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May 30, 2008

Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and JPMorgan Chase Bank

# Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2002, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$73,700,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2002-C-2 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any

of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual 1. restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically (a) any other and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter; (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,056,305.47 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,056,305.47 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter; or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial 2. payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee

agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3, 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,056,305.47. and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,056,305.47; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto. (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$1,056,305.47 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the

Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or 5. shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 6. Scope of Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 7. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution. delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 9. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.

- 10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- 11. <u>Due Authorization</u>; <u>Integration</u>. Each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 12. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively in an effort to achieve a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and of course, we remain willing to discuss any issue with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

By: Bettye Fine Collins
Title: PRESIDENT

FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY

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May 30, 2008

Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and The Bank of New York

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Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2003, among Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Trustee"), The Bank of New York (the "Bank"), as liquidity provider, and JPMorgan Chase Bank (the "Liquidity Agent"), as liquidity agent, relating to the County's Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants, Series 2003-B-3 and Series 2003-B-4 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA"), the Liquidity Agent, and the Bank, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008 (the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Original Forbearance Agreement. The documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement." Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

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- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual 1. restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement: provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any other Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$723,465.24 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$723,465.24 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter, or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial 2. payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank

Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3, 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$723,465.24, and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$723,465.24; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$723,465.24 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period termination event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable the Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. Expiration Date. The Expiration Date (as such term is defined in the Standby Agreement) shall not occur until the end of the Forbearance Period; provided, however, that for purposes of the definition of "Bank Rate" in the Standby Agreement, the Expiration Date shall remain at April 23, 2008 as set forth in the Forbearance Agreement. XLCA confirms that the Bank Rate as calculated in conformity with the preceding sentence constitutes the Bank Rate for purposes of the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy.
- 5. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or 6. shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 7. Scope of Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or a modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter),

the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 8. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy. the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby

Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

- 10. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.
- 11. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- variants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; provided, however, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 13. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively in an effort to achieve a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and of course, we remain willing to discuss any issue with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: Title: BRIAN J. KENNEDY VICE PRESIDENT

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FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and Bank of America, N.A.

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2002, among Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and Bank of America, N.A., as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$98,300,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2002-C-3 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights (Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement - Bank of America, N.A.), dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, the Liquidity Agent, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and the Original Forbearance Agreement, as acknowledged and agreed to by the County and the Liquidity Agent (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any

of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual 1. restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any other Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,378,744.45 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,378,744.45 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter; or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial 2. payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon

expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 1, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3, 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,378,744.45 and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,378,744.45; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$1,378,744.45 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the

Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or 5. shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies. and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 6. Scope of Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be

changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 7. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution. delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

- 9. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.
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- Each Party hereto represents and Due Authorization: Integration. 11. warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; provided, however, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 12. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

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Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and The Bank of Nova Scotia

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2003, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and The Bank of Nova Scotia, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$73,700,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2002-C-4 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual 1. restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any other Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter; (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,065,551.04 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,065,551.04 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter; or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- 2. Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default. interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank

Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3, 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,065,551.04, and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,065,551.04; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$1,065,551,04 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims. causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies. and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 6. Scope of Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 7. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- 8. Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 9. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.

- 10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- 11. <u>Due Authorization: Integration.</u> Each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 12. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

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We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively in an effort to achieve a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and of course, we remain willing to discuss any issue with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM R. COLLINS MANAGING DIRECTOR

CONSENT AND AGREE:

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

PRESIDENT

FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

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# JPMorgan 🗘

May 30, 2008

Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and JPMorgan Chase Bank

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 1, 2002, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$110,000,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2002-A (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008) (the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual 1. restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank has agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008 the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter; or (d) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial 2. payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and FGIC acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. FGIC approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond

Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

- 3. Payment of Principal. As set forth in the Bank's letter to the Trustee. dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice (the "Redemption Date Deferral Letter") a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A, the Bank agreed to defer (i) to July 1, 2008 the entire \$8,100,000 that would otherwise be scheduled to be redeemed on June 1, 2008, as modified by the Notice and Officer's Certificate (as defined in the Redemption Date Deferral Letter) and (ii) to August 1, 2008, (a) the entire \$8,100,000 of the amount that would otherwise be scheduled to be redeemed on June 1, 2008, as modified by the Notice and Officer's Certificate that was deferred to July 1, 2008 pursuant to clause (i) above, and (b) the entire \$8,970,000 originally scheduled to be redeemed on July 1, 2008, as modified by the Notice and Officer's Certificate. The Bank and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement so as to enable the Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and FGIC acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. FGIC approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Redemption Date Deferral Letter.
- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- 5. Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all

documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.

- 6. Scope of Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.
- 7. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- 8. Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does

not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. FGIC hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

- 9. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.
- 10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
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on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

12. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Indenture or any other Related Document.

We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively in an effort to achieve a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and of course, we remain willing to discuss any issue with you at your convenience.

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

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**VICE PRESIDENT** 

Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and Societe Generale, New York Branch

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2003, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and Societe Generale, New York Branch, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$55,000,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2003-B-2 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 14, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee
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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, as Liquidity Agent
By:
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of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any other Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$790,495.56 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$790,495.56 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter, or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial 2. payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon

expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3, 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$790,495.56, and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$790,495.56; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$790,495.56 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank

shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. Expiration Date. The Expiration Date (as such term is defined in the Standby Agreement) shall not occur until the end of the Forbearance Period; provided, however, that for purposes of the definition of "Bank Rate" in the Standby Agreement, the Expiration Date shall remain at April 23, 2008 as set forth in the Forbearance Agreement. XLCA confirms that the Bank Rate as calculated in conformity with the preceding sentence constitutes the Bank Rate for purposes of the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy.
- 5. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 7. <u>Scope of Agreement</u>. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the

Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 8. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution. delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any

rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

- 10. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.
- 11. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- **12.** <u>Due Authorization</u>; <u>Integration</u>. Each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 13. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively in an effort to achieve a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and of course, we remain willing to discuss any issue with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

SOCIETE GENERALE, NEW YORK BRANCH

By: Title: Dicector

CONSENT AND AGREE:

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

By: Metty's Sine College
Title: PRESIDENT

FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

SERIES 2003-B-2 SEWER WARRANTS

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XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

By: Steel & Xfr.
Title: MD+ Group HL., Son,

**SERIES 2003-B-2 SEWER WARRANTS** 

THE BANK	OF NEW	YORK,	as Trustee

By: VICE PRESIDENT

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, as Liquidity Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title:

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, as Liquidity Agent

By: \_\_

ANN KURINSKAS MANAGING DIRECTOR

SERIES 2003-8-1 SEWER WARRANTS

Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and Societe Generale, New York Branch

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2002, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and Societe Generale, New York Branch, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$147,600,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2002-C-6 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 14, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any

of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any other Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$2,091,808.43 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$2,091,808.43 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter, or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial 2. payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon

expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3. 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$2,091,808.43, and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$2,091,808.43; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$2,091,808.43 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

- 4. Expiration Date. The Expiration Date (as such term is defined in the Standby Agreement) shall not occur until the end of the Forbearance Period; provided, however, that for purposes of the definition of "Bank Rate" in the Standby Agreement, the Expiration Date shall remain at April 23, 2008 as set forth in the Forbearance Agreement. XLCA confirms that the Bank Rate as calculated in conformity with the preceding sentence constitutes the Bank Rate for purposes of the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy.
- 5. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 7. <u>Scope of Agreement</u>. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the

Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 8. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- The execution, Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any

rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

- 10. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.
- 11. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- 12. <u>Due Authorization</u>: <u>Integration</u>. Each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 13. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

We look forward to continuing to work cooperatively in an effort to achieve a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and of course, we remain willing to discuss any issue with you at your convenience.

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ANN KURINSKAS MANAGING DIRECTOR

SERIES 2002-C-6 SEWER WARRANTS

Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and Lloyds TSB Bank TLC

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2003, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and Lloyds TSB Bank TLC, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$73,700,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2003-B-7 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any other Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter; (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,517,427.88 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,517,427.88 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter; or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- 2. Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank

Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

3. Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,517,427.88, and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,517,427.88; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$1,517,427.88 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies. and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 6. Scope of Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 7. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 9. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.

