NOTICE OF JUDGMENT

MATURIN, JOY

16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT

VS

C-00127719 A-C

BAYOU TECHE WATER WORKS INC.

IBERIA PARISH, LOUISIANA

ERNEST P. GEIGER ONE SHELL SQUARE 701 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 4800 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70139-4800

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ORDER APPROVING & AWARDNG ATTORNEY'S FEES, ETC. was rendered on 3/15/2023 in the above numbered and entitled matter, a certified copy of said Judgment is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

Melina H. Lauvier

IBERIA PARISH DEPUTY CLERK FOR DAVID DITCH, CLERK OF COURT

Iberia Parish Clerk of Court C-00127719

Filed Mar 15, 2023 A-C

Melissa Louviere

Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE 16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ST. IBERIA STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO.: 00127719

DIVISION "A"

JOY MATURIN, ET AL

VERSUS

BAYOU TECHE WATER WORKS, INC., ET AL

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ORDER

APPROVING & AWARDING ATTORNEY'S FEES, EXPENSES, & PLAINTIFF CLASS REPRESENTATIVES INCENTIVE PAYMENTS, IN ACORDANCE WITH THE COURT'S March 15, 2023 ORDER FINALLY APPROVING THE PARTIES' CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

WHERAS, Class Counsel filed a Motion for Approval of Attorney's Fees, Expenses, and Class Representative Incentive Payments, said motion being heard, considered, and decided by the Court at the March 15, 2023 Fairness Hearing, wherein the Court gave final approval of the Parties' class action Settlement Agreement and signed the corresponding Order of Approval of said Settlement Agreement on that same date; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Administrator, designated in accordance with the finally approved Settlement Agreement, has advised the Court that no Class Member has opted out of the Class and there has been no opposition or objection to the Settlement Agreement finally approved by this Court on March 15, 2023; and where no Class Member, or any other person or third party, attended the duly noticed Fairness Hearing or lodged any objection or opposition to the Court's final approval of the Settlement Agreement, or the amounts of Class Counsel's proposed attorney's fees, expenses, and class representative incentive payments; and

WHEREAS, having considered the written submissions, argument, and evidence of Class Counsel at the March 15, 2023 Fairness Hearing, and there being no objection or opposition to Class Counsel's proposed attorney's fees, expenses, and class representative incentive payments by any party or otherwise duly noticed Class Member prior to or at the March 15, 2023 Fairness Hearing; the attorney's fees, expenses, and class representative incentive payments, in the full

amounts prayed for by Class Counsel in Motion, are hereby **ORDERED FINALLY APPROVED** and the relief sought in Class Counsel's Motion is hereby **GRANTED**, and in the following particulars:

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the amounts proposed by Class Counsel in Motion as an award for attorney's fees, expenses, and incentive payments are fair, reasonable, and adequate;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Class Counsel's request for attorney's fees, expenses, and incentive payments comports with the terms of the Finally Approved Settlement Agreement, and are commensurate with the amounts disclosed to Class Members in the Court approved notice of settlement to Class Members; and that after due notice to Class Members and expiration of all associated time delays for Class Members to object, no Class Member or Party has objected to the amounts of attorney's fees, expenses, or incentive payments requested by Class Counsel, either prior to or on the date of the Fairness Hearing; and thus, Class Counsel is entitled to an award of attorney's fees, expenses, and incentive payments in the full amounts prayed for in Motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Class Counsel be awarded (1) attorneys' fees in the amount of \$350,000.00; and (2) reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$24,403.43; the designated claims administrator shall pay these sums to Class Counsel from the established Settlement Fund in no more than four (4) days from the date upon which the administrator receives the Settlement Fund proceeds from the Defendant Insurer, AAIC, who shall pay said funds to said claims administrator in accordance with the terms of the finally approved Settlement Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Class Counsel's requested incentive payments to each of the Plaintiff Class Representatives, Joy Maturin and Norris Maturin, in the amount of \$15,000.00 to each said Class Representative, be awarded as prayed for. Recognizing these representative Plaintiffs' efforts on behalf of the Class, this Court finds the awards of \$15,000.00 to each of the named Class Representatives to be fair, reasonable, and appropriate. The designated claims administrator shall pay these sums to the named Class Representatives, in care of Class Counsel, from the established Settlement Fund in no more than four (4) days from the date upon which the administrator receives the Settlement Fund proceeds from the Defendant Insurer, AAIC, who shall pay said funds to said claims administrator in

accordance with the terms of the finally approved Settlement Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that in accordance with section 6.5 (b) & (c) of the Settlement Agreement, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Parties to interpret, implement, administer, and enforce the Settlement Agreement; and continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the proper administration of the Settlement Fund and timely disbursements therefrom by the designated claims administrator, including but not limited to the proper and timely disbursement of the attorney's fees, expenses, and incentive payments that are being awarded by this Order.

READ, RENDERED, AND SIGNED this 15th

day of March, 2023, at

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Hon. Anthony Thibodeaux 16th Judicial District Court Judge

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