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People's Relief Campaign Update from JXN Water's Ted Henifin

JACKSON, Miss. – Today, March 15, 2023, Ted Henifin, Interim Third-Party Water Manager, released the following statement:

“The People’s Relief Campaign continues to exist and proceed with its goal of providing debt relief to the residents and businesses of Jackson for disputed past due water bills prior to Dec 1, 2022.

Residents and businesses that have already received debt relief funds do **not** need to pay them back. Those eligible residents and businesses who apply for and receive debt relief funds in the future will **not** need to pay them back.

Residents and businesses who meet the eligibility criteria for the program should continue to apply for and receive debt relief assistance.

For those not familiar with the water sector, I want to clarify the funding for the program, as it can be a little confusing. It is important to understand that there are two separate programs for water bill relief.

The first program comes from the state of Mississippi’s Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). LIHWAP is funded by a federal grant, and we have been working closely with the state and federal governments to bring this program to the City of Jackson. Jackson residents have recently applied for these funds, and we will be receiving payment from the state shortly for those customers that have been approved.

The second program, the People’s Relief Campaign, is separate from LIHWAP and is dedicated to writing off the disputed past-due water and wastewater bills of Jackson residents and businesses prior to December 1, 2022.

I want to thank our customers who have already applied for debt relief funds with the People’s Relief Campaign. I also want to encourage all eligible residents and businesses that have not yet applied to please do so at peoplesreliefcampaign.com.

It's a privilege to serve you,

Ted Henifin”

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About JXN Water

JXN Water is the Mississippi corporation formed to conduct the business necessary for the Interim Third-Party Manager to achieve the objectives of the Stipulated Order. For more information, visit jxnwater.com.