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Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and State Street Bank and Trust Company

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2003, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$75,000,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2003-B-5 and \$15,000,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2003-B-6 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA"), the Liquidity Agent and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 14, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement. The documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the Forbearance Agreement. Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any

of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- 1. Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any other Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008 the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008 a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,297,845.79 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, and (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008 an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,297,845,78 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter and (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance letter to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate and expire.
- 2. Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amounts paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon

expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount payable on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

3. Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3, 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,297,845,79, and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$1,297,845.78, provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants and the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$1,297,305.78 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3. 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3,02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral or redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. Expiration Date. The Expiration Date (as such term is defined in the Standby Agreement) shall not occur until the end of the Forbearance Period; provided, however, that for purposes of the definition of "Bank Rate" in the Standby Agreement, the Expiration Date shall remain at April 23, 2008 as set forth in the Forbearance Agreement. XLCA confirms that the Bank Rate as calculated in conformity with the preceding sentence constitutes the Bank Rate for purposes of the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy.
- 5. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or 6. shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 7. Scope of Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the terms of the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the

Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 8. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- 9. Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond

Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

- 10. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.
- 11. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- 12. <u>Due Authorization</u>; <u>Integration</u>. Each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; provided, however, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 13. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

Sincerely,

STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Title: Timothy L. Batler
Senior Vice President

CONSENT AND AGREE:

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

By: Dettyw Jine Collins

Title: PRESIDENT

FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: Title

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: Title: Timothy L. Batler
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XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

By: Edward Gled
Title: President

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Title:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, as Liquidity Agent

By: \_\_\_\_ Title:

ANN KURINSKAS MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

Re: Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County, Alabama and XL Capital Assurance Inc.

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2002, among Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity provider, relating to Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2002-C-2 and the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreements annexed thereto as Schedule 1 (collectively, the "Standby Agreements"); (b) the various Forbearance Agreements and Reservations of Rights, each dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and each applicable Bank (collectively, the "Banks") (each as amended by a First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008) (collectively, as amended, the "Original Forbearance Agreements"); (c) the letters from each of the Banks to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreements and the Original Forbearance Agreements, and (d) the Forbearance Agreements between the County, each of the Banks (as applicable), the Trustee, XLCA and FGIC dated on or about May 30, 2008 (the "Subsequent Forbearance Letters") (the documents described in clauses (b), (c), and (d) are collectively referred to as the "Forbearance Agreements"). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreements or the Forbearance Agreements, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreements, the Banks agreed not to exercise any of their rights and remedies in respect of certain Events of Default under the Standby Agreements prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008. Such agreement terminates in the event that, among other things, interest and principal payments are not made to the Banks as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of the Subsequent Forbearance Letters.

The County, XLCA, and the Trustee agree to the terms of this letter agreement on the basis of the representations and agreements set forth herein.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual 1. restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of XLCA's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, XLCA has agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, XLCA shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that XLCA or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Master Indenture, the Standby Agreements, the Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Master Indenture or other Related Documents as of the date of this letter agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice (except as set forth below) upon the occurrence of any of the following: (a) the occurrence of an Event of Insolvency in respect of the County under clauses (a), (b), (c), or (f) (as clause (f) relates to clause (a), (b) or (c)) of the definition of such term in the Standby Agreement; (b) the occurrence of an Insurer Event of Default or any default under any DSRF Insurance Policy; (c) the commencement by the County, any Bond Insurer (other than XLCA), or other party of any action against Banks, Liquidity Agent, or Trustee or otherwise challenging the rights of Banks, Liquidity Agent, or Trustee under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, or other Related Documents or Banks', Liquidity Agent's, or Trustee's actions or omissions in connection therewith; (d) the commencement by the County of a case under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code; (e) Trustee's declaration pursuant to the Indenture that the Parity Securities are all immediately due and payable; (f) the County fails to make any payment of principal or interest on any of its outstanding sewer indebtedness as and when due and payable in accordance with the applicable documents governing such indebtedness, as modified by the Forbearance Agreements (other than the amounts expected to be drawn under XLCA's Municipal Bond Insurance Policies, as set forth in Section 3(ii) of each of the Subsequent Forbearance Letters); (g) the forbearance period under the Subsequent Forbearance Letters terminates or expires; (h) any breach by the County of its agreements or obligations under this agreement; and (i) upon five (5) business days written notice by XLCA to the Banks and the County, if XLCA determines in good faith that the County has no prospect of negotiating or has ceased negotiating in good faith with XLCA or the Banks, in each case during the Forbearance Period, the restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness (in a manner that will be reasonably acceptable to XLCA).
- 2. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery of (i) this letter and (ii) each of the Subsequent Forbearance Letters. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to

the Bond Insurers and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.

- Representations and Agreements by the County. The County hereby 3. represents and agrees (a) that the redemption schedule set forth in each Redemption Notice, as modified by certain Notice and Officer's Certificates and Redemption Date Deferral Letters (each dated May 29, 2008), sets forth the dates on which such principal installments on the Bank Warrants will be "Due for Payment" as such term is used in the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy; (b) in connection with any consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, the County shall reimburse XLCA for any then existing and unreimbursed draw under any XLCA Municipal Bond Insurance Policy; and (c) to (i) promptly provide the Bond Insurers with all information that is provided to any third party (including, without limitation, any Liquidity Agent, any Bank and/or any Swap Counterparty) in connection with any proposal by the County for the restructuring of its sewer related indebtedness and (ii) make reasonable efforts to arrange and conduct weekly conference calls between the County and the Bond Insurers and their respective professional advisors, at mutually convenient times, to provide the Bond Insurers with updates of the County's progress towards restructuring its sewer related indebtedness.
- 4. Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by the County or XLCA in relation to the Standby Agreements, the Forbearance Agreements, the Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the Master Indenture, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County from any of its obligations under the Standby Agreements, the Forbearance Agreements, the Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the Master Indenture, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreements, the Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the Master Indenture, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreements, the Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the Master Indenture, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- 5. <u>Scope of Agreement</u>. This letter does not constitute a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreements, the Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the Master Indenture, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreements, the Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the

Master Indenture, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 6. Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- 7. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.
- 8. <u>Counterparts.</u> This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- 9. <u>Due Authorization; Integration.</u> Each Party hereto represents and warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter (and any documents referred to herein) contains the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter, and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Forbearance Agreements, the Standby Agreements, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the Master Indenture, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 10. Consent. Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that any provision hereof constitutes an amendment to any relevant document requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

Sincerely,

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

By: Elw Afflet Title: President and Court Operating Officer

CONSENT AND AGREE:

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

By: Dettyk Face Allas
Title: PRESIDENT

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Title:

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## A REGIONS

Jefferson County, Alabama County Courthouse 716 Richard Arrington Boulevard Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: President of County Commission

> Re: Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement and Related Forbearance Agreement Between Jefferson County and Regions Bank

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to (a) the Standby Warrant Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2002, among the Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County"), The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, as liquidity agent (the "Liquidity Agent"), and Regions Bank, as liquidity provider (the "Bank"), relating to \$49,100,000 Jefferson County, Alabama Sewer Revenue Refunding Warrants Series 2002-C-7 (the "Standby Agreement"); (b) the Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of March 31, 2008, among the County, the Trustee, Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ("FGIC"), XL Capital Assurance Inc. ("XLCA") and the Bank (as amended by that certain First Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Reservation of Rights, dated as of April 15, 2008, the "Original Forbearance Agreement"); and (c) the letter from the Bank to the County dated May 13, 2008, regarding the Standby Agreement and the Forbearance Agreement (the documents described in clauses (b) and (c) are referred to as the "Forbearance Agreement"). Unless otherwise defined. capitalized terms are used herein as defined in the Standby Agreement or the Forbearance Agreement, as applicable.

As you know, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the County has acknowledged that Events of Default have occurred and are continuing under the Standby Agreement, that interest has accrued and continues to accrue at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants, and that all interest accrued at the Default Rate on the Bank Warrants in excess of the amount paid by the County to the Bank on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 (the "Unpaid Interest") shall be due and payable in full on June 1, 2008. Additionally, pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank stated its intention not to exercise any of its rights and remedies in respect of the above-referenced Events of Default prior to 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on May 30, 2008.

- Forbearance. In recognition of the ongoing efforts to reach a consensual restructuring of the County's sewer related indebtedness, and as a further expression of the Bank's and the Liquidity Agent's willingness to fully explore that mutual goal, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent have agreed to proceed as follows: Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, during the period (the "Forbearance Period") from the execution hereof by the Parties hereto until 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Birmingham, Alabama time) on July 31, 2008, the Bank and the Liquidity Agent shall forbear from exercising, and from directing or otherwise taking any action to cause the Trustee to exercise, any rights or remedies that the Bank, the Liquidity Agent or the Trustee has or may have, now or hereafter arising during the Forbearance Period, under or with respect to the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, other Related Documents or applicable law, as a result of any and all defaults and Events of Default existing under the Standby Agreement; provided that the Forbearance Period shall terminate automatically and without notice upon the occurrence of any of the following: Forbearance Period Termination Event shall occur (except for those Forbearance Period Termination Events set forth in subsections (a) and (f) of section 1 of the Original Forbearance Agreement), (b) the Bank shall not receive on June 2, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter, (c) the Bank shall not receive on July 1, 2008, the applicable interest payment described in Section 2 of this letter; (d) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, a principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$706,129.81 as described in clause (i) of Section 3 of this letter, (e) the Bank shall not receive on or before June 3, 2008, an additional principal payment on account of the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$706,129.81 as described in clause (ii) of Section 3 of this letter; or (f) the forbearance period under the forbearance agreement to be entered into between the County and XLCA shall terminate or expire.
- Payment of Interest. On each of June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008, in partial 2. payment of the amount of interest accrued on the Bank Warrants, the County shall pay or cause to be paid to the Bank interest on the Bank Warrants that has accrued at the Base Rate plus one percent (1.0%) per annum. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of interest by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the accrual and payment of interest in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. In accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, from January 24, 2008, the date of the first occurrence of any continuing Event of Default, interest on the Bank Warrants has accrued and will continue to accrue at the Default Rate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Forbearance Agreement, the County and XLCA acknowledge that all interest on the Bank Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amounts paid on April 1, 2008 and May 1, 2008 pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement, and in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2 shall be due and payable in full by the County upon expiration of the Forbearance Period. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent and the Trustee agree that until the expiration of the Forbearance Period, no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not pay interest on the Bank

