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## SHADY GROVE UTILITY DISTRICT RECIEVES LOAN FOR SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, DEBT RESTRUCTURE

### *FUNDING MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH TUPBA LOAN PROGRAM*

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Officials at the Tennessee Utility Public Building Authority (TUPBA) recently announced that the Shady Grove Utility District has closed on a \$5.8 million loan through the TUPBA loan program to improve the existing water system and to restructure its debt at a lower interest rate and reduced repayment period. Shady Grove Utility District serves more nearly 7,000 residences and businesses in Jefferson and Sevier Counties.

The loan issue received Standard & Poor's "AA-" credit rating, one of the highest ratings a utility is eligible to receive. Cited in the rating letter from Standards & Poor was the District's stable customer base, competitive and affordable water rates, sound coverage of annual debt service requirements, high liquidity levels and limited additional capital needs. This excellent bond rating is indicative of careful decision making from the District's Board of Commissioners and leadership from District management to foresee future needs and make ample preparations.

The District was able to borrow funds over 25 years at a true interest cost of less than 4.09 percent. This transaction successfully reduced interest cost on the refunded obligations by more than \$814,000.



*Shady Grove U.D. Loan Closing (pictured left to right)  
front row: Betty Holt, Office Manager-SGUD, Linda Rippetoe, Asst. Office Manager-SGUD, Nancy Humbard, Commission President-SGUD, Julianne Graham, Vice President-Wiley Bros.-Aintree Capital, LLC,  
Back Row - Keener Billups, Underwriter - Wiley Bros.-Aintree Capital, LLC, Matt Hatfield, Hatfield & Allen Associates, Engineer-SGUD, John Orr, Commission Sec./Treas.- SGUD, and Mike Jones, Manager-SGUD*