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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Southern District Commissioner Wayne Carr Releases Statement on Great River Rate Plan Approval

BILOXI, MISS. (June 18, 2025) – Today, Southern District Commissioner Wayne Carr released the following statement regarding the Mississippi Public Service Commissioners' vote to approve a new rate plan proposed by Great River Utility Operating Company:

"Yesterday at the Mississippi Public Service Commission's June open meeting, the Commission voted to approve a newly proposed rate plan filed by Great River Utility Operating Company. This plan will result in monthly bill reductions for nearly all Great River water customers and approximately two-thirds of their sewer customers, which is a huge win for Great River customers in Mississippi who have been impacted by the utility company's current water and sewer rates.

When handling rate cases, Public Service Commissioners have the responsibility of ensuring that a utility company's rate plan allows for both the company to make enough profit to maintain operations and the utility's customers to be able to afford their monthly bill. After months of diligent discussions between Great River representatives and the Commission, I am pleased that we were able to work together to develop a balanced plan that will provide significant cost relief to the majority of Great River customers while also supporting the utility's operational needs.

I want to personally thank Great River for working with us to deliver this new rate plan. I greatly appreciate their efforts in creating a plan that will benefit ratepayers across Mississippi."

Great River's new rate plan will go into effect within the first billing period in July 2025 for bills to be sent to customers in August 2025.

The rates approved in Great River's new plan will remain the same, with no rate increases, until at least 2028. When Great River files their 2028 formula rate plan (FRP), the utility company will have meters in place in all their Mississippi water systems so that moving forward, all customers will transition to a metered water rate.

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