Summary: Knoxville, Tennessee

Knoxville Utilities Board; Water/Sewer Nov 12

Description:

Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'AA+' long-term rating and stable outlook to Knoxville, Tenn.,'s series 2012B wastewater system revenue bonds, issued for Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB). In addition, Standard & Poor's affirmed its 'AA+' long-term and underlying ratings (SPUR), with a stable outlook, on the system's existing utility revenue debt. We believe the rating reflects the system's: Stable economic base, which is anchored by the University of Tennessee; Sound financial position, which includes good annual debt service coverage (DSC) and very strong liquidity policies that mitigate the absence of a debt service reserve; and Willingness to set rates to achieve budgeted DSC of at least 1.5x maximum annual debt service (MADS) coverage and maintain a debt to capitalization...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Knoxville Utils Brd
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Action: Affirmed
Action: New Rating
Action: Outlook: Stable

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