Summary: Carthage, Missouri; Appropriations Aug 13

Description:
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has assigned its 'A' long-term rating to Carthage, Mo.'s series 2013 refunding certificates of participation (COPs), reflecting a pledge of semiannual lease rental payments, which are subject to annual appropriation. At the same time, we affirmed our 'A+' issuer credit rating (ICR) on the city. The outlook is stable. According to the lease purchase agreement between the city and First Bank of Missouri as lessor, the lease has an annual term, extendable by option of the city for additional one-year terms through maturity on the certificates. If the city extends the lease and appropriates for lease rental payments due in any given fiscal year, then it covenants to make those payments from any legally available...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Carthage

Action: Affirmed
Action: New Rating
Action: Outlook: Stable

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