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**Judge's Ruling Favors MAWSS and Dissolves Prichard Water Board**

A ruling by a Mobile County Circuit Judge today dissolved the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard and transferred its assets and obligations to the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS).

The ruling by Judge Michael A. Youngpeter upheld the constitutionality of Amendment 5, which was overwhelmingly approved in the November election statewide and by customers of both utilities.

The Prichard Water Works and Sewer Board had tried to block the amendment claiming it was unconstitutional. In a 29-page ruling, the judge denied their request and ordered the Prichard Water Board dissolved. Prichard customers brought about the legislation seeking relief from high water bills and poor service.

Kimberly Williams-Pettway, Vice Chair of the MAWSS Board said MAWSS was pleased with the ruling as it reinforced the will of the people who voted to make the change happen. She said MAWSS is prepared to implement the court's order.

"We welcome the opportunity to serve the citizens of Prichard and look forward to being able to provide fair rates and exemplary service," said Pettway. "We hope this ruling puts to rest the question of whether or not this vote was legal and binding."

Pettway urged residents to be patient while a smooth and orderly transition takes place. In the meantime, customers should continue paying water bills as they have done in the past. MAWSS will provide customer information updates as they become available.