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NEW \$1.4 MILLION WATER SYSTEM IN BOSSIER PARISH Sligo Water System Dedication

BOSSIER PARISH, June 30, 2003 – A ceremony dedicating the new Sligo Water System was held Monday at the Sligo water treatment plant on Sligo Road. Congressman Jim McCrery did the honors of cutting the ribbon for the new system.

“We are very proud of our accomplishments,” said James Harris, President of Sligo Water System. “This new water system only took two years to complete—from thought to water in houses. Everyone worked together to make things happen.”

Sligo Water System will provide 520 residents access to clean, safe drinking water. The system consists of 124,600 linear feet of water mains, two water wells, a 410,000-gallon ground storage tank, and one pumping station. The system also connects to the Bossier City system as an emergency secondary source.

This project was funded with a \$1.4 million Rural Utilities Service direct loan. “USDA Rural Development helps rural communities develop water systems through the Rural Utilities Service,” said Michael B. Taylor, State Director, USDA Rural Development. “This new water system will improve the quality of life for many people in Bossier Parish.”

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