-C | FGIC            |
|               | 472682LL5  | 2003 B-1-D | FGIC            |
|               | 472682LM3  | 2003 B-1-E | FGIC            |
| Series 2003 C |            |            |                 |
|               | CUSIP      | Subseries  |                 |
|               | 472682NA7  | 2003 C-1   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682NB5  | 2003 C-2   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682NC3  | 2003 C-3   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682ND1  | 2003 C-4   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682NE9  | 2003 C-5   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682NF6  | 2003 C-6   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682NG4  | 2003 C-7   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682NH2  | 2003 C-8   | FGIC            |
|               | 472682NJ8  | 2003 C-9   | FSA             |
|               | 472682NK5  | 2003 C-10  | FSA             |