

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-7151

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING MAGNOLIA WATER'S ACQUISITION OF
ADDITIONAL UTILITY COMPANIES

WHEREAS, the Parish Council is tasked with protecting and preserving the health, safety and property interests of residents; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to improve water quality, provide secondary water sources, enhance storage capacity, and increase system resiliency, the Parish Council has been involved in the consolidation and acquisition of water and sewer systems within the Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission is responsible for regulating utility companies to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable services for the public; and,

WHEREAS, there have been several concerns from residents regarding certain acquisitions, specifically those made by Magnolia Water (operated by Central States Water Resources); and,

WHEREAS, some of those concerns include specific complaints including poor water quality, low water pressure, frequent boil water advisories, significantly increased bills, and overall lack of transparency from the company.

WHEREAS, any future proposed acquisitions of additional utility companies by Magnolia Water raises concerns about the increased customer dissatisfaction and increased adverse effects on service quality and affordability,

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Public Service Commission is urged to carefully scrutinize the potential impacts of Magnolia Water's future proposed acquisitions on service quality, consumer rates, and service reliability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Service Commission should consider denying future approval for Magnolia Water to acquire any further utility companies, in the interest of protecting and preserving the health, safety and property interests of residents.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, AND THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

JOE IMPASTATO, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK