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**CLARIBONE PARISH STEEL
PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
Bossier, Louisiana**

General Purpose Financial Statements
With Accountant's Compilation Report
and Approval Procedures Report
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 1997

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CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
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Accountant's Compilation Report

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana**

I have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements, as listed in the following table of contents, of the Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 4, a component unit of the Claiborne Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 1993, and for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Auditing Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the responsibility of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on them.

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**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(OVERVIEW)**

CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

Combined Balance Sheet, December 31, 1997

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNT GROUP - GENERAL FUND ASSETS	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
ASSETS			
Cash	\$121,023		\$121,023
Receivables - ad valorem taxes	94,303		94,303
Fire fighting equipment		\$26,694	26,694
TOTAL ASSETS	\$215,326	\$26,694	\$242,020
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities - accounts payable	\$3,351	\$3,351	\$3,351
Fund Equity:			
Investment in general fixed assets		\$26,694	26,694
Fund balance - unreserved - undesignated	211,475		211,475
Total Fund Equity	211,475	26,694	238,169
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$215,326	\$26,694	\$242,020

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement B

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance

REVENUES	
Ad valorem taxes	\$108,937
Use of money and property	2,829
Other revenues	<u>1,150</u>
Total revenues	<u>112,916</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current - public safety:	
Operating services	28,312
Material and supplies	445
Capital outlay	3,831
Intergovernmental	<u>31,334</u>
Total expenditures	<u>63,922</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	48,994
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>167,768</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>216,762</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	583,000	598,213	\$15,213
Use of money and property	3,000	3,629	(729)
Other revenues		1,158	1,158
Total revenues	<u>586,000</u>	<u>602,999</u>	<u>16,999</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current - public safety:			
Operating services	60,000	25,202	34,798
Materials and supplies	2,000	332	1,668
Capital outlay	55,000	4,945	50,055
Intergovernmental	25,000	25,000	
Total expenditures	<u>142,000</u>	<u>55,479</u>	<u>86,521</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:	<u>(74,000)</u>	<u>46,865</u>	<u>120,865</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>50,400</u>	<u>74,158</u>	<u>23,758</u>
FUND BALANCE (Deficit) AT END OF YEAR	<u>(23,600)</u>	<u>\$121,023</u>	<u>\$144,623</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

CLATSOP PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1987

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Clatsop Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 was created by the Clatsop Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1452, on March 9, 1988. The district is governed by a five member board approved by the Clatsop Parish Police Jury, the Town of Homer, and by the board. Board members serve without benefit of compensation. The district is responsible for collecting an ad valorem tax within the boundaries of the district and for maintaining and operating fire stations and equipment and providing fire protection within the boundaries of the district. As discussed in note 4, the district rents a portion of its land to the Town of Homer which is responsible for fire protection within the boundaries of the town.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Clatsop Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Clatsop Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Clatsop Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial responsibility. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- i. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
- ii. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or

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CLATSOP COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4
Brewer, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

1. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury created the district, appoints certain commissioners of the district, and has the responsibility of obtaining federal grants on behalf of the district, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Clatsop Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. FUND ACCOUNTING:

The district uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities (general fixed assets and general long-term debt) that are not recorded in the "funds" because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with the measurement of results of operations.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". Governmental funds are

CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on measuring the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The district's current operations require the use of only governmental funds (General Fund). The district's sources of revenue consist of an ad valorem tax and interest on demand deposits. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

C. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the fund used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures (capital outlay) in the governmental fund and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of fixed assets or materially extend their useful lives are not capitalized. All general fixed assets are valued at historical cost. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. The district has no long-term debt as of December 31, 1997.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing used) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The district uses the following practices in recognizing and reporting revenues and expenditures:

See accountant's compilation report.

CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Revenues

All valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year, and January and February of the ensuing year.

Interest income on demand deposits is recorded in the month the interest is earned and credited to the bank account.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem taxes have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related final liability is incurred.

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

The proposed budgets, prepared on the cash basis of accounting, are prepared and adopted by the board of commissioners in December, 1996. The budget is established and controlled by the board of commissioners at the object level of expenditures. Budgetary accounting is not utilized in the district's records. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of commissioners.

Formal budgetary integration is not employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budgets and all subsequent amendments. The following reconciles the excess of revenues over expenditures as shown on the Budget Comparison Statements C and D (budget basis) to the same amounts shown on Statement B (GAAP basis):

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CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Excess of revenues over expenditures (Budgetary basis)	546,868
Adjustments:	
Receivables	(1,329)
Payables	<u>650</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures (GAAP basis)	<u>546,189</u>

F. CASH

Under state law, the district may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state or the union, or the laws of the United States. The district may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 1997, the district has cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) totaling \$121,023 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$16,023
Time deposits	<u>105,000</u>
Total	<u>\$121,023</u>

Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 1997, total \$121,021, and are fully secured by federal deposit insurance.

2. LEVIED TAXES

The district is authorized to levy a maximum tax of 10.00 mills annually on property within the boundaries of the district for maintenance and operation of the district. The district levied 10.00 mills for 1997. The tax will expire with the 2003 tax roll.

