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June 27, 2018

Mr. Patrick Banks
Assistant Secretary/Fisheries
U.S. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

7/2/18
~~To: Harry Blanchet
Pls get to appropriate
staff, but have them
also scan & email
me a copy. thx,
Patrick~~

Dear Assistant Secretary Banks:

Enclosed is Resolution R18-09, a resolution in opposition to the proposed Pearl River Dam/Lake project in Jackson, Mississippi. The Slidell City Council passed this Resolution at their June 26, 2018 meeting by a unanimous vote.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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Enclosure

1 Introduced June 26, 2018, by Councilman
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4 **RESOLUTION R18-09**

5 A resolution in opposition to the proposed Pearl River Dam/Lake project in
6 Jackson, Mississippi.

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8 WHEREAS, the Rankin Hinds Rood Control District and the Pearl River Vision
9 Foundation are exploring the possibility of building a 1500 acre lake on the Pearl River in
10 Jackson, Mississippi; and

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12 WHEREAS, the construction of a dam would significantly reduce the rate of flow and
13 the amount of water coming downstream in the Pearl River; and

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16 WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water would be responsible for lowering the water
17 oxygen content thereby starving both the Pearl River and the Honey Island Swamp estuaries;
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21 WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water would lower the water table of the Honey
22 Island Swamp which would have a negative impact on water plants; and

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24 WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water and lowering of the oxygen content would
25 jeopardize three threatened species of wildlife, the ringed saw-back turtle, the Gull sturgeon
26 and the inflated heel splitter mussel; and

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29 WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water would affect the salinity levels in the
30 Mississippi Sound and would adversely affect oyster populations and both Louisiana and
31 Mississippi fishing industries; and

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34 WHEREAS, the reduced flow of water and lowering of the oxygen content would
35 jeopardize the efforts to preserve the natural beauty of the entire Pearl River Basin, the Pearl
36 River Wildlife Management Area and the Honey Island Swamp; and

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4 WHEREAS, the reduction in flow of the Pearl River would adversely affect the
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6 Swamp Tour industry in the State of Louisiana; and

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8 WHEREAS, the creation of the dam/lake would erase 1500 acres of wetlands that
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10 provide natural flood control and more than 1500 acres of forest; and

11 WHEREAS, the additional reductions in the flow of the Pearl River during the
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13 summer months may further impact the river's larger ecosystem.

14 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does
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16 hereby oppose the proposed plan to dam the Pearl River at Jackson, Mississippi because of
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18 the detrimental effects it will have to down river local ecology and economic development.

19 BE IT URTHUR RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be provided to the
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21 following officials and authorities as evidence of this City's opposition to the proposed plan:

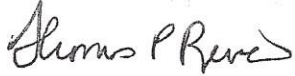
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23 Governor of the State of Louisiana
24 Governor of the State of Mississippi
25 Army Corps of Engineers – Vicksburg District
26 U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife
27 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
28 Rankin Hinds Pearl River Flood and Drainage Control District
29 Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
30 Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
31 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
32 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - Scenic Streams System
33 Coordinator
34 Federal and State Legislators
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5 ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2018.
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8 Landon Cusimano
9 President of the Council
10 Councilman-at-Large

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12 Thomas P. Reeves
13 Council Administrator
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