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## **DeKalb County to Release 5,000 Additional Water Bills** *Approximately 13,000 resume normal billing*

**DECATUR, Ga.**— DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond approved the release of approximately 5,000 previously held DeKalb water and sewer bills, which will be mailed beginning Aug. 14.

These July/August 2017 monthly or bi-monthly bills are based on actual meter readings.

“We are making significant progress as we continue to work to restore trust and integrity to the water billing system by reducing the number of held bills,” CEO Thurmond said.

The upcoming mailing brings the total release of held bills to 13,000 since April 2017, when 8,000 customers received their first bill in several months and resumed normal billing.

In September 2016, DeKalb County held approximately 37,000 of the county’s 194,000 water and sewer accounts because their accuracy could not be independently verified.

Held bills will not be assessed late fees or other penalties for late payment. Extended payment terms only will be available for the held bills. Any account balance that was due prior to September 2016 will still be due and will carry forward on the current bill.

Customers needing an extension to pay their bills should contact the Utility Customer Operations Center at 774 Jordan Lane in Decatur, or call (404) 378-4475 to speak with a customer service representative.