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CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
 DISTRICT NO. 4
 Homer, Louisiana
 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish and their 1997 assessed valuation:

	1997 Assessed Valuation	Percent of Total Assessed Valuation
Marathon Oil Company	\$4,256,140	5.71%
Texas Gas Transmission Corporation	3,820,000	5.13%
Ludlow Corporation	2,644,820	3.58%
Harold Prichard Company, Inc.	1,742,990	2.34%
Energy Louisiana, Inc.	1,662,610	2.23%
BellSouth Telecommunications	1,485,000	2.00%
Hess Oil Company	1,312,430	1.75%
Duke Energy Field Services, Inc.	1,453,910	1.95%
Alabama Electric Co-op., Inc.	1,364,820	1.82%
Norman Gas Transmission Company	976,280	1.31%
Total	<u>\$70,938,430</u>	<u>18.09%</u>

3. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following reports the changes in firefighting equipment for the two years ended December 31, 1997:

Balance, January 1, 1997	\$22,835
Additions	3,831
Deletions	<u>(6,036)</u>
Balance, December 31, 1997	<u>\$20,630</u>

4. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The district is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1997, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

CLAYBOURNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4
Homer, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

5. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

On July 29, 1994, the district entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Homer whereby the district is responsible for collecting the ad valorem tax within the boundaries of the district and for making annual payments of \$25,000 to the town through 2003. The town is responsible for providing equipment, personnel and water for fire protection purposes for the town. Payments under this agreement totaled \$15,000 for 1997.

6. SERVICES AGREEMENTS

On January 12, 1993, the district entered into a contract with Dennis Deitcher whereby the district agreed to pay Mr. Deitcher \$750 per month (\$9,000 per year) for training services, consultation and other technological functions pertaining to the district. Payments under this agreement totaled \$9,000 for 1997 and are included in operating services expenditures. In addition, on June 3, 1993, the district entered into a contract with Martha Rodgers whereby the district agreed to pay Mrs. Rodgers \$450 per month (\$4,800 per year) for accounting/bookkeeping functions pertaining to the district.

**Independent Accountant's Report on Applying
Agreed-Upon Procedures**

The following independent accountant's report on applying agreed upon procedures is presented in compliance with the requirements of the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the *Louisiana Auditors' Questionnaire*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.



**Independent Accountant's Report
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CLATSOP PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4
Blanco, Louisiana**

**MEMBER ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTANTS
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

**CHIEF OF POLICE
CLATSOP PARISH
ACCOUNTANTS**

**PROPERTY MANAGER
MANAGEMENT
BUSINESS, SERVICES
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

I have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed upon by the management of the Clatsop Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 and the Legislative Auditor - State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Clatsop Parish Fire Protection District No. 4's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 1997 included in the accompanying Louisiana *Assurance Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

- Select all expenditures made during each year for materials and supplies exceeding \$5,000, or public works exceeding \$50,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2210-2251 (the public bid law).

A review was made of all disbursements for the year. This review disclosed no expenditures made during the period under examination for materials and supplies exceeding \$5,000. No expenditures were disclosed for public works exceeding \$50,000.

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CLAIPOURNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4

Independent Accountant's Report on
Applying Agreed Upon Procedures,
December 30, 1997

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided me with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

The district has no employees. Consulting and bookkeeping services are provided on a contractual basis.

4. Determine whether any of the employees included in the listing obtained from management in procedure number 3 above was also included in the listing obtained from management in procedure number 2 above as immediate family members.

As stated above, the district has no employees. However, I determined that neither of the contractors appeared on the list provided by management in number 2 above.

Budgeting

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budgets and all amendments.

Management provided me with a copy of the original budget.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

I traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of meetings held on December 30, 1996, which indicated that the budget had been adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 by votes of all in favor and none opposed.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budgets to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION

DISTRICT NO. 4

**Independent Accountant's Report on
Applying Agreed Upon Procedures,
December 31, 1997**

I compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budgets to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues did not fall to meet budgeted amounts by 5% or more, nor did actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during each period under examination and:
- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to correct amount and payee;
 - (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account;
 - (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

An examination of six randomly selected disbursements disclosed the following:

- (a) The six selected disbursements were for the proper amount as reflected on supporting documentation and were made to the correct payee.
- (b) All six payments were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.
- (c) Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six disbursements indicated approvals from two board members. Further, the types of disbursements made were included in the district's approved budgets.

Meetings

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS-42:1-12 (the opening meetings law).

I inquired of management whether agendas for meetings were posted at the meeting place at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Management stated that agendas were not posted because of irregular meetings. I recommended that agendas be posted and retained for the district's records, indicating the posting date and time.

CLAIBORNE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION

EXTRACT NO. 4

**Independent Accountant's Report on
Applying Agreed Upon Procedures,
December 31, 1997**

Date:

10. Examine bank deposits for each period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

I inspected copies of all deposit slips for each period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

As stated in number 3 above, the district has no paid employees. A review of the minutes of the board for the two years indicated no approval for the payments noted. I also inspected disbursements journals for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees or the individuals under contract which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I was not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Claiborne Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



West Monroe, Louisiana
April 7, 1998