# JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA SEWER REVENUE WARRANTS

#### Series Designations and CUSIP Numbers on Attached Schedule A

### MATERIAL EVENT NOTICE July 6, 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, February 24, 2009, March 9, 2009, April 6, 2009 and May 4, 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").

#### **Payment Default**

Debt service payments on certain of the Warrants were due on July 1, 2009. The Trustee applied net sewer revenues from the County to the payment of all interest due on the Warrants on such date. Certain Warrants have been purchased by a Liquidity Provider pursuant to a Liquidity Facility (see below and Prior Notices) and are insured by a bond insurance policy issued by Financial Guaranty Insurance Corporation ("FGIC"). Such FGIC-insured Warrants were called for redemption on July 1, 2009 pursuant to the accelerated amortization provisions of such Liquidity Facility and were paid from a draw on the FGIC bond insurance policy insuring the payment of such Warrants because the County's net sewer revenues were not sufficient to make such payment. Certain other Warrants have been purchased by other Liquidity Providers pursuant to Liquidity Facilities (see below and Prior Notices) and are insured by bond insurance policies issued by Syncora Guarantee Inc. ("Syncora"). Such Syncora-insured Warrants were

called for redemption in part on July 1, 2009 pursuant to the accelerated amortization provisions of such Liquidity Facilities. Syncora has suspended payment on its insurance policies, and the County's net sewer revenues were not sufficient to redeem the Syncora-insured warrants. As a result, the \$46,056,250 aggregate principal amount of Syncora-insured Warrants called for redemption on July 1, 2009 was not paid by either the County or Syncora.

### **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 Trustee, Syncora and FGIC (the Forbearance Agreements and Reservation of Rights with respect to the Liquidity Facilities, as amended as described below, are collectively referred to as the "Liquidity Facility Forbearance Agreements"). Each of the Liquidity Providers subsequently agreed to extensions of the forbearance period through June 30, 2009. By letter dated June 30, 2009, JPMorgan Chase Bank, in its capacity as a Liquidity Provider ("JPMorgan"), further extended the forbearance period with regard to the Variable Rate Demand Warrants purchased by it pursuant to its Liquidity Facilities. The letter provides that it is not JPMorgan's current intent to exercise its rights and remedies prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2009, provided that JPMorgan reserves the right to exercise its rights and remedies at any time prior to such date in its sole discretion. The other Liquidity Providers elected not to extend their forbearance beyond June 30, 2009, and the Liquidity Facility Forbearance Agreements with such Liquidity Providers expired on such date.

A copy of the JPMorgan letter is available on the County's Investor Relations website at <u>www.jeffcofinance.com</u>.

### **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. JPMorgan, Bear Stearns Capital Markets Inc. ("Bear Stearns"), and Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank of America") (the Forbearance Agreements and Reservation of Rights with respect to the interest rate swap transactions, as amended as described below, are collectively referred to as the "Swap Forbearance Agreements"). Each of these counterparties subsequently agreed to extensions of the forbearance period with regard to its interest rate swap transactions through June 30, 2009. By letter dated June 30, 2009, JPMorgan and Bear Stearns further extended the forbearance period with regard to their interest rate swap transactions. The letters provide that it is not JPMorgan's or Bear Stearns' current intent to exercise their rights and remedies prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2009, provided each reserves the right to exercise their rights and remedies at any time prior to such date in their sole discretion. Bank of America elected not to extend its forbearance beyond June 30, 2009, and the Swap Forbearance Agreement with Bank of America expired on such date. A Swap Forbearance Agreement with Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. expired on November 17, 2008. The lien on the net

revenues from the County's sewer system securing the County's obligations to the counterparties is described in Prior Notices.

Copies of the JPMorgan and Bear Stearns letters are available on the County's Investor Relations website at <u>www.jeffcofinance.com</u>.

### **Rating Downgrade**

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

On May 11, 2009, the long-term insured rating assigned to those Warrants insured by FSA was reduced from "AAA" to "AA+" by Fitch in conjunction with the corresponding reduction in such rating agency's financial strength and financial enhancement rating of FSA. The current reduced rating of the FSA insured Warrants is classified as "Ratings Watch Negative" by Fitch.

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	Varrants		Bond Insurer
Series 1997 A			
	CUSIP		
	472682NV1		FGIC
	472682NW9		FGIC
	472682NX7		FGIC
	472682MC4		FGIC
	472682MD2		FGIC
Series 2001 A			
	CUSIP	_	
	472682JB0	_	FGIC
	472682JC8		FGIC
	472682JD6		FGIC
	472682JE4		FGIC
	472682JF1		FGIC
	472682JG9		FGIC
	472682JH7		FGIC
	472682JJ3		FGIC
	472682JL8		FGIC
	472682JM6		FGIC
	472682JN4		FGIC
Series 2003 A	CUSID	_	
	CUSIP 010653QU0	_	
	010653QV8		
	010653QW6		
	010653QX4		
	010653QY2		
	010653QZ9		
	010653RA3		
Series 2003-B-8			
	CUSIP		
	472682ML4		FSA
	472682MM2		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	
	472682KE2	2002 C-2	Syncora
			Supcore
	472682KF9	2002 C-3	Syncora
	472682KG7	2002 C-4	Syncora

## Series 2003 B

CUSIP	Subseries	
472682LN1	2003 B-2	Syncora
472682LP6	2003 B-3	Syncora
472682LQ4	2003 B-4	Syncora
472682LR2	2003 B-5	Syncora
472682LS0	2003 B-6	Syncora
472682LT2	2003 B-7	Syncora

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Auction Rate	e Warrants		Bond 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 В-1-Е	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