AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE TOWN OF
SMITHVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO OPERATE ITS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM
WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN
OF SMITHVILLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section
21-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the contrary, the governing
authorities of the Town of Smithville in Monroe County,
Mississippi, in their discretion, may construct, expand, operate
and maintain the water and sewer system of the Town of Smithville
for a distance not to exceed fifteen (15) miles from the corporate
limits of the Town of Smithville, whether within or outside of
Monroe County, Mississippi. Whenever such service is furnished to
any consumer residing outside the corporate limits of the Town of
Smithville, the consumer may not be charged at a rate greater than
twice the rate charged for the same service within the corporate
limits of the Town of Smithville.

(2) The authority conferred by this act shall not be
construed as an exemption from the provisions of Chapter 3, Title
77, Mississippi Code of 1972, as to the requirements of obtaining
a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, the
jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to regulate rates or
any other provision of that law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.