# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:	)	
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA,	)	Case No. 11-05736-TBB9
a political subdivision of the State of	)	
Alabama,	)	Chapter 9
	)	_
Debtor.	)	

JEFFERSON COUNTY'S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION OF ORDER APPROVING
(A) THE FORM, SCOPE, AND NATURE OF SOLICITATION, BALLOTING,
TABULATION, AND NOTICES WITH RESPECT TO THE "CHAPTER 9 PLAN OF
ADJUSTMENT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA (DATED JULY 29, 2013)";
AND (B) RELATED CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES, DEADLINES, AND NOTICES
[DOCKET NO. 1975]

Jefferson County, Alabama, the debtor in the above-styled case (the "County"), pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 941, and 943 and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 3017, 3018, and 9007 hereby moves for clarification of the Court's *Order Approving (A) the Form, Scope, and Nature of Solicitation, Balloting, Tabulation, and Notices with Respect to the "Chapter 9 Plan of Adjustment for Jefferson County, Alabama (Dated July 29, 2013)"; and (B) Related Confirmation Procedures, Deadlines, and Notices* [Docket No. 1975] (the "Plan Procedures Order"), as follows:

### **BACKGROUND OF CASE**

- 1. On November 9, 2011 (the "Filing Date"), the County filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 9 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code").
- 2. On March 4, 2012, this Court entered the order for relief in the County's case [Docket No. 778], confirming the County's eligibility to be a debtor under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code.

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- 3. The County has filed its *Chapter 9 Plan of Adjustment for Jefferson County, Alabama* (*Dated July 29, 2013*) (as it may be further amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time by the County in accordance with the terms thereof and Bankruptcy Code section 942, the "Plan")<sup>1</sup> and *Disclosure Statement Regarding Chapter 9 Plan of Adjustment for Jefferson County, Alabama* (*Dated July 29, 2013*) (as it may be further amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time by the County, the "Disclosure Statement").
- 4. The Court has approved the Disclosure Statement pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code. *See* Docket No. 1974.
  - 5. No committee of unsecured creditors has been appointed in the County's case.

### **JURISDICTION AND NOTICE**

- 6. The County brings this motion (the "Motion") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 941, and 943 and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 3017, 3018, and 9007.
- 7. The Court has jurisdiction over the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. The Motion is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of the County's case and the Motion is proper before the Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 8. The County will serve a copy of this Motion on all parties on the Master Service List, as that term is defined in the Court's *Order Establishing Notice*, *Service*, *and Case Management Procedures Pursuant to 11 U.S.C.* §§ 102(1)(A) and 105(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2002(m) [Docket No. 89].

#### PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

9. On July 3, 2013, the County filed its *Motion for Entry of Order Approving: (A) the Form, Scope, and Nature of Solicitation, Balloting, Tabulation, and Notices with Respect to the* 

Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meaning provided in the Plan.

"Chapter 9 Plan of Adjustment for Jefferson County, Alabama (Dated June 30, 2013)"; and (B) Related Confirmation Procedures, Deadlines, and Notices [Docket No. 1832] (as subsequently supplemented by the County on July 29, 2013, the "Plan Procedures Motion").

- 10. The Plan Procedures Motion sought, among other things, approval of certain deadlines and procedures relating to Plan solicitation and approval of the form and scope of notice thereof, all as more specifically described in the Plan Procedures Motion and in the exhibits attached to the Plan Procedures Motion.
- 11. Following a hearing on August 6, 2013, the Court granted the relief requested in the Plan Procedures Motion and entered the Plan Procedures Order on August 7, 2013. *See* Docket No. 1975.
- 12. Pursuant to the Plan Procedures Order, the Court ordered the County to, among other things, "file and serve the Plan Supplement on or before September 30, 2013." *See* Plan Procedures Order at p. 5.
- 13. The County is finalizing the Plan Supplement and intends to file it on September 30, 2013. The Plan Supplement will include, among other things, the Amended and Restated GO Warrant Indentures, the New Sewer Warrant Indenture, the Put Agreement, the initial Schedule of Assumed Agreements, the School Warrant Second Supplemental Indenture, and the Tail Risk Payment Agreements with each of the three Sewer Warrant Insurers. These documents collectively represent several hundred pages.

14. Although the Plan Procedures Order orders the County to serve the Plan Supplement, the Plan Procedures Order does not specify the parties that must receive service copies of the Plan Supplement.<sup>2</sup> See id.

# **MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION**

- 15. Pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, "[t]he court may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." Moreover, Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9007 provides that "[w]hen notice is to be given under these rules, the court shall designate, if not otherwise specified [], the time within which, the entities to whom, and the form and manner in which notice shall be given."
- 16. The complete Plan Supplement will be voluminous and serving copies of the Plan Supplement on all Creditors and other parties in interest would be expensive, impractical, unnecessary. Indeed, the documents contained in the Plan Supplement are not relevant to all Creditors and largely pertain only to the specific counterparties to the particular agreements (most of which were involved in the process of negotiating the form of such agreements).
- 17. Because the Plan Procedures Order does not specify who should receive service of the Plan Supplement, the County requests clarification limiting service. No rule or provision requires serving the Plan Supplement as broadly as the County served the Plan itself. The expense of such broader service would be unduly burdensome and outweigh any benefit. In fact, broader service of the Plan Supplement is likely to cause confusion and impose unnecessary expense on parties unaffected by the Plan Supplement.