Warrants accrued through July 1, 2008 in excess of the amount paid on June 2, 2008 and July 1, 2008 pursuant to this Section 2. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 2 and acknowledges and confirms that all interest accrued and accruing on the Bank Warrants is insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.

Payment of Principal. The Bank shall be paid (i) no later than June 3, 3. 2008, a partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$706,129.81, and (ii) no later than June 3, 2008, an additional partial principal payment on the Bank Warrants in the amount of \$706,129.81; provided, that the Parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the payment referenced in this clause (ii) shall be made by XLCA pursuant to the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the applicable Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and all documents related thereto, (b) the failure for any reason of the Bank to receive the \$706,129.81 payment referenced in this clause (ii) on or prior to June 3, 2008, shall constitute a Forbearance Period Termination Event, and (c) nothing contained herein shall create or cause to be incurred any separate or independent obligation of or by XLCA to make any payment under any Municipal Bond Insurance Policy or otherwise. Subject only to the forbearance in effect during the Forbearance Period, the acceptance of such partial payment of principal by the Bank shall not constitute a waiver of the Bank's rights under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Related Documents, and applicable law to the payment of principal in accordance with the terms of the Standby Agreement, the Related Documents and the Bank Warrants. The Bank, the Liquidity Agent, and the Trustee agree that until the termination of the Forbearance Period no additional Event of Default under the Standby Agreement will occur if the County does not redeem the Bank Warrants under Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement in excess of the amounts paid no later than June 3, 2008 pursuant to this Section 3 so as to enable Trustee to pay the first quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of April 2008 or the second quarterly principal installment originally scheduled to be paid on the first Business Day of July 2008. The County and XLCA acknowledge that nothing herein is intended or shall be deemed to prejudice or otherwise alter the County's covenants and agreements in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.02 of the Standby Agreement and that such covenants and agreements of the County shall be fully enforceable upon the expiration of the Forbearance Period. XLCA approves of the provisions of this Section 3 and acknowledges and confirms that all quarterly principal installments payable by the County in respect of the Bank Warrants are insured by the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. As long as the Forbearance Period has not terminated in accordance with the terms hereof, the Bank shall not deliver to the Trustee the notice referred to in the second paragraph of the Bank's letter to the Trustee, dated May 29, 2008, related to the deferral of redemption dates under the Redemption Notice, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. The obligations of the Parties hereunder and the enforceability of the terms and conditions of this letter against the Parties are conditioned expressly upon the execution and delivery (a) by the Parties of this letter and (b) of forbearance letters with respect to each of the Other Standby Agreements and Swap Agreement, which letters shall be in a form approved by Bank. Copies of all such documents shall be provided by the County to the Bank, the Liquidity Agent, the Bond Insurers, and the Trustee immediately upon their execution and delivery to the County.
- Reservation of Rights. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an alteration, waiver or release of any rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses by any of the Parties in relation to the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, any and all documents related thereto, or at law or in equity, and all such rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, and defenses of the Parties are hereby reserved. Nothing contained in this letter is intended as or shall constitute an admission of liability on the part of any Party, nor shall anything contained in this letter enhance, prejudice, or otherwise alter in any manner any Party's rights, remedies, claims, causes of action, or defenses against any other Party or Person. Nothing contained in this letter shall be deemed to waive any existing Events of Default, or relieve or release the County or the Bond Insurers from any of their respective obligations, as applicable, under the Standby Agreement, the Forbearance Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, or from the consequences of the existing Events of Default or any other Event of Default. This letter does not constitute an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. No failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right or power shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute an election of remedies.
- the Forbearance Agreement remain in full force and effect. Neither this letter nor the Forbearance Agreement constitutes a waiver, an amendment or modification of the Standby Agreement (except as expressly set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, or any Related Documents, and the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement (as modified by Sections 2 and 3 of this letter), the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, and all Related Documents shall remain in full force and effect. This letter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. The terms of this letter may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated orally, but only by an instrument or instruments in writing, signed by the Party against whom the enforcement of the change, modification, waiver, discharge or termination is asserted.

- 7. Reaffirmation of Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Undertakings of the County. The County hereby reaffirms that all representations and warranties made by the County in the Forbearance Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of this letter, and hereby reaffirms as of the date hereof each of its covenants and undertakings under the Forbearance Agreement. The execution, delivery and performance of this letter by the County has been duly authorized by all applicable procedures, and does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the County's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on the County (including any agreement between the County and any Bond Insurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration with any governmental authority that has not been obtained.
- Representations of Undersigned Bond Insurers. The execution, 8. delivery and performance of this letter agreement by each undersigned Bond Insurer does not contravene or constitute a default under any statute, regulation or rule of any governmental authority or under any provision of the respective Bond Insurer's organizational documents or any contractual restriction binding on such Bond Insurer (including any agreement between such Bond Insurer and any reinsurer) or require any authorization, consent, approval, exemption or license from, or any filing of registration by any officers or other internal authorities of such Bond Insurer or with any governmental authority that has not been obtained. XLCA hereby ratifies and confirms the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and its insurance, in accordance with the terms thereof, of all payments of principal and interest on the Bank Warrants, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Each undersigned Bond Insurer hereby ratifies and confirms the DSRF Insurance Policy issued by it, subject, to the extent applicable, to the terms and conditions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, as between each undersigned Bond Insurer, on the one hand, and the Bank and the Trustee, on the other, neither the execution and delivery of this letter agreement, nor performance hereunder, shall alter in any way (a) the rights of the Bank or the Trustee, or the obligations of any undersigned Bond Insurer, under each Bond Insurance Policy, nor constitute a defense to payment or release under any Bond Insurance Policy, and each undersigned Bond Insurer expressly waives the benefit of any rule of law or provision of any Related Document that would provide otherwise and (b) the rights and/or defenses of any undersigned Bond Insurer, as such rights and/or defenses existed prior to the execution of this letter agreement, under the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, the Bond Insurance Policies, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 9. Governing Law. This letter shall be deemed to be a contract under, and shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York and applicable federal law without regard to choice of law rules.

- 10. <u>Counterparts</u>. This letter may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same agreement among the Parties. Delivery of a counterpart hereof, or an executed signature hereto, by facsimile or by e-mail (in pdf or similar format) shall be effective as delivery of a manually-executed counterpart hereof.
- warrants that it has taken all necessary corporate or other applicable action to duly authorize its execution and delivery of this letter. This letter and the Forbearance Agreement (and any documents referred to herein or therein) contain the whole agreement among the Parties relating to the subject matter of this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, and supersede all previous understandings and agreements among the Parties relating thereto. Each Party acknowledges that, in agreeing to enter into this letter and the Forbearance Agreement, it has not relied on any representation or warranty (except those set forth in this letter or the Forbearance Agreement) made by or on behalf of the other Party or any other Person whatsoever before the execution of this letter; provided, however, that the Parties have relied on, and nothing in this Section shall alter in any way, the provisions of the Standby Agreement, the Bank Warrants, each Bond Insurance Policy, the other Related Documents, and any and all documents related thereto.
- 12. <u>Consent.</u> Please note that we have requested that the Trustee execute this letter for the sole and limited purpose of indicating its consent to the extent that Sections 2 and 3 of this letter constitute an amendment to the Standby Agreements requiring its consent. Furthermore, the Trustee has not agreed to any amendment, waiver or supplement to the Master Indenture or any Related Document (other than to the Standby Agreement as provided in Sections 2 and 3 of this letter) and has not agreed to forbear from exercising any remedy it has or may have under the Master Indenture or any other Related Document.

Sincerely,

REGIONS BANK

By: M. Grad Downey, H. Title: Vice President

CONSENT AND AGREE:

JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

itle: PRESIDENT

FINANCIAL GUARANTY INSURANCE COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_

XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE INC.

By: Mand Suffer Title: PD+ Grup 192, Sov.

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CONSENT AND AGREE:

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