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Vitter, Alexander Announce Grant for Marksville Area Water System

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Sen. David Vitter and U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander today announced a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant of \$1.6 million and a U.S.D.A. loan of \$2.2 million to make improvements to the water system in Marksville and the surrounding areas.

The funds, granted to Fifth Ward Water System, Inc., will be used to replace outdated pumps and motors, construct new water mains and enlarge existing mains, and replace a water production well.

“No one should ever have to worry about the quality of water in their homes,” Vitter said. “This grant will give Avoyelles residents an up-to-date system that will serve their families for years to come.”

“This federal grant will be a great help to Avoyelles Parish as the local officials continue to work to maintain a clean and safe community,” Alexander said.