



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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HALEY BARBOUR  
GOVERNOR

September 10, 2010

Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr.  
219 South President Street  
Jackson, MS 39205


Dear Mayor Johnson:

As I mentioned to you in our conversation earlier today, the Bond Commission unanimously adopted a motion by Treasurer Reeves to confirm the Commission's intent to approve a \$6 million loan for the City of Jackson water project at its October meeting. The Commission's action was based upon our previous discussions and your letter to the Mississippi Development Authority, in which you outlined the City's intention to utilize State Revolving Loan Funds available through the Mississippi Departments of Health and Environmental Quality as part of a long-term, multi-million dollar plan to make necessary infrastructure upgrades in the city.

The Bond Commission action will allow the City to draw down this fall up to \$6 million of a no-interest, short-term loan to fund improvements around the Capitol Complex. Since the bonds themselves will not be issued until next year, we will need to continue our discussions regarding a satisfactory payment schedule between the City and State. I have asked my staff to set up a meeting next week with your staff and the relevant persons from DEQ, MDA, and the Health Department.

As Governor of the State, I pledge to continue working in cooperation with the City to ensure that we remain fiscally responsible while providing the necessary infrastructure improvements for our Capital City.

Sincerely,

  
Haley Barbour