The Plan Procedures Motion is unclear about the proposed parties to be served with the Plan Supplement. Paragraph 7B of the Plan Procedures Motion states that the County seeks authorization to serve the Plan Supplement "on the Persons listed in Paragraph 1." However, there are no parties listed in Paragraph 1 of the Plan Procedures Motion, and the scope of the intended cross-reference is unclear.

- 18. In particular, the County requests that the Court enter an order in substantial conformity with the proposed order attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, amending the Plan Procedures Order to provide as follows:
  - a. On or before September 30, 2013, the County shall serve the initial Schedule of Assumed Agreements on the counterparties to the agreements listed in the initial Schedule of Assumed Agreements, along with a CD-ROM containing the Plan and Disclosure Statement (including all exhibits) and a form of notice to be prepared by the County and included with the applicable affidavit of service;
  - b. On or before September 30, 2013, the County shall file on the docket and serve the complete Plan Supplement on the Master Service List, as that term is defined in the Court's *Order Establishing Notice, Service, and Case Management Procedures Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 102(1)(A) and 105(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2002(m)* [Docket No. 89]; and
  - c. On or before September 30, 2013, the complete Plan Supplement shall be made available for viewing and download at <a href="www.jeffersoncountyrestructuring.com">www.jeffersoncountyrestructuring.com</a>.
- 19. Creditors that have filed a Proof of Claim in the County's Case and the beneficial holders of the County's warrants have received notice of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Confirmation Hearing Notice. The Confirmation Hearing Notice contains, among other things, notice of the availability of all Plan related documents at <a href="www.jeffersoncountyrestructuring.com">www.jeffersoncountyrestructuring.com</a>, through PACER, and upon request.
- 20. The County files this Motion without prejudice to or waiver of its rights pursuant to Section 904 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing herein is intended as or shall be deemed to constitute the County's consent to this Court's interference with (a) any of the political or

governmental powers of the County, (b) any of the property or revenues of the County, or (c) the County's use or enjoyment of any income-producing property.

**WHEREFORE,** the County respectfully requests the Court enter an order in substantial conformity with the proposed order attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and for such other, further, and different relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this the 27th day of September, 2013.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on September 27, 2013, a copy of the foregoing motion and the exhibit to the motion were served upon the parties identified on the attached service list by the means specified therein.

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#### EXHIBIT A

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:	)	
	)	
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA,	)	Case No. 11-05736-TBB9
a political subdivision of the State of	)	
Alabama,	)	Chapter 9
	)	<u>-</u>
Debtor.	)	

ORDER GRANTING JEFFERSON COUNTY'S MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION OF ORDER APPROVING (A) THE FORM, SCOPE, AND NATURE OF SOLICITATION, BALLOTING, TABULATION, AND NOTICES WITH RESPECT TO THE "CHAPTER 9 PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA (DATED JULY 29, 2013)"; AND (B) RELATED CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES, DEADLINES, AND NOTICES [DOCKET NO. 1975]

This matter came before the Court on Jefferson County's Motion for Clarification of Order Approving (A) the Form, Scope, and Nature of Solicitation, Balloting, Tabulation, and Notices with Respect to the "Chapter 9 Plan of Adjustment for Jefferson County, Alabama (Dated July 29, 2013)"; and (B) Related Confirmation Procedures, Deadlines, and Notices [Docket No. 1975] (the "Motion for Clarification") [Docket No. \_\_].

Upon due consideration of the Motion for Clarification, the pleadings of record, the arguments and representations of counsel, all other matters brought before the Court, and for the reasons stated on the record at the hearing on September \_\_\_, 2013, and for other good cause, the Court FINDS, DETERMINES, AND CONCLUDES that notice of the Motion for Clarification and of the hearing on the Motion for Clarification was appropriate in the particular circumstances and the Motion for Clarification is due to be GRANTED.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is

hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Motion for Clarification is

**GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Plan Procedures Order is amended

as follows:

a. On or before September 30, 2013, the County shall serve the initial

Schedule of Assumed Agreements on the counterparties to the agreements listed

in the initial Schedule of Assumed Agreements, along with a CD-ROM

containing the Plan and Disclosure Statement (including all exhibits) and a form

of notice to be prepared by the County and included with the applicable affidavit

of service;

b. On or before September 30, 2013, the County shall file on the docket and

serve the complete Plan Supplement on the Master Service List, as that term is

defined in the Court's Order Establishing Notice, Service, and Case Management

Procedures Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 102(1)(A) and 105(a) and Bankruptcy Rule

2002(m) [Docket No. 89]; and

c. On or before September 30, 2013, the complete Plan Supplement shall be

made available for viewing and download at

www.jeffersoncountyrestructuring.com; and it is further

**ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that service of the Plan Supplement upon

the parties and in the manner described herein shall constitute due and sufficient notice of the

Plan Supplement; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that, as except as specifically amended

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herein, the Plan Procedures Order shall continue to govern Plan solicitation, tabulation of

Ballots, the Commutation Election, the Rescission of Deemed Election, and Plan confirmation;

and it is further

**ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that nothing herein is intended as or shall be

deemed to constitute the County's consent pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 904 to this Court's

interference with (1) any of the political or governmental powers of the County, (2) any of the

property or revenues of the County, or (3) the County's use or enjoyment of any income-

producing property.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2013.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE