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"Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it." - James Baldwin, Notes of a Native Son

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FYI – here is his other piece that could be helpful.

Rhea

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Hi Rhea,

As promised, here are some suggestions for asks that could be made by the City of Jackson, given the current emergency situation:

1) FEMA and MEMA

---Can FEMA and MEMA not only repair the plant to restore it back to service but also look for opportunities to upgrade the plant so that it is more reliable in the future? For example, instead of replacing older generation equipment in kind, look for opportunities to put in the newest models. Also look for opportunities to install redundant equipment and automation

--- Can FEMA and MEMA also help to supply, or provide funding for, supplemental staffing for the plant once the repairs have been completed?

---Can FEMA work with the City to develop applications for FEMA BRIC grants (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) to increase the City's overall resiliency and reduce its vulnerability to flooding, severe storms, freezing, etc.

2) State of Mississippi

---Could the State expedite processing the City's 811 application, once it has been submitted?

--- Could the State provide an extension of time for the ARPA funding applications for Jackson, in light of the current emergency situation

--- Could the State look into refinancing Jackson's existing SRF debt, perhaps allowing for a longer payback period, in order to reduce annual debt service costs and help the City to close its annual revenue gap?

3) EPA

---Could the EPA put a temporary pause on any enforcement actions that they may have been contemplating regarding noncompliance with the Administrative Consent Orders? And, would they be willing to work with me, or someone like me, as the City's designee/liaison to develop an acceptable plan to bring the City back into compliance with the consent orders.

--- Is there any direct Federal funding available from EPA, in addition to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding that goes to the State of Mississippi, to help the City close its infrastructure gap?

There are my initial thoughts. I hope that this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.
I will also give this more thought myself and possibly add some more suggestions.

Sincerely,

Andy

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